

HELL: Tackling Some Tough Questions

- Why can't God be more tolerant and look the other way?
- Are the souls of the unsaved immortal?
- How can a loving God allow a person to go to Hell?
- Did Jesus decend into Hell?
- Do those who commit suicide go to Hell?

- Does Satan rule in Hell?
- Is God's presence in Hell?
- Is there a difference between Hades and Hell?
- Will there be degrees of punishment in Hell?
- If I'm a Christian but I commit a really big sin, will I go to Hell?
- Will everyone who doesn't know Jesus go to Hell?

WHY CAN'T GOD BE MORE TOLERANT AND JUST LOOK THE OTHER WAY?

- If God looked the other way, it would make Him unloving and coercive.
- If God looked the other way, justice would be aborted and evil would prevail.

ARE THE SOULS OF THE UNSAVED IMMORTAL?

- Basis for annihilationism:
 - -Immortality of the soul is a gift from God to the saved, not the unsaved (Rom 6.23).
 - The use of the word "destroy" means the extinction of being.
 - —It's not fair for God to punish a person's finite sin for an eternity.

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- However, the Bible teaches that the souls of the unsaved are immortal.
 - -Jesus says some will go to eternal judgment and others to eternal life.
 - -Language of destruction describes an eternal state of ruin, not annihilation.
 - -One's finite sin is rebellion against infinite Almighty God!

How can a Loving God Allow a Person to go to Hell?

- Love and justice come together at the cross!
- God's question for us: Will you accept my grace?

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"When you see the blood stained cross and then you see the empty tomb, it ought to rock us to the core of our being what had to happen to God's son to pay for my sin."