

# Objection to Christianity

## If God Is So Loving Why Does He Send People to Hell (Judgment)?

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### 1. What is Hell?

#### Separation from God

**Matthew 7: 22-23** Many will say to me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name and in your name drive out demons and in your name perform many miracles?' <sup>23</sup> Then I will tell them plainly, 'I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!'

#### Pain/Punishment

**II Peter 2: 4** - For if God did not spare angels when they sinned, but sent them to hell, putting them in chains of darkness to be held for judgment.

**Revelation 20: 15** – Anyone whose name was not found written in the book of life was thrown into the lake of fire.

**Matthew 25: 30-** And throw that worthless servant outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

### 2. Jesus taught grace, but emphasized Hell.

**Matthew 23: 33** -“You snakes! You brood of vipers! How will you escape being condemned to hell?

**Matthew 16: 18 NLT** – Now I say to you that you are Peter (which means ‘rock’), and upon this rock I will build my church, and all the powers of hell will not conquer it.

**Luke 12: 5** - But I will show you whom you should fear: Fear him who, after your body has been killed, has authority to throw you into hell.

### 3. Hell is what Hell is because God is who God is.

#### Holy

**Exodus 15: 11** - Who among the gods is like you, LORD? Who is like you— majestic in holiness, awesome in glory, working wonders?

**Habakkuk 1: 13** - Your eyes are too pure to look on evil; you cannot tolerate wrongdoing.

**Psalms 5: 4** - For you are not a God who is pleased with wickedness; with you, evil people are not welcome.

#### Righteous Judge

**Psalms 96: 13** - Let all creation rejoice before the LORD, for he comes, he comes to judge the earth. He will judge the world in righteousness and the peoples in his faithfulness.

**Revelations 19: 11** - I saw heaven standing open and there before me was a white horse, whose rider is called Faithful and True. With justice he judges.

### 4. Hell shows us the extent of God's love in saving us.

**John 3: 16** - For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

**Romans 5: 8** - But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

### 5. God doesn't send anyone to Hell we send ourselves.

**John 3: 18** - Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned... .

**Matthew 25: 45, 46-** “He will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.’<sup>46</sup> “Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life.”

### 6. God's desire is that we do not go to Hell.

**II Peter 3: 9** - The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

**I Timothy 2: 3, 4** - This is good, and pleases God our Savior, <sup>4</sup> who wants all people to be saved... .

## The Real Questions

### 1. Life is eternal - How will you live it?

**John 3: 36** - Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life, but whoever rejects the Son will not see life... .

**Galatians 6: 8** - Whoever sows to please their flesh, from the flesh will reap destruction; whoever sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life.

**2. Life is eternal - How do you want those you love to live it?** Isaiah 6: 8 - Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I. Send me!”

**John 4: 35** - ... I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest.