

## Asking for a Friend #5

How could a God of love send anyone to hell?

**Luke 16:19-21 – Jesus says the rich man...**

- Was in torment
- That there was no escape
- Pleaded for his family

I don't want to make the dangers of life sound worse than they are, but when the danger is serious, when it is a matter of life and death we must speak plainly.

**Matthew 5:29-30**

- It is love that prompts Jesus to talk like this, not madness or malice.
- God is love but that does not mean he loves everything.
- **Proverbs 6:16-19; Psalm 5:4-6**

**Hell, a loving necessity???**

- It is the place where evil will be locked up.
- God created hell to deal with evil.
- It is precisely because he is a God of love that there is a place called hell...he will not ignore or overlook evil.

The Bible assures us that all human sins will ultimately be judged by God who will perfectly weigh the motives of the heart and punish accordingly with perfect justice.

**HARSH?**

- Hell seems harsh when we don't see how serious it is to rebel against God.
- OR when we don't realize how holy God is.

**Changing the Question...**

- When we glimpse the depth of human sin, and the height of God's holiness our question may change to HOW CAN YOU ADMIT ANYONE TO HEAVEN.

**Jesus is the ONLY Way!**

- 2 Corinthians 5:19-21
- Romans 5:8
- Colossians 1:19-20

God does NOT send anyone to hell...we do that on our own by the choices we make.

**John 12:46**, *"I have come into the world as light, so that whoever believes in me will not remain in darkness."*

- **Mark 13:35-37**