



YES, HELL IS A REAL PLACE!

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There are many who claim to believe the Bible but explain away the fire and torment of Hell. Others are just silent on the subject. Hell must be preached for a number of reasons. Reason #1 - It is taught throughout the Word of God. **“The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God.”** ~*Psalm 9:17*. You say, “I am not wicked.” God says you are! And the fires of Hell will be your destiny: **“...than to go into hell, into the fire that never shall be quenched.”** ~*Mark 9:43,45,47*. You have to destroy the plain meaning of Scripture to remove the fire from Hell! God help you if you tamper with His Holy Word! Reason #2 - Jesus spoke of it as a real place of fire and torment. Jesus said, **“And in hell he lift up his eyes being in torments...And he cried...I am tormented in this flame...”** ~*Luke 16:23-25*. He was in the “flames” and four times in that passage the word “*torment*” is used to describe Hell. You may say hell means grave, state of mind, etc., but the flames and torment are still there. Also, it is forever: **“These shall go away into everlasting punishment.”** It has been well calculated that Jesus spoke more of Hell and eternal damnation than He did of Heaven. Reason #3 - It is dishonest, it is a crime, against God and lost souls to ignore their plight and let them go blindly to Hell. We are commanded to **“Preach the Word...”** and declare **“the whole counsel of God.”** Men cannot pick and choose what they will believe. We cannot pick and choose what we will preach. How could we be faithful to God and ignore one of the most fundamental doctrines? How can we see loved ones and the multitudes go on in sin to everlasting punishment without lifting up a cry? What would you think of us if we passed a burning building and did not do our best to get the people out? We plead with you to escape the flames of Hell by receiving Jesus Christ as your Savior.

Many act as if they did not believe something, it wasn't true. Pardon me, but that is utter nonsense! My friend, you are going to a beautiful, blissful Heaven or a fiery, tormenting Hell! Both are forever! **See Matthew 25:41,46** and a multitude of other verses like Revelation 20:15: **“And whosoever was not found written in the Book of life was cast into the lake of fire.”** You may say that you cannot be scared. Maybe so; I hope you can. The choice is yours! No choice is to choose Hell for you are already on that path. Christ died and rose again that you might be redeemed and spend eternity with Him in Heaven. Will you acknowledge your sin to God and receive Jesus as your Savior? Whether you believe it or not, Hell is what we all deserve because of our sins. God's Word says, **“How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation.”** ~*Hebrews 2:3*. The answer is obvious - there is no escape! I plead with you to face the fact of sin and judgment, and trust Christ. God has done everything He can for you; Christ died for your sins. **“He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.”** ~*John 3:36*. Trust Christ NOW!

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A DANGEROUS EXPERIMENT. A young passenger on a ship crossing the Atlantic fell into a conversation with the captain. The youth said when he got to Paris, he was “going to live it up.” “Why do you want to do that?” was the reply. Because that was the only way one could learn about life the lad answered. He had to experience both the good and the bad. Then, he could make up his own mind. The captain said, “I’ve been captain of this ship for many years. The chart given me in my early years pointed out the deep waters that would carry the ship safely into port. As a young captain, I never considered it advisable to investigate the rocks; the experience of others with the rocks had been sufficient warning for me.” If you want to get safely into God’s harbor, you better follow His “chart” - the Word of God. Many a young person has been shipwrecked upon the world’s rocks! Ps.119:105.

SOME THINGS TO THINK ABOUT!

“Don’t approach a goat from the front; a horse from the rear or a fool from any side.” -See Proverbs 26:4,5.

Some people are like a wheelbarrow: No good unless pushed and easily upset.

Honesty is still the best policy, but sad to say, many are satisfied with less than the best.

Better never to have been born at all than never to have been born again!

“Statistics show that 10,000 people are killed by liquor where only one is killed by a mad dog. Yet we shoot the dog and license the liquor dealer. What sense is this?”

Blessed is the man who has nothing worth saying and who is able to refrain from saying it.

The closer you get to God, the further you will get from this present evil world.

LISTEN TO GOD! “Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them.” ~Ecclesiastes 12:1. Procrastination is deadly. It leads to more procrastination until it is too late. God also says, “...Now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.” ~II Corinthians 6:2.

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NEWS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT

NETANYAHU WARNS U.S. ABOUT IRAN DEAL.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu warned the United States on Monday that the nuclear deal it is negotiating with Iran could threaten Israel's survival and insisted he had a "moral obligation" to speak up about deep differences with President Barack Obama on the issue. Even as he set the stage for a Washington visit that has strained U.S.-Israeli relations, Netanyahu sought to lower the temperature ahead of his controversial address to Congress on Tuesday, saying he meant no disrespect for Obama and appreciated U.S. military and diplomatic support for Israel. The Israeli prime minister left little doubt, however, about his objections to ongoing talks between Iran and world powers, which he said would allow Tehran to become a nuclear-armed state. "As prime minister of Israel, I have a moral obligation to speak up in the face of these dangers while there's still time to avert them," Netanyahu told a cheering audience at the annual conference of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC), the largest U.S. pro-Israel lobby... The invitation to Netanyahu was orchestrated by Republican congressional leaders with the Israeli ambassador without advance word to the White House, a breach of protocol that infuriated the Obama administration and the president's fellow Democrats. Obama has said he will not meet with Netanyahu during the visit, on the grounds that doing so only two weeks before Israeli elections could be seen as interference. The partisan nature of this dispute has turned it into the worst rift in decades between the United States and Israel, which normally navigates carefully between Republicans and Democrats in Washington. -NewsMax (3/2/15)

