



What About Hell?

*Good people don't go to heaven.
Forgiven people go to heaven.*

If we don't accept the reality of hell, we will never appreciate the glory of the gospel and the goodness of Jesus.

Facts about hell:

1. Hell is a real place.

Everyone must die once. Then they are judged.
(Hebrews 9:27, ETRV)

2. Hell is a place of torment.

In hell, where he was in torment... (Luke 16:23a, NIV)

3. Hell is a place without mercy.

Father Abraham, have pity on me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, because I am in agony in this fire. (Luke 16:24, NIV)

4. Hell is out of date by today's thinking.

5. Going to hell is a choice (or lack of same).

But if serving the Lord seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your forefathers served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord. (Joshua 24:15, NIV)



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Hell exists:

1. For God to deal righteously with Satan.

And the devil, who deceived them, was thrown into the lake of burning sulfur, where the beast and the false prophet had been thrown. They will be tormented day and night for ever and ever. (Revelation 20:10, NIV)

2. For God to deal righteously with unbelievers.

(God) will punish those who do not know God and do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. They will be punished with everlasting destruction and shut out from the presence of the Lord and from the majesty of his power. (2 Thessalonians 1:8 - 9, NIV)

Why this matters:

1. What you believe about eternity determines how you live today.

Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it. (Matthew 7:13 - 14, NIV)

2. Your decision to accept or reject Christ determines your eternal destination.

For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Romans 6:23, NIV)

But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. (Romans 5:8, NIV)