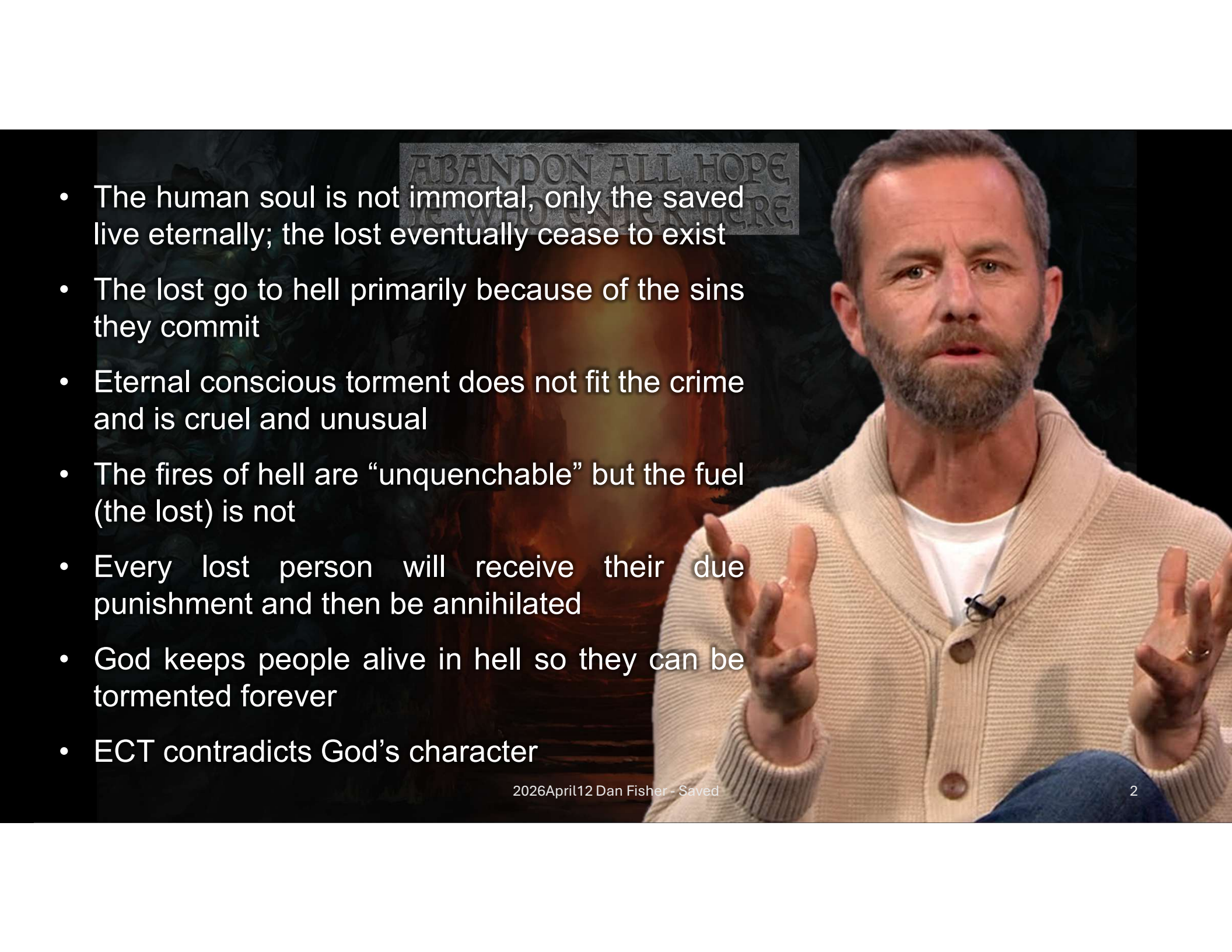


# Saved

A dramatic scene of a hand being held from the sea at sunset. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a golden glow over the turbulent blue and white waves. A hand in a light-colored sleeve reaches down from the top right, grasping another hand that is partially submerged in the water. The water splashes around the hands. In the distance, a small boat is visible on the horizon.

