

The only way to escape hell and go to heaven when you die is through faith in Jesus Christ. Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth and the life, nobody comes to the Father but through Me" (John 14:6).

God loved the world so much that He sent His only Son Jesus Christ to die in the place of sinners. To die for sinners, Jesus had to take on flesh (John 1:14) and become like one of us (Hebrews 2:14,17), yet Jesus Christ is fully God and fully Man (John 1:1, 14). He is eternal (John 1:1; Hebrews 13:8) and sinless (1 Peter 2:22; 1 John 3:5) and therefore He alone is qualified to pay the eternal penalty for our sins against God.

Our sins against God are so serious that only God could give Himself as a perfect sacrifice in our place. When Jesus Christ died on the cross, He took upon Himself the eternal wrath and anger of God that we deserve, and He paid the eternal penalty for sins for all who turn to Him in faith. Jesus Christ died, was buried, and rose victoriously over sin, death and the grave three days later! All who repent and turn to Jesus Christ in faith will be forgiven of their sins, be given eternal life, and loved by God for all of eternity and never suffer the torments of hell. Jesus paid it all!

Now, dear sinner friend, what keeps you from running to Jesus Christ to flee from the wrath of God (Matthew 3:7)? Do you love your sins and do not want to part with them? Will you hold onto your sins for a few short years and then sink into the eternal abyss forever to suffer under God's wrath in hell?

All of the cheap toys that you seek now will soon be gone. Your joys will soon be turned to eternal miseries. Your laughter will soon be screams and grinding of teeth. Your friends that sin with you will be gone, and your company will be demons and the devil. All of the pleasure that you surrounded yourself with will soon be replaced with fire, brimstone and eternal burnings. You have laughed at Jesus Christ and have made fun of the gospel and the people who seek to turn you from your sins and who call you to turn to Jesus Christ. It is out of God's great love that He sends people to warn you to repent and turn from your life of sin and path of destruction.

Oh friend, eternity will soon have you! Soon you will take your last breath and your heart will stop. You will be laid out in a box for others to walk by. Before you are dead for one second, you will be in eternity. And if you die without Jesus Christ, you will be judged by Jesus for your sins and condemned to hell!

Your religion won't save you, your Pope won't save you. Your good deed are like a filthy cloth before a holy God and cannot earn your way into heaven (Isaiah 64:6). Unless you repent and turn to Jesus Christ for salvation you will perish in eternal hell.

Friend, do you see the position you are in before a holy and wrath-filled God? Your sins have separated you from Him and your sins have hidden His face from you (Isaiah 59:2). You love darkness (sin) and hate the Light (Jesus Christ—see John 8:12) because your deeds are evil (John 3:19,20). You are already judged before God as guilty. The scriptures have shut you up in the prison of wrath and condemnation (Romans 11:12). Up to this point in your life you have rejected salvation in Jesus Christ and are under the wrath of Almighty God (John 3:36). It is only a matter of time before God strikes the death blow to you and stops your heart from beating and removes breath from you and turns your animated body into a stiff corpse. You will immediately come to Him for judgment (Hebrews 9:27), found guilty of rejecting salvation in Jesus Christ, and He will then throw you into eternal hell. You will never escape, you will never cease to be tormented in the flames of God's hell, for you sinned against your Creator and refused His gracious offer of forgiveness and eternal life. The reason? You would rather sin, please your flesh, go on living for yourself and your sinful pleasures than humble yourself, admit you are a sinner deserving eternal hell, and cry out for God to be merciful to you and save you from Himself.

In the 27 books of the New Testament there are 230 references to hell. If you were on a 27-mile road and along that 27 miles there were 230 billboards (one every 600 feet!) warning you that the road you were on would lead to your eternal damnation, would you continue? Only a fool would. No! You must turn around, repent, and flee from the wrath to come!

Go to God in prayer. Tell Him that you are a sinner but you know that Jesus Christ died to save sinners, that you believe that Jesus Christ fully paid for your sins on the cross. Ask God to forgive you and give you eternal life. Tell God that you want to love Him, serve Him and follow Jesus Christ all of your life. He will save you, forgive you, give you eternal life and bring you to heaven for all ETERNITY! This is your only hope of escaping ETERNAL Hell!



# WHERE WILL YOU SPEND ETERNITY?

By Tom Rayborn

Do you ever think about eternity? If I were to ask you, "Where do you believe you will spend eternity", how would you answer me? According to the Bible, there are only two answers; Heaven or Hell. Since you will spend all of eternity in either heaven or hell, it would be good for you to give very serious thought as to how you may go to heaven and not spend all of eternity in hell.

Eternity is an endless duration. Time does not exist in eternity. There is no beginning or ending to eternity. The Bible says in Ecclesiastes 3:11 that "God has set eternity in everyone's heart." You know there is an eternal existence beyond your short life, an eternal existence that you will meet at your death. Where will you spend ETERNITY?

You may never think about where you will go after death, and therefore you do not spend time preparing for eternity. When you die, you will go straight into eternity, either into heaven because Jesus Christ has saved you and you now love Him, worship Him and serve Him, or into hell because you love your sins and hate Jesus Christ. Your sins carry the penalty of eternal punishment in hell under God's wrath... for all of ETERNITY!

If you leave this life in the same condition which you entered this life, you will face "a terrifying expectation of judgment and the fury of a fire which will consume you" (Hebrews 10:27).

Please take some time to thoughtfully read this brief message. I pray that God will use it to show you your great need to put your trust in Jesus Christ to save you from your sins and from the eternal wrath of God. Only in Jesus Christ is there eternal life and escape from the eternal damnation of hell.

