

December 14, 2025
The Bridge Bible Fellowship
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Selected Scriptures

“Hell On Fire”

“Is Hell a place of eternal conscious punishment? Or does the Bible teach Annihilationism or Universalism instead?”

- **Universalism** (Heb. 9:27; Lk. 16:26; Mt. 8:12; 1 Cor. 6:9-10; Gal. 5:19-21; Rev. 21:18; 22:15-16)

Repent in hell? (Rev. 6-18; 22:11-15)

Purgatory?

Baptism for the dead? (1 Cor. 15:29)

- **Annihilationism - Conditionalism or Conditional Immortality.**

Rom. 11:33-36

Eternal punishment? (Mt. 25:41-46; Rev. 14:11 cf. 4:9; 19:20 cf. 20:10; 2 Thess. 1:6-10)

“Destruction?”

Is punishment personal and conscious? (Mt. 23:14 cf. Lk. 12:45-48; Mt. 8:12; 13:41-42; Lk. 13:28)

Why would Hell be so severe? (Heb. 10:26-31)

Why is a biblical understanding of Hell as a place of eternal conscious torment so important to our understanding of Christmas?

How should we respond to the biblical reality of Hell as eternal, conscious punishment away from the loving presence of God.

1. **Proverbs 15:24 - Avoid it!**
2. **2 Peter 3:10-18 - Be holy! Hate sin!**
3. **Jude 20-23 - Keep others from Hell!**
4. **Luke 17 – Live lives of constant Gratitude to Jesus!**

Discussion & Application:

1. Why does Pastor Paul believe that Hell is a place of eternal, conscious suffering? Why is this doctrine important? What impact should believing this have on our daily lifestyle and witness?
2. Read the following quote and discuss the impact a belief in Hell should have on our view of sin: “We can actually learn, by comparison, to hate sin as God hates it. As the reality of hell violates and offends us, for example, so sin violates and offends God. As we cannot bear to look upon the horrors of hell, so God cannot bear to look upon the horrors of sin. As hell revolts us to the point of hatred for it, so also God finds sin revolting.” (John Thomas, “That Hideous Doctrine,” Moody Monthly, Sept. 1985)
3. How does this section of Revelation impact your understanding of the First Coming of Jesus (Christmas > Easter)? Why did He come? Why was He willing to come? What did He know about Hell that motivated Him to come and experience God’s wrath in our place?
4. If you have not yet turned from sin and put your trust in Jesus as Savior and Lord, please do so right now. These prophecies in Revelation *will* take place (Rev. 1:19), they *must* take place (Rev. 4:1). He will come, and He will either deliver you from the coming wrath of God or pour that wrath out on you for eternity.
5. If you have turned from sin and trusted in Jesus and His substitutionary sacrifice, spend time right now praising and thanking Him. Read Phil. 2:5-8 and thank Him for His humble willingness to become one of us and die in our place. Thank Him for His radical resolve to seek and save lost people like you and me (Lk. 19:10; Mt. 26:47-54; Lk. 9:51). Tell Him how much you love Him, want to know Him better, and want to make Him known. Read Jude 20-23. Ask Jesus to use you this Christmas Season to tell others about Him and snatch them from the fire.