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The Results Of Attributing Evil Pagan Teachings  
To God By Religious People

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The "Age Lasting" Hell

**An evil Pagan teachings  
That is attributed to God  
By those who say they worship Him**

**THE GOD SLANDERING DARK AGE DOCTRINE OF HELL MAKES GOD EVIL, CRUEL, SADISTIC, AND FIENDISH. By some unknown and twisted reasoning it is assumed that for God to be just He must forever torment the lost for His justice demands this; HOW DOES "GOD IS A JUST GOD" DEMAND THAT THERE IS A HELL OR PROVE THERE IS A HELL? From the first sin, God's sentence to Adam was not eternal torment but death. Throughout the Bible, the sentence for sin is always death, not torment. *"The wages of sin is death."* That His justice demands that He must forever torment the lost is without any foundation in His word. To put it pure and simple, it is a doctrine of man and it makes God evil, cruel, and fiendish for if the punishment exceeds the crime by millions of times, it is injustice, not justice.**

If a man should put a single person that had raped and killed his wife in a dark pit and torment him day and night for ten years, most would condemn him to the hottest part of "Hell." Yet, some teach that God made mankind knowing that most of them would be lost, and many millions would never hear His word; yet He will torment them worse than anything we can imagine, not for ten years; but time without end. It will be God doing the tormenting; God will be the one who makes the fire and keeps it burning forever. Satan or the evil ones will not be tormenting themselves. Many try to justify God for doing more than any man can do, and being more cruel and sadistic than the most evil man could ever be by saying we cannot understand the evil of sin. The God of the Bible is a God of love and justice; not as many make Him: sadistic, fiendish, cruel, evil, and in character much like Satan. In the Hell that is preached today no one will be corrected by the torment; therefore, it can only be sadistic?

**The Ultimate Evil:** "The idea of never-ending conscious agony is so completely revolting to our instinctive moral and judicial senses that we could fittingly call it the ultimate evil. If we're honest about the matter, this is exactly what it is. After all, is it possible to come up with a worse notion than perpetual fiery conscious misery – with no merciful respite or end to the suffering? The mere idea is so disturbing

that it makes it a very hard subject to discuss calmly. How can anyone with an ounce of human compassion contemplate the idea dispassionately when the view of ceaseless torture is so profoundly disturbing?" Chapter eight, [www.hell-know.net/](http://www.hell-know.net/)

**The Deprived, Revolting Evil:** "To torment a child that dies without ever knowing anything about God or His word forever day and night with a torment worse than any pain we can have on this earth would not be 'justice,' but sadistic. What kind of a person could love a God who was tormenting his wife and children with more pain than anyone has ever had in this life? When we are in Heaven, do you think we will be singing of God's love and mercy while He is cruelly tormenting most of mankind and many you now love, your wife or husband, your father and mother, your child, your friend? Is there a greater perversion of Scripture than to attribute such characteristics to God? Is it reasonable to believe that the righteous in their glorified state can be indifferent to, and unaffected by, the endless sufferings of countless millions of their fellow beings; among whom would probably be found parents, children, husbands, wives, etc.? Is it possible that they will be destitute of qualities which are considered most lovely and godlike in this life; viz., piety, sympathy, compassion, commiseration for others' woes, etc.? Will insensibility to the woes of the wretched ever become a virtue? Will that which is a vice in this life, become a grace in the glorious future life?" From a web page by "Ron" which is no longer on the net.

Today, many think that the electric chair or hanging of a person who has killed many is inhumane though it takes only a few seconds; but these same people see no inconsistency in believing it is just for God to torment the same person, even if that person has never heard His word, with a torment which they say is much worse than the few seconds would be and this torment by God will not last only for a few seconds but for an endless eternity.