Will the lost suffer eternal conscious torment or be annihilated in hell?

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- The human soul is not immortal, only the saved live eternally; the lost eventually cease to exist
  - The lost go to hell primarily because of the sins they commit
  - Eternal conscious torment does not fit the crime and is cruel and unusual
  - The fires of hell are “unquenchable” but the fuel (the lost) is not
  - Every lost person will receive their due punishment and then be annihilated
  - God keeps people alive in hell so they can be tormented forever
  - ECT contradicts God’s character



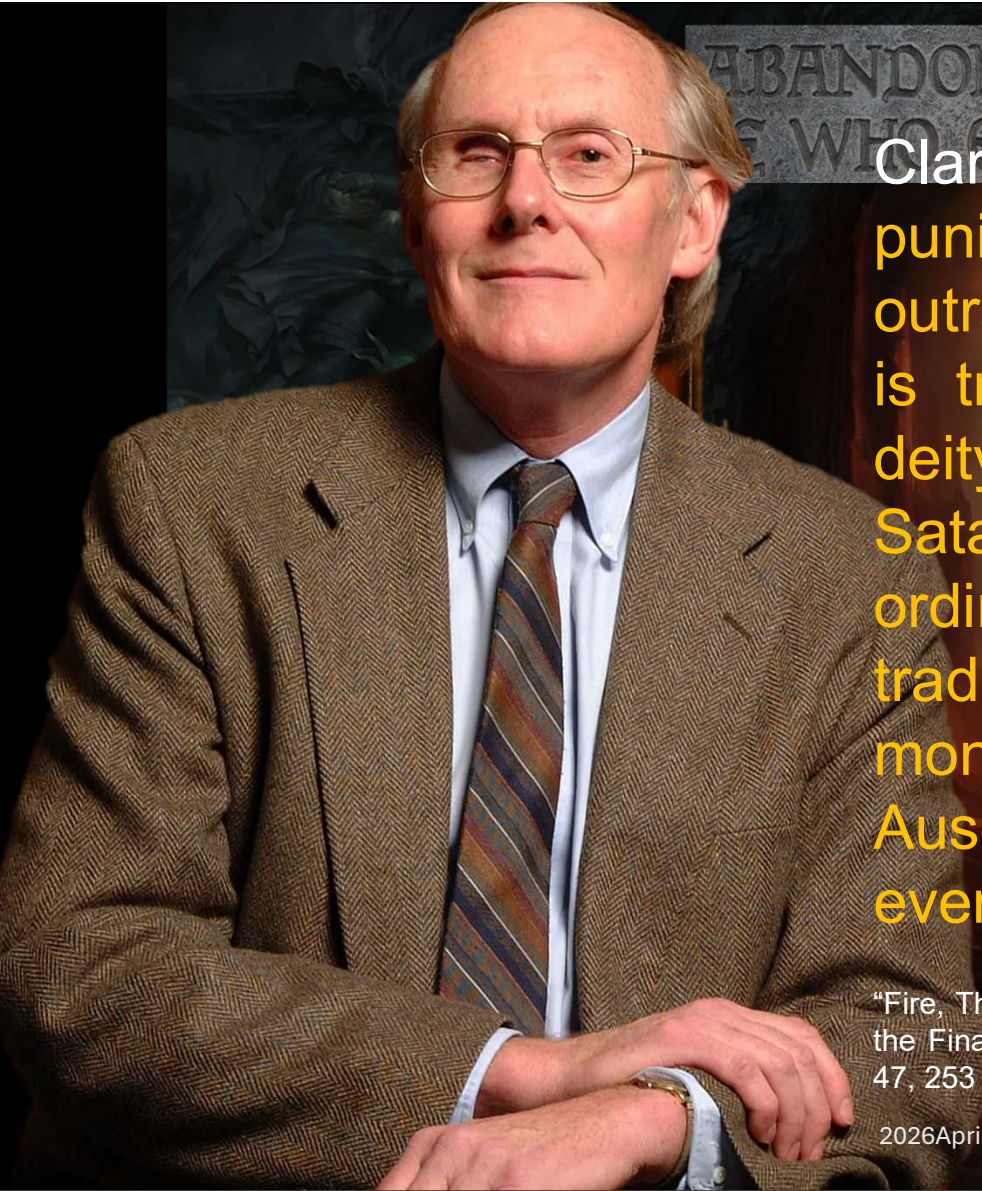
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Some say this discussion is trivial since it is over a  
secondary/tertiary issue



