

Fundamentals of the Faith

The Doctrine of Hell

Concise Printable Handout (with note-taking space)

Key Question

Why would a loving God send people to hell?

What Is Hell?

Primary Texts:

- Daniel 12:2
- John 5:25–29

Biblical Description

1. A Place of Shame and Contempt

- Everlasting disgrace for the unredeemed
- *Daniel 12:2*

2. A Place of Judgment for the Unredeemed

- All will be resurrected
- Believers → Life
- Unbelievers → Condemnation

3. A Place of Conscious, Eternal Torment

- Not annihilation, but ongoing awareness
- *Mark 9:47–49; Luke 16:22–26*

4. A Place of Eternal Separation from God

- Separation from Christ, forgiveness, and God's presence
- *Matthew 7:21–23; 8:12; 22:13; 25:30, 41*
- *2 Thessalonians 1:6–10; Hebrews 9:27*

False Views of Hell

1. Annihilationism

- Belief: Soul is destroyed permanently
- Associated with: Jehovah's Witnesses, Seventh-day Adventists
- **Contradiction:** Scripture teaches conscious eternal punishment

2. Universalism

- Belief: Everyone ultimately goes to Heaven
- Hell only for Satan and demons
- **Contradiction:** Scripture affirms judgment for unbelievers

Biblical Reality of Judgment

- **Hell is real and eternal**
 - *Matthew 10:28; Revelation 20:10*
- **Unbelievers follow Satan's course**
 - *2 Corinthians 4:4; Ephesians 2:2–4*
- **God must punish sin**
 - Because of His holiness
 - *1 Peter 1:16; Romans 6:23; John 19:30*

God's Heart Toward Humanity

- God **does not delight in judgment**
 - *Ezekiel 33:11*
- God **desires repentance and salvation**
 - *John 3:17; 2 Peter 3:9*
- Jesus **invites all to come**

- *Matthew 11:28–30; John 7:37–38; Revelation 22:17*
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Key Doctrinal Terms

- **Sheol (O.T.)** – Realm of the dead
 - **Hades (N.T.)** – Temporary holding place
 - **Gehenna** – Final place of judgment (Lake of Fire)
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The Gospel Contrast

The Bad News

- Eternal separation from God
- Conscious, everlasting punishment

The Good News

- **Jesus Christ provides salvation**
 - To be saved = delivered from the wrath of God
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Foundational Truth

- A **wrong view of Scripture** → wrong view of Jesus
- A **wrong view of Jesus** → leads to eternal separation

The Bible must not be ignored or softened.

Eternity depends on a right, biblical understanding.

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