

I WOULD THAT NO MAN PARISH

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1. When God form man from the dust of the Ground, man became a living soul, man has a beginning but also will live forever in eternity.

Gen 2:7 And the LORD God formed man *of* the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.

2. God gave man life, spiritual life, intellect, reason, creativity, a living soul, Man was the crown of God's creation elevated above the animal kingdom.

Gen 1:27 So God created man in his *own* image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.

Gen 1:28 And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.

3. When man sinned it broke the beautiful fellowship with God and plunged all humanity into sin, darkness and death.

Isa 59:2 But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid *his* face from you, that he will not hear.

4. Calvary is God's plan to pick man up from his fallen state and redeem him from the fall of Adam.

Rom 5:18 Therefore as by the offence of one *judgment came* upon all men to condemnation; even so by the righteousness of one *the free gift came* upon all men unto justification of life.

Rom 5:19 For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous.

5. It was the Lord of Heaven that gave his life for our sins:

1Co 15:47 The first man *is* of the earth, earthy: the second man *is* the Lord from heaven.

1Co 15:48 As *is* the earthy, such *are* they also that are earthy: and as *is* the heavenly, such *are* they also that are heavenly.

6. **He had to become like us before we could become like Him**

1Co 15:49 And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly.

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And as we have borne the image of the earthy - As being descendants from Adam we have all been born in his likeness, and subject to the same kind of corruption, disgrace, and death; we shall also be raised to a life immortal, such as he now enjoys in the kingdom of God.

7. God has done everything in is power to save mankind. If man is lost, it is because He chooses to be lost. He gave His life for us, shed His blood, resurrected with victory death and Hell. Poured out His Spirit on the Day of Pentecost, and gave the Church Power over all the forces of the enemy and gave them the Word of reconciliation, to redeem you from the fall and get you ready for heaven.
8. You need to come to God while you have life and while God is dealing with your heart.

Mat 23:37 O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, *thou* that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under *her* wings, and ye would not!

Mat 23:38 Behold, your house is left unto you desolate.

Mat 23:39 For I say unto you, Ye shall not see me henceforth, till ye shall say, Blessed *is* he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

9. God wants to gather, the Devil wants to scatter. It is God's desire that all men be saved.

1Ti 2:4 Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth.

1Ti 2:5 For *there is* one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus;

THE ETERNAL STATE OF MAN

NOT WILLING THAT ANY SHOULD PERISH

2Pe 3:9 The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

1. What does it mean to Perish? It means to lose your soul, or be lost for eternity, to end up in Hell and be forever lost from God's presence.

2. **Jesus Speaks of Hell more than Once:**

a. "Fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell"
Matt. 10:28

b. **If thine eye offend thee:**

Mat 18:9 And if thine eye offend thee, pluck it out, and cast *it* from thee: it is better for thee to enter into life with one eye, rather than having two eyes to be cast into hell fire.

c. **Another Warning**

2Pe 2:4 For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast *them* down to hell, and delivered *them* into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment;

2Pe 2:9 The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished:

GOD DOES NOT TAKE PLEASURE IN A PERSON'S ETERNAL DESTRUCTION

Eze 18:21 But if the wicked will turn from all his sins that he hath committed, and keep all my statutes, and do that which is lawful and right, he shall surely live, he shall not die.

Eze 18:22 All his transgressions that he hath committed, they shall not be mentioned unto him: in his righteousness that he hath done he shall live.

Eze 18:23 **Have I any pleasure at all that the wicked should die? saith the Lord GOD: *and* not that he should return from his ways, and live?**

Eze 18:30 Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways, saith the Lord GOD. Repent, and turn *yourselves* from all your transgressions; so iniquity shall not be your ruin.

Eze 18:31 Cast away from you all your transgressions, whereby ye have transgressed; and make you a new heart and a new spirit: for why will ye die, O house of Israel?

Eze 18:32 For I have no pleasure in the death of him that dieth, saith the Lord GOD: wherefore turn *yourselves*, and live ye.

THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN HADES AND HELL

Unfortunately, the Authorized Versions of the Bible translated two words which have an entirely different meaning – Hades and Gehenna into one word, “**Hell**” And taking advantage of this glitch in translation opened the door for a modern group called The Jehovah Witnesses” to confuse the minds of unlearned people and have perverted the meaning.

1. The Word Hades: Means (the unseen world) and is the Greek equivalent of the Old Testament word “**Sheol**.” Hades, or Sheol, is revealed in the Bible as the place where the spirits of the dead, saved and lost went to up to the time of the resurrection of Christ.
2. **Hades was originally in three parts:** (1) “**Paradise**”; (2) “**Torment**”; (3) **A Great Gulf Fixed**” between the two.

READ Luke 16:19-31

3. The souls of the saved persons, when they died, during Old Testament times and up to the Point of Calvary. The saved went to "**Paradise**" section of Hades. The souls of the lost persons when they died, went to the "**Torment**" section. At the resurrection of Christ He took "Paradise" section of Hades and relocated it to the third heaven.

2Co 12:2 I knew a man in Christ above fourteen years ago, (whether in the body, I cannot tell; or whether out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth;) such an one caught up to the third heaven.

2Co 12:3 And I knew such a man, (whether in the body, or out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth;)

2Co 12:4 How that he was caught up into paradise, and heard unspeakable words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter.

Eph 4:8 Wherefore he saith, When he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men.

Eph 4:9 (Now that he ascended, what is it but that he also descended first into the lower parts of the earth?

Eph 4:10 He that descended is the same also that ascended up far above all heavens, that he might fill all things.)

4. **The wicked dead are still in Hades**; and the unsaved who die now go down to Hades, to the "torment Section."
5. **SHEOL AND HADES ARE NOT THE GRAVE!**

This can be clearly seen by an unbiased reading of Luke 16:19-31. There we read that both the rich man and Lazarus were conscious in Hades one in torment, the other in Paradise, "Abraham's Bosom."

6. **HELL (GHENNA)**: Got its name from a valley west of Jerusalem which formerly was the city dump. The refuse was consumed by perpetual fires, and the carcasses of dead animals were eaten by maggots; hence, fire and worms were always present in this place, the Valeey of Hinnom. Or Saviour made this public dump a picture of real hell (Gehenna), When he said "Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched" **Mar 9:44**.

7. **HADES:** Is the only place where the lost go and will eventually be cast into the “Lake of Fire” (Rev. 20:14).

Rev 20:14 And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.

Rev 20:15 And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.

8. Since the Saviour spoke of Gehenna as the place where the bodies of the lost would be cast. It must be synonymous with the lake of fire, for after the resurrection of the wicked they will be cast there. (Matt 5:29-30; Rev. 20:11-15).
9. Many sincere questions may be raised about the nature of Gehenna that are not fully answered in the Bible. But enough is revealed so that every sane, right thinking person wants to keep out of it.

Mat 5:30 And if thy right hand offend thee, cut it off, and cast *it* from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not *that* thy whole body should be cast into hell.

10. Since there is a hell and God wants no one to go there (2 Peter 3:9; 1 Tim 2:4; John 3:16,17), every Christian should do his uttermost to win as many as he can to our Lord Jesus. The matter of soul-winning is one of desperate urgency. The eternal destiny of people depends upon how they respond to the invitation.

Jud 1:23 And others save with fear, pulling *them* out of the fire; hating even the garment spotted by the flesh.