**More Cruel And Sadistic Than Any Heathen God:** THE CALVIN GOD, which is believed in and worshiped by many, is a God many times more evil, more cruel and sadistic than any heathen god. Before the Calvin God made the world, He rigged the outcome and chose to make most of mankind to be lost before He made them. He even made it impossible for them to believe, but will torment them forever for not believing. The torment by the worshipers of heathen gods soon end with death of the ones being tormented; but Calvinism teaches God made most men, many millions, just so He could torment them without end for eternity "for his good pleasure."

According to Hell fire Calvin teachers, this torment will be many times worse than any torment by the worshipers of heathen gods; and will never end in the death of those being tormented. How could any person who has an ounce of compassion, love and worship such a God?

Those who believe in the Calvin God say this God chose you to be saved or to be lost before he made the world. If you are one of the few chosen by this evil God to be saved, even if you live in the most out of the way place in the world and never know of God or Christ, when the time comes for you to be saved you will be. You can do nothing about it and you cannot say no. If you are one of the many he chose to torment forever there is no use to send preachers to you; there is no use for you to read the Bible or do anything; there is nothing you or anyone can do. According to Calvin this God made you just because he wants to torment you forever, and he will. Such a God is like a very rich ruler who torments a thousand people "for his good pleasure" and enjoyment, and chose you to make rich and happy. He would not be worthily of your love, but only your contempt. To destroy the evil, either in this lifetime or at the judgment is one thing; but to make them be evil before they were born, and then torment them without end with more pain than they can know in this lifetime for being what he made them to be is not justice. He would be an unjust and evil God. He made them evil and gave them no chance not to be, and then torments them for being what He made them to be. If you put a person who worked in a store in the electric chair for unknowingly short changing a person one cent, your injustice would not equal that of a God that made one person just so he could torment that person forever. Many say He did this with most of mankind. Most are filled with grief when a loved one or friend has some sickness that makes them suffer even when they know the suffering will soon end with death. Yet, they worship a God who they believe will take pleasure in the suffering of billions without end; and not only will he take pleasure in it but he will be the one that is tormenting them and making them suffer and he made them just so he could torment and make them suffer. CALVIN DID NOT GET HIS DOCTRINE FROM THE HEATHENS FOR THE HEATHENS HAD NO DOCTRINE AS CRUEL, AS FIENDISH, AS BLACK, OR AS UNJUST.

**A Scandal Against The Almighty:** "For were a woman to commit a crime against her husband, and he punishes her by holding her hand in the fire until the flesh burned off the bones, he would be pronounced one of the most cruel beings in the world; and if he were to escape justice, he would be hunted as a wild beast; and when brought to trial and condemned, he would be pronounced worthy of

thrice the punishment that the law could inflict. And he would have been tried and condemned by men, most of whom, perhaps, believed that God would take that same woman, for that same crime that she had committed against her husband, and put-not only her hand, but her whole self into a Lake of Fire and Brimstone;-not for half an hour-not for a day-not for a year-nor for ten thousand years only, but for all Eternity. Also, that this Burning of her in a Blazing Hell would be so agreeable to the determination of the Almighty that no pity could be excited, no mercy shown; but that there, in that Lake of Fire she should gnash, and groan, and wail Eternally. Oh! How horrid the picture! And what a terrible crime, even in the light of their own actions, to charge God with such cruelty!" John Kent, "Eternal Burning, A SCANDAL AGAINST THE ALMIGHTY" 1879.

**A God Of Infinite Horror:** "That God would rise the wicked and give them immortality only to torment them in a devil's hell unendingly is both gross and vulgar, even blasphemous. Such a God is not the one described in the Bible...If the God of heaven subjects innumerable billions to unending and indescribable torment, it can only be seen as the one infinite horror." Leroy Garrett, Restoration Review, November 1990.

