Not only does Jesus tell us to <u>fear God</u>, but He also tells us <u>WHY!</u>

And the reason is, because God can not only destroy our body, but He can cast our soul into hell.

# Motivation To Preach The Gospel

Without a conscious, eternal, literal hell, there is far less reason to share the Gospel with people. If there is nothing to fear... no hell for people to go to... **Why bother?** 

Of course, the Word of God tells us differently...

"Knowing therefore the <u>terror of the Lord</u>, we persuade men..." (2 Corinthians 5:11)

If there is no eternal, conscious hell... what is there to be terrified of?

# Why bother persuading men?

This passage is in the context of death and reconciling people unto God, through Jesus... it is about **evangelism.** Without the terror of the Lord... the judgment of God... **why preach?** 

Without hell... eat, drink, and be merry for tomorrow we die.

## The Holiness Of God DIMINISHED!

"Whom God hath set forth to be a **propitiation** through faith in his blood, to declare his right-eousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God;" (Romans 3:25)

According to the Word of God, <u>ONLY</u> the <u>BLOOD</u> of <u>JESUS</u> can <u>PAY</u> the <u>DEBT</u> for our <u>SIN</u>.

God is **SO HOLY** that the debt of sin against Him could **only be paid by a HOLY SACRI-FICE... JESUS!** 

Is it possible for a sinner to pay the debt for their own sins? If there is no eternal torment in hell... IT IS POSSIBLE.

According to those who teach that there is no literal, eternal hell, they believe that the sinner dies and is annihilated by fire. The sinner then ceases to exist. The debt has been satisfied by the sinner's death.

Thus, they are proclaiming that unrepentant sinners can satisfy God's Holy wrath against sin by themselves. They can die and cease to exist... then those who don't believe in hell say that God's wrath is satisfied.

An **eternity in hell** will not be enough to satisfy the demands of **HOLINESS against sin...** 

ONLY THE BLOOD OF JESUS can pay the debt.

"...saying, HOLY, HOLY, HOLY, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come." (Revelation 4:8)

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"And the <u>SMOKE</u> of their <u>TORMENT</u> ascendeth up <u>FOR EVER AND EVER</u>: and <u>THEY</u>

<u>HAVE NO REST DAY OR NIGHT</u>, who

worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name." (Revelation 14:11)

"The sinners in Zion are afraid; fearfulness hath surprised the hypocrites. Who among us shall dwell with the devouring fire? WHO AMONG US SHALL DWELL WITH EVERLASTING BURN-INGS?" (Isaiah 33:14)

# Some Teach There Is No Hell

Sadly, there are even Christian pastors and leaders who are preaching that there is no literal, eternal hell... no place of conscious torment forever. Is this true? Is there really no "hell"?

This study will examine the subject of hell and reveal God's Word on the topic.

Who Does Not Believe In Hell? Who Wants You To Not Believe?

# HELL - IS IT FOR REAL?

These are important questions to answer. Often we can deduce much by taking note of who are the adherents to specific beliefs.

So, who is it that does not believe in the existence of hell?

- \* Atheists
- \* Evolutionists
- \* Buddhists
- \* New Agers
- \* etc.

As we can see, the list of those who do not believe in hell is largely inclusive of the **UN-GODLY**... those who have thus far **RE-JECTED Jesus**.

Does it seem as though Bible believing Christians should be included on this list?

Who is it then that wants people to believe there is no hell? Satan! The devil!

It should be obvious that the devil does not want people to believe in hell.

On the one hand, a belief that hell does not exist helps to keep the **LOST** from being **SAVED**. If one is deceived into thinking that there is no hell... then there is no judgment to face... no penalty... and no reason to get saved.

On the other hand, it helps keep the **SAVED** from preaching the Gospel to the **LOST**. If one is deceived in the believing that there is no hell... there is no urgency for evangelism... no terror to face... no judgment for sin to pro-

claim... and no reason to be concerned for the unsaved.

## Hell Defined

The following are the original language words translated as "HELL" in English:

Sheol - Strong's H7585 - shě'owl - underworld, grave, hell, pit - place of no return - without praise of God - wicked sent there for punishment - righteous not abandoned to it - of the place of exile - of extreme degradation in sin

Hades - Strong's G86 - hadēs - properly, unseen, i.e. "Hades" or the place (state) of departed souls: grave, hell

Gehenna - Strong's G1067 - geenna - Hell is the place of the future punishment called "Gehenna" or "Gehenna of fire". This was originally the valley of Hinnom, south of Jerusalem, where the filth and dead animals of the city were cast out and burned; a fit symbol of the wicked and their future destruction.

#### Hell Described

#### Sheol

"The sorrows of death compassed me, and the pains of hell gat hold upon me: I found trouble and sorrow."

(Psalm 116:3)

## Hades

"And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom." (Luke 16:23)

## Gehenna

"And if thine eye offend thee, pluck it out: it is better for thee to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than having two eyes to be cast into hell fire:" (Mark 9:47)

## General

"And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name." (Revelation 14:11)

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# Jesus Taught His Disciples To FEAR Who? Why?

"But I will forewarn you whom ye shall fear: Fear him, which after he hath killed hath power to cast into hell; yea, I say unto you, Fear him." (Luke 12:5)

Amazingly, Jesus tells His disciples to <u>fear</u> <u>God</u> and not man. Many today reject the notion that Christians should <u>fear God</u> at all. Yet the Word of God tells us that...

"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom..." (Proverbs 9:10)