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Yet, the annihilationist says the traditional view turns  
God into a sadistic monster



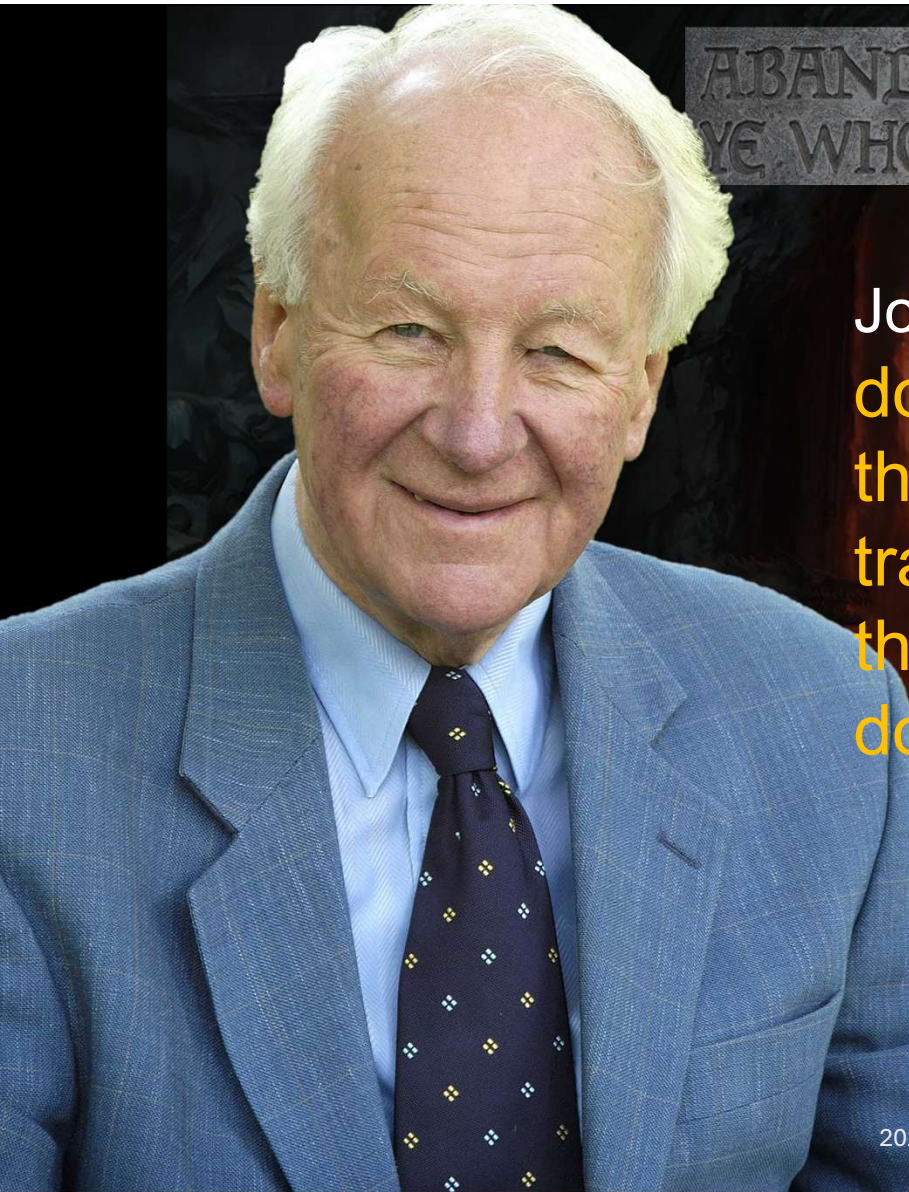
Clark Pinnock: “[The doctrine of endless punishment] is morally flawed ... If the outrageous doctrine of the traditionalists is true, God is a cruel and vindictive deity. In fact, He is more nearly like Satan than like God, at least by any ordinary moral standards. ... Indeed, the traditionalist's God is a bloodthirsty monster who maintains an everlasting Auschwitz for victims whom he does not even allow to die.”

“Fire, Then Nothing,” Christianity Today, 20 March 1987, 440; “The Destruction of the Finally Impenitent,” Criswell Theological Review 4, no. 2 (Spring 1990):246-47, 253 ... “Destruction of the Finally Impenitent,” 246-47; 253.



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Although what a person believes about eternal conscious torment or annihilation is a secondary/tertiary issue, it is not an unimportant issue.



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John Stott: “While it is true that the doctrine of endless punishment for the wicked is the position traditionally held by the church throughout the centuries, this in itself does not make it correct.”

David L. Edwards and John R. W. Stott, *Evangelical Essentials: A Liberal-Evangelical Dialogue* (Downers Grove: InterVarsity, 1988), p. 314.



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Hell is an infinitely terrible and an essential doctrine  
It matters not what I “feel” about it, but what God says  
about it!

“And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul.  
Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell.” **Mt 10:28**

The background of the slide is a dark, moody photograph of a tomb entrance. A stone inscription is visible at the top, and a glowing light emanates from the dark opening of the tomb. The overall tone is somber and dramatic.

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Diane Morris: “My Dad died on 3/16/26. He was not a Christian. They dying process was brutal. He was screaming and trying to get out of the bed. I shared the gospel with him many times. He was very proud and not interested. Please seek Jesus while the door is still open. Seek Him with everything in you. One day the door closes and it’s too late.”

