



## Resurrection

### Part 5: "Hell is for real"

"A time is coming for all men when they will either be born again, or wish they had never been born at all." Anonymous

**Main text:** Mt 10:28 And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. But rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.

1. God wants \_\_\_\_\_ to be \_\_\_\_\_

2. The God of the Bible is a God of \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_

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5. Hell is a \_\_\_\_\_

6. \_\_\_\_\_ often spoke of hell

"If Jesus, the Lord of Love and Author of Grace, spoke about hell more often, and in a more vivid, blood-curdling manner than anyone else, it must be a crucial truth." Tim Keller, *The Importance of Hell*

“Does it make sense for a good being to create creatures who will experience infinite torture, infinite time, infinite – you know, never be numbed in their consciousness? I mean, how would you even create a universe where that sort of thing could happen? It just sounds – It really raises some questions about the goodness of God. ... This is, one of the huge problems in the traditional understanding of hell. ... [I]f the cross is in line with Jesus’ teaching then ... a primary meaning of the cross is that the kingdom of God doesn’t come like the kingdoms of this world by inflicting violence and coercing people. ... But in an ironic way, the doctrine of hell basically says, no, that’s not really true. [I]n the end, God gets His way through coercion and violence and intimidation and domination, just like every other kingdom does. The cross isn’t the center then. The cross is almost a distraction and false advertising for God.” Brian McLaren

“I don’t mind if you think I’m wrong. I’m sure I am wrong about many things, although I’m not sure exactly which things I’m wrong about. I’m even sure I’m wrong about what I think I’m right about in at least some cases. So wherever you think I’m wrong, you could be right.” Brian McLaren, *A Generous Orthodoxy*

## **7. Hell was not created for \_\_\_\_\_**

## **8. \_\_\_\_\_ men and women will go there**

“Scripture sees hell as self-chosen . . . [H]ell appears as God's gesture of respect for human choice. All receive what they actually chose, either to be with God forever, worshipping him, or without God forever, worshipping themselves.”

J. I. Packer, *Concise Theology*

“It is not a question of God ‘sending us’ to hell. In each of us there is something growing, which will be Hell unless it is nipped in the bud.” C.S. Lewis

## **9. Hell is \_\_\_\_\_**

“The safest road to hell is the gradual one - the gentle slope, soft underfoot, without sudden turnings, without milestones, without signposts.” C. S. Lewis