shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power" (II Thessalonians 1:9).

WHO WILL GO TO HELL?

The Bible mentions a great host of people who will spend eternity in hell. In fact, the vast majority of people will be there! Jesus exhorts, "Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it" (Matthew 7:13-14).

The devil and his angels will be in hell. "Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels" (Matthew 25:41). "...God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell...chains of darkness...reserved unto judgment" (II Peter 2:4).

Those who **do not know God** will be in hell. "In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God..." (II Thessalonians 1:8).

Those **who do not obey the gospel** will be in hell. "In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ" (II Thessalonians 1:8).

Those whose names are not written in the book of life will be in hell. "And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire" (Revelation 20:15).

Those **who waste their talents** will be in hell. "And cast ye the unprofitable servant into

outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth" (Matthew 25:14-30).

Revelation 21:8 identifies many who will be found in hell. "But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death."

There will be absolutely NO GOOD THING in hell. Friend, will you eventually find yourself there? Your sin is the reason you will go to hell. God, through Christ, has made it possible for you to have forgiveness of sins so that you will not have to go to hell if you obey the gospel. **Believe** in Christ, **repent** of your sins, **confess** Christ, be **baptized**, **live faithful**, and you can escape hell (Luke 13:3; Romans 10:10; Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38). You do not have to be among those who will be in HELL! Repent and be baptized today.

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IS HELL A REAL PLACE?

Some surveys taken indicate that most people do not believe in hell and those who do believe it is real do not believe they will go there. They believe that hell is reserved for only the vilest of criminals. The fact that one believes or does not believe does not change the certainty and reality that **HELL IS REAL**.

The Bible declares hell is real. Jesus said, "Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation" (John 5:28-29). The rich man of Luke 16 lived such a life so that when he died he found himself in torment. "And 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" (Luke 16:24-25,28).

Some contend that God is so loving that he would not send anyone to hell. However, God's righteousness, holiness and justice demands it! Though God does not desire that any should perish and wants all men to come to repentance (II Peter 3:9), those who disobey place themselves in hell (II Thessalonians 1:7-9; Matthew 7:21). "For our God is

a consuming fire...It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God" (Hebrews 12:29; 10:31). "And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works. And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire" (Revelation 20:13-15).

God's word lends no support to those who disbelieve in hell. "The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God" (Psalm 9:17). "And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt" (Daniel 12:2). "And I say unto you my friends, Be not afraid of them that kill the body, and after that have no more that they can do. But I will forewarn you whom ye shall fear: Fear him, which after he hath killed hath power to cast into hell; yea, I say unto you, Fear him" (Luke 12:4-5).

WHAT IS HELL LIKE?

Hell is real and is certainly a Biblical subject! It is not a tale of preachers to scare people. It is spoken of often in both the Old and New Testaments. God speaks to warn us of its horror. We would do well to study

it so that we might make preparations **not** to go there.

Hell is a place of **FIRE**. "And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire" (Revelation 20:15). "And shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth" (Matthew 13:42). "Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels" (Matthew 25:41). "In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ" (II Thessalonians 1:8). "...He will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire" (Matthew 13:12). "Whosoever shall say, Thou fool, shall be in danger of hell fire" (Matthew 5:22). "...Reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men" (II Peter 3:7). "Even as Sodom and Gomorrha, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh, are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire" (Jude 7). "...He shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb" (Revelation 14:10). "These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone" (Revelation 19:20).

Hell is a place of **TORMENT.** The rich man said, "I am tormented in this flame" (Luke 16:24). "And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night" (Revelation 14:11).

Hell is a place of **DARKNESS.** "And cast ye the unprofitable servant into outer darkness…" (Matthew 25:30). "…Delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment" (II Peter 2:4).

Hell is a place of **SEPARATION**. "Who