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Is 66:22-24

Dan 12:2-3

Mt 18:6-9

Mt 25:41-46

Mk 9:42-48

2 Thess 1:6-10

Jude 7

Jude 13

Rev 14:9-11

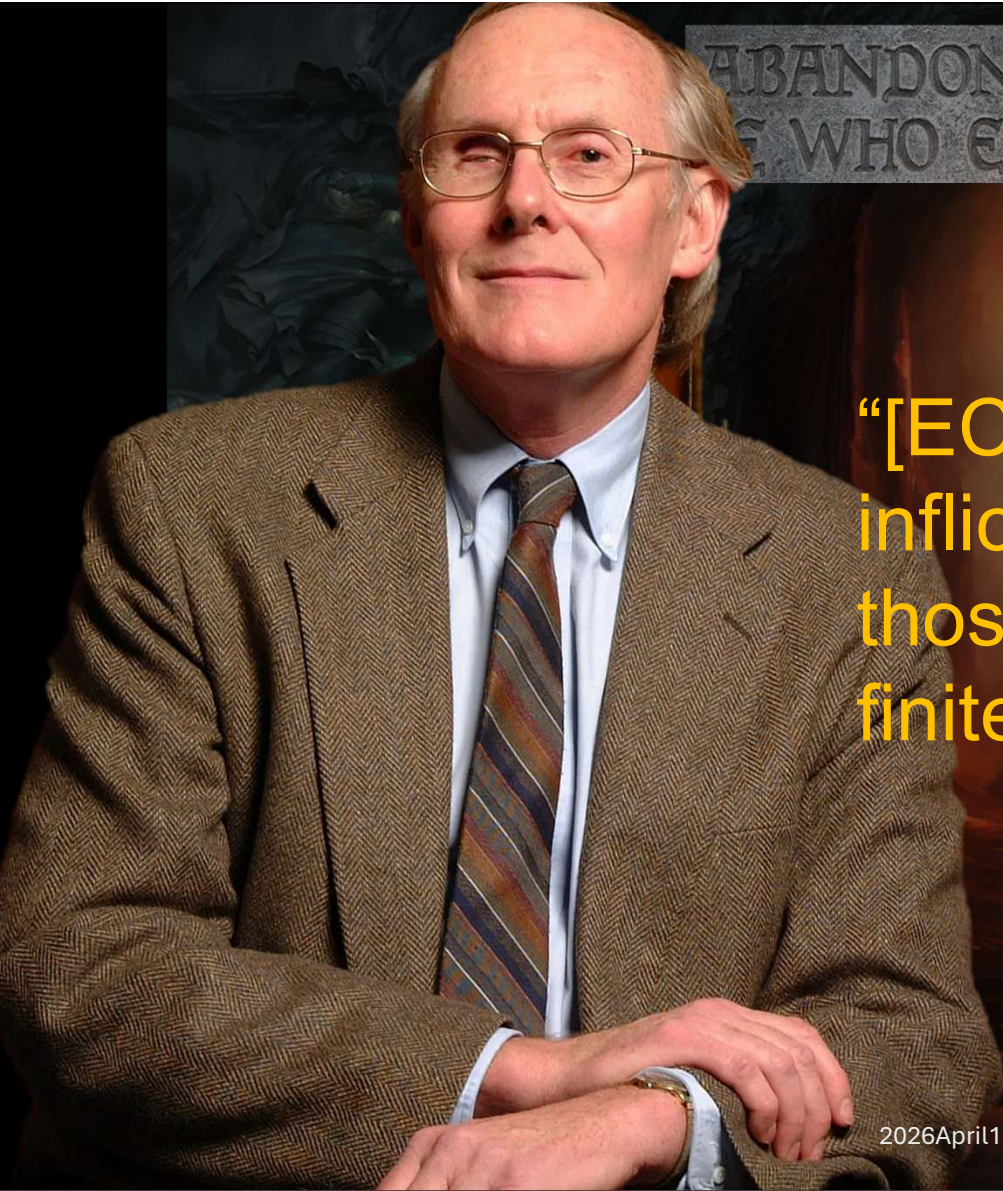
Rev 20:10

Rev 20:14-15

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- We must be careful not to alter God's character as it is revealed in Scripture
- We must be careful not to "add to" or "take away" from Scripture
- We must be careful not to trivialize sin and its consequences by speaking of our sins as finite



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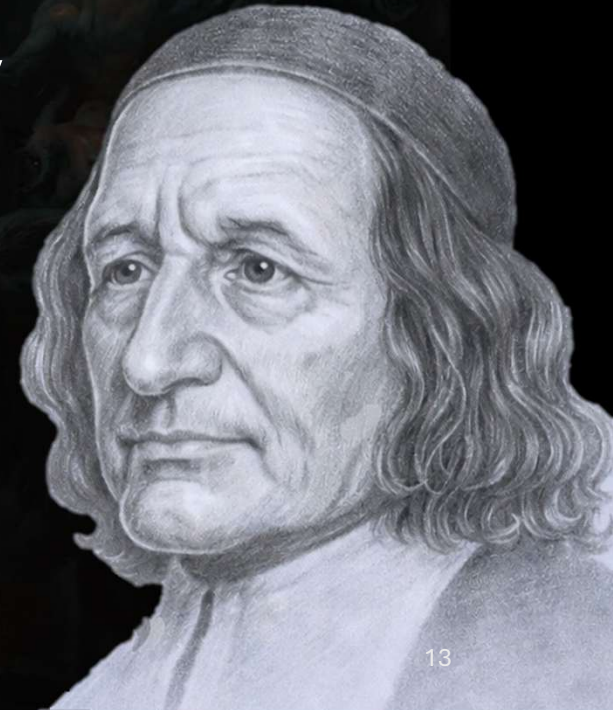
“[ECT] would amount to inflicting infinite suffering upon those who have committed finite sin.