**A Mockery Of Truth And A Blasphemy Against Deity:** "My opponent will make an effort to try and demonstrate that our loving, compassionate, merciful God will be content with nothing less than the perpetual, never diminishing, horrific *torture* of the vast majority of mankind. Not only is that *not* what the Scriptures teach, it has the distinct disadvantage of portraying our God as a *Monster* the likes of which the human mind cannot even conceive. It is to proclaim a God foreign to the inspired revelation. Thus, it is a mockery of Truth and a blasphemy against Deity." Al Maxey, Maxey-Thrasher Debate on the Eternal Destiny of the Wicked by two ministers of the church of Christ at: <http://www.zianet.com/maxey/MxThrshr.htm> - I recommend this debate to all members of the church of Christ of which he is a member, and to all who want the truth.

**Worst Than Gods Of Paganism:** "Paganism in its worst forms has never surpassed, if it has equaled, the savage and terrible descriptions which have been given by Christians of their God. The character ascribed to Him; the dreadful wrath and vengeance with which He is moved; the cold and malignant purpose of creation in regard to million of souls; the stern severity and gloom of His government; the horrible and never-ceasing tortures which He will

inflict on His helpless, children-all this, and much more of like character, defies the power of language to set it forth in its true light, or to present it in a manner adequate to its shocking revolting reality." Thomas Thayer, "The Origin And History Of The Doctrine Of Endless Punishment."

**Makes The Universe A Theater Of Cursing And Blasphemy:** "What, then, is the doctrine of endless misery? Stripped of all its drapery, it is no more or less than this: That a large part of the human family are doomed to suffer the most intense and indescribable torments as long as God shall exist, without the least hope or possibility of being benefited by their sufferings. In some part of this beautiful universe, God has prepared an awful, dismal, burning hell, and there countless myriads of human beings shall weep and groan, unpitied and unrelieved, while ceaseless ages shall roll; and when ten thousand times ten thousand years shall have passed, they shall have as long to suffer as if their sufferings had but just began. And, then, to think of the number of the lost to remember that there are on this earth not less than eight hundred millions of human beings, and that out of these there are not more than fifty millions that can be saved, upon the broadest system of partialism; and that, by consequence, there must be more than seventy thousand souls going down to hell every day; and, then, to think of generations that have past, and reflect upon the vast and countless multitudes that must be congregated in that huge reservoir of tears and woe; the very thought bears the lie upon its front. The degree of the punishment outrages all ideas of proportion between guilt and punishment, and the number of the victims shocks all feelings of humanity or mercy. It makes the universe a theater of cursing and blasphemy, rather than a field for the display of the boundless perfections of a merciful and benevolent Creator." I. D. Williamson, *An Examination Of The Doctrine Of Endless Punishment*, 1860.

**God The Tormentor:** Spurgeon, one of the greatest of Baptist preachers, said, "When thou driest, thy soul will be tormented alone; that will be a hell for it; but at the day of judgment thy body will join thy soul and then thou wilt have twin hells, thy soul sweating drops of blood, and thy body suffused with agony. In fire exactly like that which we have on earth, thy body will lie, asbestos like, forever unconsumed, all thy veins roads for the feet of pain to travel on, every nerve a string on which the devil shall forever play his diabolical tune of hell's unutterable lament." From his sermon "The Resurrection of

the Dead." Like most who believe God will forever torment many billions, he must have some revelation that is not in the Bible to tell him about their suffering. In his day most orthodox Protestants believed the Devil would be doing the tormenting, but today most orthodox Protestants think he was wrong, that God is the one who will be doing the tormenting. The man made "Hell" is forever changing. What was orthodox in his day is no longer orthodox. For many Baptists his truth is no longer truth.

Ebenezer Erskine in "The Judgment" "How shall the adulterer satisfy lust when he lies on a bed of flames? The swearer shall have enough of wounds and blood when the devil shall torture his body and rack his soul in hell. The drunkard shall have plenty of his cups when scalding lead shall be poured down his throat, and his breath draw flames of fire instead of air."

