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The Reality of Hell

How often do we, as Christians, go through life with a complacent attitude toward sin and Hell? We see all the sinful ways of the world. We see the consequences of living in sin and the destruction it has in our lives. We see the hurt and suffering that sin brings to those that let sin guide their lives and actions. We know what the scriptures teach concerning the future that they will have to live in because of their choices. We see the shame that comes upon those who

use drugs and alcohol and upon those who commit murder, adultery, and crimes against society. If we don't wake up and see sin for what it is, we may



wake up in Hell for not caring or taking God's Word to heart. If we don't let God's Word be a part of our lives, we will become part of the world. A good example of this can be seen in the music that we listen to. A lot of the music for our young people has to do with sex, the devil, and just being evil for the fun of it. As for those of us that are

the music has to do with cheating on our loved ones, getting drunk, and living life to the fullest as the world defines it. The world tries to minimize hell and the devil. A poll was taken about hell, and over half the people that responded did not believe there really was a hell; fewer believed in the devil. The other half did not believe that a loving God would send anybody to hell. The choices we make determine where we will spend eternity. (*II Cor, 5:10*) Hell is real and God will send those who refuse to follow Him to the place of eternal punishment, where there is weeping and gnashing of teeth. (*Rev. 20:11-15; Mt. 25:31-46; II Thess. 1:7-10*) The world tries to minimize how real hell is. Hollywood has tried to minimize hell by the movies they make. In the movies, hell is not that bad, and the devil is not such a bad guy to hang out with. And, once you get there, you can return to the world for a second chance. Hell is a real place of torment and agony! We will be judged by the word of God, not Hollywood or some new age preacher on television. In *Matthew 18:8*, Jesus told the people how serious it was if one went to hell. Hell is not a laughing matter; it is described as a place of fire, pain, and torment for eternity. It is a place of utter darkness and once there, you will not come back for a second chance



(*Matthew 18:8-9; II Peter 2:4; Jude 5-7*) Hell is a place where the fearful and unbelieving will reside. (*Rev. 21:7-8*) Hell is a place for the Christian who is a coward when it comes to standing up for the Word of God. Hell is a place for the Christian who does not "get hot" for the Lord in teaching God's Word to those around him because he is afraid to use the talents God has bestowed upon him. (*Matthew 25:14-30*) In *Matthew 28*, before Jesus ascended back into Heaven, he told the apostles to "*go and make disci-*

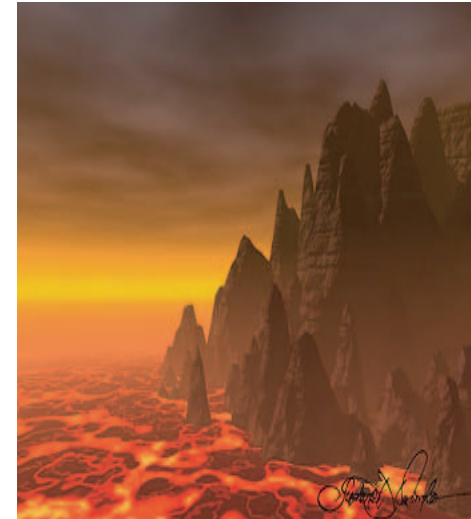
ples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you;" You see, the Bible tells us that Hell is real. All of us who refuse to follow God and be saved by the blood of His Son, Je-

sus, will go to Hell as punishment for disobedience. The Bible states in *Matthew 13:30* that when the judgment day comes the righteous will be in Heaven with God but that the wicked and the unbelieving will be cast into the furnace of fire and there will be wailing and gnashing of teeth because of the pain found there.

My Friends, once a person is sent to Hell there is no coming back and there are no other chances to get things right. This is a one

"Yes, I will follow God and do what Jesus said I must do to live righteous before God" or "No I will follow the devil and just do what I want to do without worrying about the consequences of life." It's your choice, each of us must make a choice to serve God or the devil because we will serve one or the other. "*No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.*" (*Matthew 6:24*.) "*Do you not know that to whom you present yourselves slaves to obey, you are that*

one's slave whom you obey, whether of sin leading to death, or of obedience leading to righteousness?" (*Romans 6:16*). You see, like the rich man and Lazarus in Luke 16, we have to make a choice in our life while there is still time. The choices we make in this life will follow us into the next life. Good or bad we will have to make a choice and live with the conse-



quences from our choices. This is why we as Christians need to study the Bible in order to learn what is right and wrong. This is why we need to study the Bible so that we can remain strong in the Lord and not fall for the lies that are in the world today. We need to be doers of the Word and not

hearers only. My friends, Hell is real and God is true to His word when he says that all who are rebellious and unbelieving will go to the place of torment. Where do you plan to spend eternity?

-Bill Davis