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## ***EVERLASTING PUNISHMENT?***

"And these will go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into eternal life." Matt. 25:46

There is argument today as to whether the ungodly burn up in hell and cease to exist, it seems kinder and fairer then if God lets people roast forever in hell.

\*1st. There is no word in the Bible for annihilate, which means to cause to not exist. Destroy is in the Bible and it means to wreck or ruin, like a car in a catastrophic crash is ruined. It still exists but not in usable form. Our souls are eternal and will exist forever either wrecked and ruined or glorified perfect forever.

Scripture over and over supports this view:

<sup>11</sup>"And the smoke of their torment ascends forever and ever; and they have no rest day or night, who worship the beast and his image, and whoever receives the mark of his name." <sup>12</sup>Here is the patience of the saints; here *are* those who keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus. Rev. 14:11

<sup>23</sup>"And being in torments in Hades, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. <sup>24</sup>"Then he cried and said, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.' <sup>25</sup>"But Abraham said, 'Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things; but now he is comforted and you are tormented. <sup>26</sup>"And besides all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed, so that those who want to pass from here to you cannot, nor can those from there pass to us.' Luke 16:23-30

Do not count on burning up in hell ceasing to exist, spend your time wisely while you have it getting your soul right with God!

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