**An Atrocious Slander On God:** Henry Ward Beeches speaking of Michael Angelo's painting, The Last Judgment said, "Let anyone see the enormous gigantic coils of fiends and man; let anyone look at the defiant Christ that stands like a superb athlete at the front, hurling his enemies from him and calling his friends toward him as Hercules might have done; let anyone look upon that hideous wriggling mass that goes plunging down through the air-serpents and man and beasts of every nauseous kind, mixed together; let him look at the lower parts of the picture, where with the pitchforks men are by devils being cast into cauldrons and into burning fires, where hateful fiends are gnawing the skulls of suffering sinners, and where there is hellish cannibalism going on-let a man look at that picture and scenes which it depicts, and he sees what were the ideas which man once had of Hell and of divine justice. It was a night-mare as hideous as was ever begotten by the hellish brood it-self; and it was an atrocious slander on God...I do not wonder that men have reacted from these horrors."

Jonathan Edwards, "The world will probably be converted into a great lake or liquid globe of fire, in which the wicked shall be overwhelmed, which will always be in tempest, in which they shall be tossed to and fro, having no rest day or night, vast waves and billows of fire continually rolling over their heads, of which they shall forever be full of a quick sense within and without; their heads, their eyes, their tongues, their hands, their feet, their loins and their vitals, shall forever be full of a flowing, melting fire, fierce enough to melt the very rocks and elements; and, also, they shall eternally be full of the most quick and lively sense to feel the torments; not for one minute,

not for one day, not for one age, not for two ages, not for a hundred ages, not for ten thousand millions of ages, one after another, but for forever and ever, without an end at all, and never to be delivered."

Benson, "He will exert all his divine attributes to make them as wretched as the capacity of their nature will admit...They must be perpetually swelling their enormous sums of guilt, and still running deeper, immensely deeper, in debt to divine and infinite justice. Hence after the longest imaginable period, they will be so far from having discharged their debt that they will find more due than when they first began to suffer." He has God charging interest on the debt of the suffering sinner owes Him at such a high rate that the sinner gets more behind as time goes on. If the punishment exceeds the crime by billions of times would it be justice or injustice?

Dr. E. Beecher said it, "Involves God, his whole administration, and his eternal kingdom in the deepest dishonor that the mind of man or angel can conceive, by the violation of the highest and most sacred principles of honor and right, and on the scale of infinity and eternity" Page 225. "The human mind cannot be held back from abhorring such a theory, except by the most unnatural violence to its divinely inspired convictions of honor and right" Page 306, Conflict of the Ages.

WHAT KIND OF JUSTICE IS THIS? To fill many books with the most harrowing descriptions of torment would not equal the torment we are told that God will give to just one person for all eternity. After someone who never knows of God in his lifetime on earth has been in torment in Hell for not believing in God for trillions times trillions of years, we are told they will still have eternity with not one second less time to suffer. Those who believe in Hell say, "It is justice." My question to them is how do they know it to be justice; where did God tell this to them? It being justice is something they had to make up to try to justify their heathen Hell even if they make God be much more evil than Satan. They are saying, "Stepping on a person's lawn may get you a disapproving look, but stepping on God's lawn will get you eternal torment by God." No one could know this without a revelation from God and there is no such revelation, it is an addition, it is making God evil just to justify their evil teaching.

DO YOU WONDER WHERE IN THE BIBLE THEY FOUND THINGS LIKE THE DEVIL POURING SCALDING LEAD DOWN THE THROAT OF A PERSON AND MANY THOUSANDS OF LIKE THINGS? THE ANSWER IS THAT THEY ARE IN THE SAME PASSAGE WHERE THEY FOUND HELL AND THE SAME PASSAGE WHERE THEY



FOUND THE NAME OF HELL. THEY FOUND THEM IN THE TEACHING OF MEN, NOT THE BIBLE.