“Destruction of the Finally Impenitent,” p. 255.



The severity of sin increases with the entity sinned against  
Sin is an offense against God Almighty

**“There are no little sins because there is no little God.”** Puritan Thomas Brooks



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If I lie to my dog ... no big deal  
If I lie to my wife ... I sleep on the couch  
If I lie to a judge ... I may go to jail  
If I lie to God ...

“all liars will have their part in the Lake of Fire” **Rev 21:8**

A dark, atmospheric scene with a stone tablet at the top and a glowing, ethereal light source in the center. The stone tablet is inscribed with the text "ABANDON ALL HOPE YE WHO ENTER HERE". The background is dark and textured, possibly representing a cave or a tomb. The glowing light source is a vertical, rectangular shape with a warm, orange-red glow, suggesting a fire or a divine light. The overall mood is somber and warning.

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“How much worse punishment, do you think, will be deserved by the one who has trampled underfoot the Son of God, and has profaned the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified, and has outraged the Spirit of grace?” **Heb 10:29**

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“Without the explicit and reiterated statements of [Jesus], it is doubtful whether so awful a truth [ECT] would have such a conspicuous place as it always has had in the creed of Christendom. ...”

*The Doctrine of Endless Punishment* (New York: Charles Scribner's Sons, 1886; reprint, Minneapolis: Klock 7 Klock, 1980), 12; Preface, V.



William G.T. Shedd  
19<sup>th</sup> cent. Theologian



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“[[T]his movement away from the traditional doctrine of hell is part and parcel of a larger evangelical ‘megashift’ away from other standard orthodox teachings — such as the substitutionary atonement, sin, and judgment — in favor of so-called ‘new-model’ views. In other words, the rejection of eternal punishment is but one incident in the larger campaign to construct a kinder, gentler theology.”

“Is Annihilationism Biblical?” Pt. 1

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# Annihilationism & Conditional Immortality

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**Conditional immortality** is the belief that the soul is not immortal

Conditional immortality naturally leads to **annihilation** – the belief that at death, after an appropriate time/amount of suffering, the unbeliever is eventually annihilated and ceases to exist.

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Is man's immortality conditional?

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“He who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords, <sup>16</sup> who alone has immortality” 1 Tim 6:15-16

“For as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son also to have life in himself.” Jn 5:26

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## Humans were/are made immortal by God

- We are made “in the image of God”
- Body, soul, & spirit – 1 Thess 5:23, Heb 4:12
- Spiritual death does not mean annihilation – “Adam, on the day you eat of this tree, you shall surely die.” Gen 2:17
- Everyone lives beyond death – Lk 16:19-31
- Everyone will be resurrected – Dan 12:2, Jn 5:8



Annihilationists gaslight ECT by “poisoning the well”



“Hell is an eternal barbeque” – poisoning the well  
“Will they turn down the BBQ for a little ole grandma?”



**Annihilationists force common, modern understandings of words onto scriptural descriptions of hell**



death, perish, destroy/destruction, consume, burn

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Will a God of love & mercy punish the lost?



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“[God] will by no means clear the guilty” Ex 34:7

“Be assured, an evil person will not go unpunished, but the offspring of the righteous will be delivered.” Prov 11:21

“And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.” Mt 25:46

“Fleeing from the wrath to come” Mt 3:7, Lk 3:7

The background of the slide is a dark, textured image. At the top center, there is a rectangular stone plaque with the inscription "ABANDON ALL HOPE YE WHO ENTER HERE" in a serif font. Below the plaque, a glowing, ethereal figure or light source is visible, casting a warm, orange glow. The overall mood is somber and mysterious.

