



## Is Hell Real

### The Afterlife // Week 4

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#### Overview

This week we look at one of the most difficult and often avoided topics in the Afterlife conversation: hell. While Scripture does not give us every detail, it makes clear that eternity apart from God is real and serious. Throughout the Bible, hell is described as a place marked by judgment and separation from His presence. While there are different interpretations of what hell is like, Scripture consistently reminds us that what we do with Jesus in this life matters for eternity.

*“What we choose now determines what we experience at the end.”*

Link to App Notes: <https://bit.ly/4n1rLHO>

Link to Message: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HUqOq68aPAQ>

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#### Opening Conversation

How does understanding eternity shape the way you live today?

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#### Scripture & Discussion

##### What is Hell?

In Scripture, the term “hell” can refer to different concepts, but when Jesus speaks of final judgment, He often uses **Gehenna**—a real place associated with destruction, death, and judgment. Hell is consistently described as a place of final judgment, separation from God, a reality tied to rejecting God’s authority and salvation

##### Read:

- Matthew 25:41, 46
- 2 Thessalonians 1:8–9
- Revelation 20:14–15

##### Discuss:

- What do these passages reveal about the nature of final judgment?
- What stands out about the permanence of this outcome?

## Two Common Views of Hell

### **1. Traditional View (Eternal Conscious Punishment)**

This view teaches that hell is a place of **eternal, ongoing punishment** for the wicked.

Read Matthew 25:46 and Revelation 20:10

### **2. Conditional View (Annihilationism)**

This view teaches that **eternal life is only given to the saved**, and those who reject God experience **final destruction**, not ongoing torment. The result is eternal (permanent), but not ongoing conscious suffering.

Read Matthew 10:28, 2 Thessalonians 1:9, and Revelation 20:14–15

#### **Discuss:**

- What differences do you notice between these two views?
- What do both views agree on?
- Why is it important to approach topics like this with humility when Scripture does not give every detail clearly?

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#### **Application**

Choose one to reflect on this week:

- Does your view of hell increase your urgency in your relationship with God? Why or why not?
- Who in your life needs to hear about the hope found in Jesus? What is one step you can take?
- How can you grow in both truth and compassion when talking about difficult topics like this?

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#### **Closing Prayer**

Heavenly Father, thank You for being both just and loving. Help us to take eternity seriously without living in fear. Give us clarity where we need understanding, confidence in the hope we have through Jesus and confidence to share the Gospel with those who are lost. Shape our hearts to care deeply about others and to live in a way that reflects Your truth and grace. In Jesus' name, Amen.

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#### **Upcoming Events:**

- May 3 – Circle Launch Sunday
- May 3 – Welcome to the X at 10:45am
- May 5 – Men's Night
- May 6 – First Wednesday Prayer, 7:30am
- May 20 – Worship Night

#### **Resources:**

- To request prayer: <https://thexchurch.churchcenter.com/people/forms/13150>
- To meet with a Pastor: <https://thexchurch.churchcenter.com/people/forms/534644>
- Financial Assistance, Sobriety Resources, grief support, and more: <https://thex.church/care/>

**X Church Podcast:** [https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL8rUS49luWYwojA6eKIA\\_VuAO592ZYQgd](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL8rUS49luWYwojA6eKIA_VuAO592ZYQgd)