"As a child, Robert Ingersoll heard a preacher proclaim the doctrine that God subjects sinners to unending torment in hell. Ingersoll decided that if God were like that, then he hated Him. Later he wrote of this belief that it 'makes man an eternal victim and God an eternal fiend. It is the one infinite horror. **Below this Christian dogma, savagery cannot go.' There are substantial moral and logical difficulties in believing in a God who tortures His enemies forever. Like Ingersoll, thousands of thinking men have turned away from such a God**" Tim Crosby in Ministry.

E. Petavel, D. D., "The lamentable results of the Platonic doctrine may be seen in the theology of a Tertullian and an Augustine,--theology called orthodox.--which makes the God of love an Executioner whom innumerable victims will curse eternally. Such a doctrine is a burden even to its adherents. It has drawn from them admissions, which we are bound to record. Henry Rogers declared that 'for his part he would not be sorry to see every child die at the age of four years.' Albert Barnes admits, with a soul full of anguish that he cannot understand why there are men destined to suffer forever. 'The Gospel,' says Isaac Taylor, 'fills us with a universal sympathy which sometimes make us regret that it must be true in all its teaching.' Calvin himself cannot refrain from confessing that the decree of God concerning sinners seems to him horrible ('decretum horrible fateor'). In a word, the traditional dogma conducts to pessimism by making evil eternal. **What has been the result? Extremes meeting, the doctrine of eternal suffering has led to Universalism.** More or less secretly many of the partisans of the traditional dogma, unable to hold it any longer, have quitted their position, to embrace the hope of a universal salvation; while others wander in the penumbra of eschatological skepticism" The Extinction Of Evil, Page 78, 1889.

**THE CAUSE OF ATHEISM AND STUMBLING IN MANY Matthew  
18:6**

### **A DOCTRINE THAT MAKES ATHEISTS**

**God has been made so cruel, and this doctrine is so unthinkable that it has probably created more atheists, and caused more weak believers to fall away than any other false teaching.** The dread of Hell has caused misery and mental anguish to countless millions and **INSTEAD OF THE HORROR OF HELL TURNING MANY TO GOD TO ESCAPE ETERNAL TORMENT, MANY MILLIONS HAVE BEEN TURNED**

**AWAY FROM SUCH AN UNJUST GOD.** The doctrine of Hell is one of Satan's best tools to turn many away from Christ. Do you want to give an account to God at the judgment for teaching it? No heathen religion has a God as unjust and fiendish as many "Christians" make their God.

Edward White said, "It cannot be denied that the frightful doctrines on the future of humanity...supported by the general authority of nearly all Christendom for at least fourteen centuries, are regarded with contemptuous skepticism by the bulk of the existing male population of Europe, who assigns these articles of 'the faith' as the chief reason for their ever extending and fierce revolt against Christianity" Life In Christ, Page 65, 1878.

**GOD IS NOT A GOD OF TERROR, A CRUEL AND EVIL BEING THIS DOCTRINE MAKES HIM TO BE. DO YOU THINK HE WILL SAY TO THOSE WHO TEACH HE IS UNJUST, "WELL DONE, GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANT...ENTER YOU INTO THE JOY OF YOUR LORD" [Matthew 15:21]?**

If the reason anyone converts is because of a fear of Hell, his or her conversion is just superficial, not real, not because he or she had a love for God, just afraid of being tormented in Hell. A conversion because of the fear of Hell makes a hypocrite, not a Christians. The harm that has been done by the heresy of eternal torment is beyond belief.

### **DILEMMAS OF THEIR OWN MAKING**

The doctrine of Hell puts those who teach it in dilemmas from which they have no way out.

[1] Dilemma number one: According to most who believe in Hell only a few will escape it, but they say all who die before the age accountably will escape Hell and will go to Heaven. By their own teaching, the Abortionist maybe sending more to Heaven and saving them from Hell than preaching is. Yet, many preachers that teach "Hell" with all its horrors bitterly oppose abortions, which by their own teaching, is saving more from "Hell" than they are. Why? According to their own teaching, in the US alone by abortion millions have been sent to Heaven but most of them would have ended up being in eternal torment if they had lived. If I believed their teaching about Hell, I would be all for a sure way to save millions from an eternity of torment and put them safely in Heaven.