We all enter this life as sinners with a sinful heart. “The heart is more deceitful than all else and is desperately sick, who can understand it? I the LORD search the heart and I test the mind, even to give to each man according to his ways, according to the results of his deeds” (Jeremiah 17:9,10). Your spiritual heart controls all that you do, say, think.

There is nothing more wicked and vile and foul than the heart. “For from within, out of the heart of man, proceed the evil thoughts, fornications, thefts, murders, adulteries, deeds of coveting and wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride and foolishness. All of these evil things proceed from within and defile the man” (Mark 7:21-23).

Because the heart of man is deceitful and sick, everything that flows from it is foul before God who is perfectly holy. You may hide your sins from men, but not from God. “There is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are open and laid bare to the eyes of Him with whom we have to do” (Hebrews 4:13).

Your sinful heart always leads you away from your duty to love, worship and serve God. You serve yourself and make yourself to be god and worship yourself. That is why you love sin and hate God and Jesus Christ. You would rather get all that you can get in this life than live with love for God and to live to bring glory to God. The Bible describes you as lost in your sins, an enemy of God, under God’s wrath, a godless sinner, and without hope.

Jesus Christ tells about a person just like you in Luke 12:16-21. The person was very rich and was content to live without God. He had it all! He lived to have pleasure in this world and to gain wealth. He thought that he had many years to live, but one day God said to him, “You fool! This very night your soul is required of you!”

There is coming a day when it will be your last day. You did not choose your birthday and you will not choose your death day. God will one day visit you to take your soul into eternity. If you die in your lost condition, you will go immediately to hell... for all of ETERNITY! You will never get out of hell. There will be no end to hell for you. As you were content to live your life without loving Jesus Christ, so you will spend eternity in His hell and suffer eternal torments and agony under His full wrath and fury (Revelation 14:9-11)

## How does the Bible describe hell?

**Hell** is unquenchable fire (Luke 3:17). It is a fire that can never be put out. Nothing can dilute the flames or lessen their heat and intensity.

**Hell** is a furnace of fire (Matthew 13:42). If you were to fall into a fiery furnace for even one minute before being pulled out, you would be in intense pain for weeks. Imagine being in a furnace that will never go out, and you are in it for all of eternity.

**Hell** is a lake of fire (Revelation 19:20; 20:15). This is a full and bottomless lake that will engulf the lost sinner for all of eternity.

**Hell** is eternal fire (Jude 1:7). As certain as God is eternal, this fire will blaze in its fullness for eternity.

**Hell** is outer darkness (Matthew 22:13). How long could you stand to be in total darkness alone? You would go mad after a while. But it is an “outer darkness”, the darkest of darkness. No hope of light.

**Hell** is the blackness of darkness (Jude 1:13). It is like a darkness that you can feel because it is so thick.

**Hell** is described as chains of darkness (2 Peter 2:4). This darkness will hold you in its eternal grip. As a prisoner in chains, so hell will detain you, restrain you, and confine you forever. You will never be let loose from this dark and fiery prison of torment.

**Hell** is described as damnation (Matthew 23:33). You will be damned by God forever in hell. There will be no love, kindness, or comfort, only God’s hatred for you expressed in His rejection of you and His torment of you in His hell for all of eternity.

**Hell** is a place of torment (Luke 16:28). Hell is designed to torment you for all of eternity. You will always be tormented, the torment and agony will never stop. Your mind, body and soul will always be in pain and affliction and torture.

**Hell** is the wrath to come (1 Thessalonians 1:10). You may think you are getting away with your sins, but you are storing up wrath for the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God (Romans 2:5). Your sins will be brought to judgment.

**Hell** has enlarged its throat and opened its mouth for

you (Isaiah 5:14). Hell is ready for you to come in.

**Hell** is deep and large (Isaiah 30:33). It will hold multitudes, yet all the while you will be alone.

**Hell** is a place of weeping and gnashing of teeth (Matthew 13:42). The pain will be so severe that you will cry and grind your teeth in the worst of pain for eternity. There will never be any relief.

**Hell** has plenty of wood (Isaiah 30:33). That is a way of saying that the fires of hell will never go out.

**Hell** is a place from which you cannot escape (Matthew 23:33). The door of hell is locked shut by Jesus Christ who holds the keys (Revelation 1:18).

**Hell** is eternal punishment (Matthew 25:46). Your sins are against an eternal God, therefore your punishment will be for eternity.

**Hell** was made for the devil and his angels (Matthew 25:41). You will not be with good company in hell, but with the worst, vile, wicked, ugly, horrible, hideous creatures.

**Hell** is set on fire by the breath of the LORD (Isaiah 30:33). God will personally blow on the fire to maintain its flame and its constant intensity.

**Hell** is a place of fire and brimstone (Revelation 21:8). You don’t want to be thrown into this hell!

There is no warning too strong... **FLEE FROM HELL, TURN TO JESUS CHRIST!!** What will it profit you if you gain everything you ever wanted and in the end you are thrown into God’s hell? Is all of the pleasure of your sin for a few years in this life worth spending an eternity in hell for?

In hell you will be engulfed in flames, in a lake of fire, weeping and gnashing your teeth, in torment, in total blackness, surrounded by every demon and Satan himself. You will be in hell for all of eternity, without any possibility of escape. The torment and flames will never decrease. Your pain and screams and grinding of your teeth will never, ever stop!

As surely as your sins are against an eternal God so surely will your punishment last for all of eternity. Jesus asked, “How will you escape the damnation of hell” (Matthew 23:33)? There is only one way!