

FOUR LETTER WORDS
Hell
Week 2 Matthew 10:28
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Today we will tackle the subject, Hell.

Jesus said in Matthew:

“Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. ¹⁴ But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it.
Matthew 7:13-14 NIV

Four truths about Hell:

1. The Bible Defines Hell As A Place

The wicked will return to Sheol, Even all the nations who forget God.
Psalm 9:17 NAS

Jesus spoke more about Hell than He did of Heaven

A good reason to believe in a literal Hell is because Jesus did.

Do not fear those who kill the body but are unable to kill the soul; but rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.
Matthew 10:28 NAS

“Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life.” Matthew 25:46 NIV

2. The Gospel Is Necessary Because Of A Place Called Hell.

*The very term **Good News** implies there is something called bad news. The very proclamation of salvation presupposes there is a state of being lost. Hell is the dark background on which the brilliant picture of the gospel is painted. But without the background you don't have any picture.* Dr. Henry Jowett

If there is not a place called Hell then Calvary was a tragic mistake.

If there is no pending punishment there would be no purpose for a pardon.

3. Hell Is A Place Of Separation

Hell will be a person's first time completely separated from God

They will be punished with everlasting destruction and shut out from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of his might
2 Thessalonians 1:9 NIV

Hell is Hell because God is not there.

None of us have seen a blessing-less world. Even the vilest precincts of humanity know the grace of God. People who want nothing of God still enjoy His benefits. Adolf Hitler witnessed the wonder of the Alps. Saddam Hussein enjoyed the blushing sunrise of the desert. The dictator, child molester, serial rapist, and drug peddlers all enjoy the common grace of God's goodness. They hear children laugh, smell dinner cooking, and tap their toes to the rhythm of a good song. They deny God yet enjoy His benevolence, but these privileges are confiscated at the gateway to Hell.
Max Lucado

Hell is darkness
Hell is gnashing of teeth
Hell is a bottomless pit

For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 6:23 NIV

Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance. 2 Peter 3:9 NIV

What is the crime to warrant Hell?
Reject Jesus, which puts you on the throne.

4. Thanks To Jesus, You Don't Have To Go To Hell

Would a loving God send someone to hell?
No. We send ourselves to Hell by rejecting Jesus.

For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.
John 3:17 NIV