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The two questions we must answer from Scripture:

1. Do the wicked experience conscious torment?
2. Do they suffer this torment eternally?



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1. Do the wicked experience conscious torment?

**Lk 16:22-31** The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried,<sup>23</sup> and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side. <sup>24</sup> And he called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in anguish [tormented, NKJV] in this flame.' <sup>25</sup> But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner bad things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. <sup>26</sup> And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.'

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<sup>27</sup> And he said, 'Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house – <sup>28</sup> for I have five brothers – so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.' <sup>29</sup> But Abraham said, 'They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them.' <sup>30</sup> And he said, 'No, father Abraham, but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' <sup>31</sup> He said to him, 'If they do not hear Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead.'”



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And these will go away into eternal **punishment**, but the righteous into eternal life.” **Mt 25:46**

“he also will drink the wine of God's wrath, poured full strength into the cup of his anger, and he will be **tormented** with fire and sulfur in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb. <sup>11</sup> And the smoke of their **torment** goes up forever and ever, and they have **no rest**, day or night, these worshipers of the beast and its image, and whoever receives the mark of its name. ... <sup>10</sup> and the devil who had deceived them was thrown into the lake of fire and sulfur where the beast and the false prophet were, and they will be **tormented** day and night forever and ever.”

**Rev 14:10-11; 20:10**

The background of the slide is a dark, textured surface, possibly a cave wall or a stone wall, with a central, glowing, fiery tunnel. The tunnel is illuminated from within, creating a bright orange and yellow glow that fades into the dark surroundings. At the top of the tunnel, there is a stone inscription with the text "ABANDON ALL HOPE YE WHO ENTER HERE".

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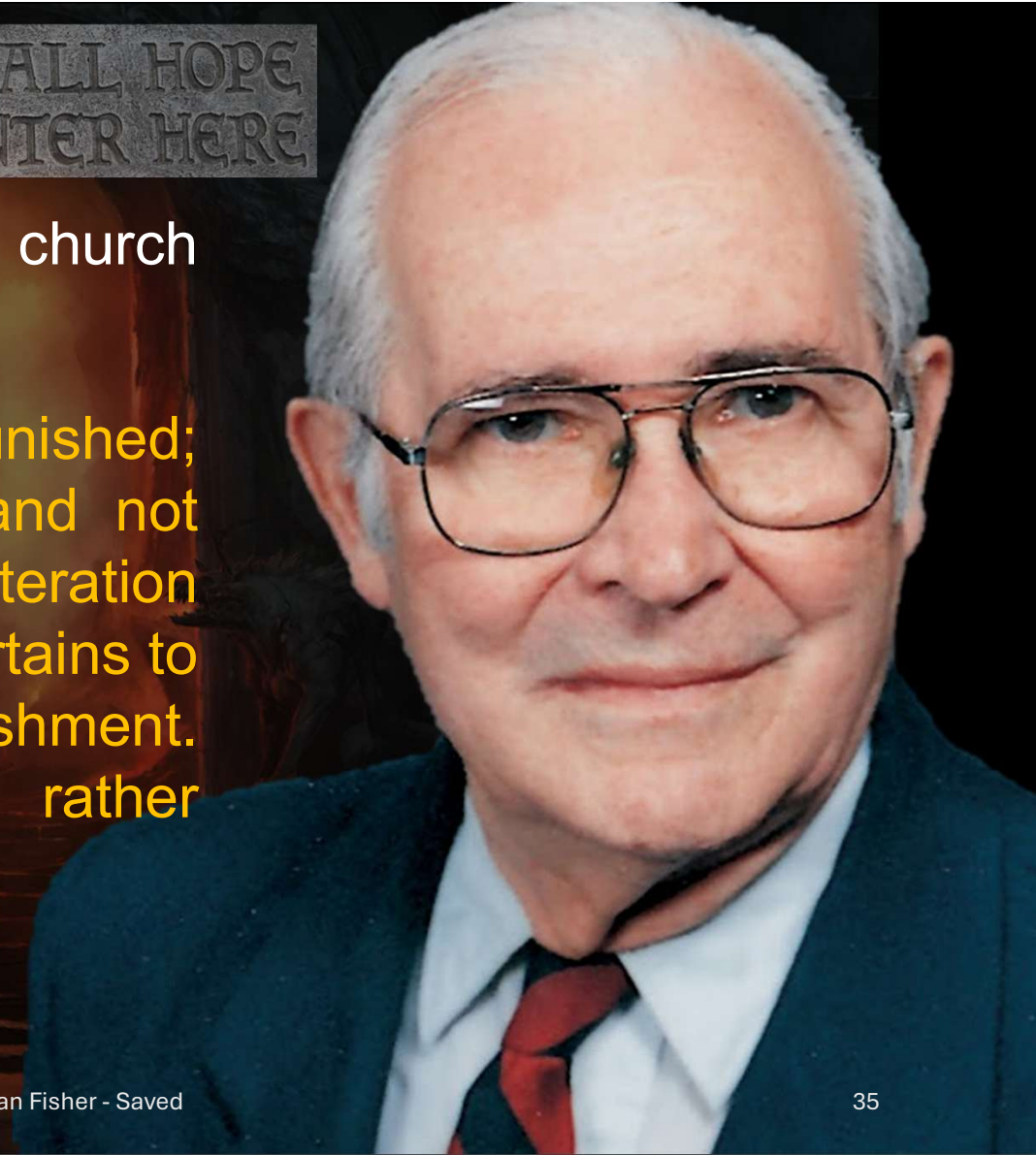
What other kind of torment is there besides  
conscious torment?

