HELL: What's the real deal?

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"Over the years I have been increasingly troubled by the doctrine of Hell. As my love for God and my neighbor increased, the horror at the thought of many of those I love suffering eternal punishment increased with it. In other words, this was not a crisis of faith, it was the result of my faith. The more I experienced God's grace in my life, the more I grew to share Jesus' heart for the lost, the more I was troubled by Hell."

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- In the end, God will save everyone some way, some how.
- · God will give people a second chance.
- After a period of punishment for their sins, after the final judgment, they will cease to exist.

THERE ARE HARD TRUTHS ABOUT A REAL HELL

- People face vastly different eternal destinies (Mt. 7:13-14).
- Hell is a real place of divine judgment "originally prepared for Satan and his demons" (Mt. 25:41).
- Hell is a real place where there is a conscious and eternal physical, emotional, and spiritual anguish (Mt 25:30, 41, 46).

WHERE IS THE HOPE?

- God doesn't want it to be this way (2 Peter 3:9)!
- God's heart is crazy about us (John 3:16-19)!
- But God's justice must prevail (John 3:18-20, 36).