ANOTHER STATE MUST REMOVE SAME-SEX

BAN. Nebraska's same-sex marriage ban was thrown into question Monday alongside those in three other upper Midwestern states that are set for a hearing together before a federal appeals court. U.S. District Court Judge Joseph Bataillon struck down Nebraska's constitutional amendment, triggering a quick appeal by the state attorney general's office. The appeal could place the case before the 8th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, which will hear similar cases out of Arkansas, Missouri and South Dakota. The American Civil Liberties Union of Nebraska sued the state in November on behalf of seven same-sex couples challenging the ban, which had passed with the approval of 70 percent of voters in 2000. In addition to prohibiting gay marriage, the ban also forbids civil unions and legalized domestic partnerships. Same-sex couples miss out on medical and financial benefits that

are available to heterosexual married couples, Bataillon said as he issued the injunction, which takes effect March 9. "All of the plaintiffs have further demonstrated psychological harm and stigma, on themselves and on their children, as a result of the non-recognition of their marriages," he said in his 34-page ruling. "The plaintiffs have been denied the dignity and respect that comes with the rights and responsibilities of marriage." Bataillon rejected the state's argument that the ban reflects the will of a majority of voters and promotes family stability. He said he believes the U.S. Supreme Court will ultimately endorse same-sex marriage rights, which have been upheld in four appellate districts. - NewsMax (3/2/15). Ed. We have said all along that it is only a matter of time until all fifty states will have to acknowledge same-sex marriages.

LAST YEAR WORST CHRISTIAN PERCUSSION IN 20 YEARS.

Last year saw the highest level of persecution of Christians the world has seen since the fall of the Soviet Union, according to a report by a Christian persecution watchdog released (January 7). Open Doors USA highlighted that in the 24 years that Open Doors has been tracking numbers on global persecution, 2014 was the most violent year of Christian persecution and was far worse than the year before... For the 13th year in a row, North Korea sits in the number one spot. The Communist state was labeled the nation where Christian persecution is the most severe. Following North Korea in the top ten in order of appearance were Somalia, Iraq, Syria, Afghanistan, Sudan, Iran, Pakistan, Eritrea, and Nigeria. With the exception of Mexico and Colombia, all of the fifty nations on the World Health Watch list were located in Africa, Asia, or the Indian Ocean... Nina Shea, senior fellow of the Hudson Institute and Director of the Center for Religious Freedom... spoke about the three major driving forces of Christian persecution in the modern world, which were post-Soviet communist states, nationalistic ideologies, and Islamic extremism as seen in most of the states found on the World Watch's top fifty list. Christian Post via Sword of the Lord.

MUSLIM TERRORISTS KILL 2,000 NIGERIANS.

Boko Haram's slaughter of northeastern Nigerians shows that the jihadists have escalated beyond targeting Christians and has placed Nigeria in the midst of a global war against humanity... Hundreds of gunmen invaded Baga and 16 surrounding villages beginning January 3 and continued to slaughter residents and burn homes throughout the following week, killing an estimated 2,000 residents. Boko Haran is an international offensive... comparable to ISIS (Islamic State of Iraq and Syria), -Baptist Press

TRASH THE TV

Without a doubt the great majority of Americans are hooked on TV. The sad thing is many professing Christians are among that number; to them I want to address these words. The Psalmist said, **“Turn away mine eyes from beholding vanity; and quicken thou me in thy way.”** ~*Psalm 119:37*. Not only is it a matter of vanity, but most of the television fare is downright sinful! A study I read years ago (I am sure it is worse today) said that the average American looks at 22 hours of TV per week. Think about this; that is forty-seven days in a year, or one year in eight wasted. I am speaking to professed believers in Jesus Christ; what might have been accomplished in all that time. But it was wasted. And, yes, years you’ll have to give an account to God for; they will have to be faced at the Judgment Seat of Christ. Some years ago a scientist in the Midwest offered \$500 (it would be at least double that today) to 120 families who would give up their TV for thirty days. Of that number, 93 turned him down without thinking about it. He was able to get only five. He testified that one couple did not speak to each other, two started chain smoking and all were distressed, bored and nervous. There is no doubt that the vast majority of Americans are hooked on TV. And too many Christians are included in the number. The Psalmist asked to be quickened, made alive, unto the ways of God. God says we are to **“redeem the time,”** not waste it! If you’re saved, it’s time to get serious about the things of Christ. As I have said many times before, it is time to trash the TV; before it trashes you!

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Jesus said, **“I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.”** When a sixteenth-century British sailor, who had sailed all of his life with Sir Francis Drake returned home for the last time, someone ridiculed him saying: “You haven’t much to show for all those years, have you?” The old sailor replied: “No, I haven’t much, I have been cold, hungry, desperately frightened often enough in life - even shipwrecked. But there is one thing that I am sure of - I have sailed with the greatest captain who ever sailed the seas!” It is easy to become a Christian, a follower of the Lord Jesus Christ: **“Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved.”** But neither He, nor anyone else in his right mind, ever said that living the Christian life would be easy. If you are looking for an easy life, don’t become a Christian. No, He said: **“In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.”** But if you are looking for the good life, the worthwhile life, trust Christ and give Him your all! Then, when it is all over down here, we will get to spend all eternity with our great Captain! Hallelujah! Praise be to God and to His Blessed Son, our Savior and Captain who is **“bringing many sons to glory.”** The hymn writer put it like this: *“God leads His dear children along. Some through the waters, some through the flood, Some through the fire, but all through the blood; some thro’ great sorrow, but God gives a song, In the night season and all the day long.”*