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John Gerstner, theologian, church historian:

“[O]ne can exist and not be punished; but no one can be punished and not exist. Annihilation means the obliteration of existence and anything that pertains to existence, such as punishment. Annihilation avoids punishment, rather than encountering it.”

“The Bible and Hell,” part 1, p. 38



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“A punishment [such as torment] that is not felt is not a punishment. Torment, by its very nature, demands a sentient (i.e., feeling) subject to experience it. A rock or a tree cannot be ‘tormented.’ How much less could a nonentity — such as an annihilated devil, beast, false prophet, or sinner — experience torment?”

“Evangelicals and the Annihilation of Hell,” (pt. 2), *Christian Research Journal*, Summer 1991, p. 11.

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“[I]f actual suffering is lacking, then so is punishment. Let us be clear on this: punishment entails suffering. And suffering necessarily entails consciousness. ... torment cannot, by definition, be anything but conscious torment. ... By its very nature, being tormented requires consciousness.

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... one cannot deny that for one who is suffering excruciating pain, the extinction of his or her consciousness would actually be a blessing – not a punishment. Any honest seeker after truth must admit that one cannot define ‘eternal punishment’ as an extinction of consciousness.”

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Charles Spurgeon: “What better pillow for idle heads than the doctrine that the finally impenitent become extinct? The logical reasoning of the sinner is, ‘Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die,’ and the professing Christian is not slow to feel an ease of heart from pressing responsibilities when he accepts so consolatory an opinion.”

“Compassion for Souls,” Feb 4, 1871, *Metropolitan Tabernacle Pulpit*, Vol 17.

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“When God made the human soul, God made it in His own image, and our souls could never cease to exist, any more than God could cease to exist. Our souls will go on – endless, timeless, dateless, and measureless. When the sun, moon, and stars have grown cold, our souls will still be in existence. There was a time when we were not. There never will be a time when we are not. Our souls will exist forever, either in Heaven or in Hell. He endured the pains of Hell so that we might have the blessings of heaven. Your sin will be pardoned in Christ or punished in Hell.” Adrian Rogers