[2] Dilemma number two: Many pagans count girl babies of little or no use and kill many of them. For centuries, millions of girl babies in China have been killed at birth. Today, because of the law in China of one child per family, many girl babies are being killed at birth by parents who want a boy. According to the teaching of those who believe in Hell there are millions of

Chinese girls in Heaven that would have been tormented in Hell if they had lived, but not many Chinese boys are in Heaven.

[3] Dilemma number three: According to them, the children killed in the Old Testament in Gehenna would be blessed for by not having a few years of life with pain and problems they will forever live with God in Heaven.

There are many more dilemmas like these. How many children have been sent to heaven by wars? How many children were sent to Heaven when the two A-bombs were dropped in world war two; do we need more wars and bombs to keep more out of Hell and to send more to Heaven? How many children will be in Heaven because they had no food or some sickness? By their teaching, a child that is killed or dies soon after birth is blessed over those that live for most of them that do not die as a child will live forever in torment and all those that do die when they are a child will live forever in Heaven. According to their own teaching (if they were right), Heaven will have more in it that was killed as a child than by all the preaching.

Annihilationism is God giving people freedom to choose not to accept Christ and the life He died to give them. Their not-accepting Christ and life means they have chosen to accept death. God gives them their choice, and lets them pay the wages of their sin, death, for they have chosen not to let Christ pay it for them. He is a just God, not a cruel sadistic God who will torment forever. Some say, "God is a God of justice and sin must be paid for, or God would not be just." Yes, but being sadistic is not justice in anyone's book, and the very fact that He is just would not let Him cruelly and sadistically torment anyone forever without end. The wages of our sins were paid by the death of Christ; those who have not been baptized into His death will pay for their own sins in the second death, not by having scalding lead poured down his or her throat for all eternity. God made all out of nothing and has the right to send any back to nothing. Sending those back to nothing that choose to not give Him the worship He is entitled to is His right and there is nothing cruel about it. They have the life He has given to them and have chosen to live it for themselves.

### **MAKES GOD HAVE A DOUBLE STANDARD**

#### **One for Him and another for us**

What would be wrong for us, to torment all that do not believe, is made to be right and good for God to do "for His good pleasure" on a scale that is infinitely greater than would be possible for all men combined to do.

**Many have tried to lessen the cruelty in a number of ways.** [1] Perhaps the most common one is to make Hell be only in the mind of the lost. Billy Graham said, "I have often wondered if Hell is a terrible burning within our hearts for God, to fellowship with God, a fire that we can never quench."

This does not help any and maybe makes it crueler. Mental pain is as bad and sometimes worse than physical pain. God tormenting most of mankind by making them live in mental pain for eternity would not make Him any less cruel. [2] Some have tried to justify this cruelty by saying the punishment must fit the crime. If a person commits a crime against a person he or she does not know, it is not as bad as the same crime would be if committed against his or her mother and the same crime committed against God is infinitely worse, but no one could know this without a revelation from God; where in God's word does He say the same trespasses become infinitely worse when it is against God? Jesus teaches that what ever we do or do not do for mankind we do or do not do it for God [Matthew 25:40, 45], and He makes no distinction as to whom the sin was against. **For centuries many of the best thinkers in the orthodox churches have tried to find a way to justify Hell.** I think the best they have done is to say the same crime/sin committed against an infinite God demands an infinite punishment, and God would not be just if He did not torment all sinners forever; they have tried to make it look as if He has no way out and must torment in Hell. What new revelation do they have that makes God be wrong when He said, "*The wages of sin is death*"?

- First: they are speaking where the Bible does not say anything and are making God be bound by their theology; therefore, they give God no choice, making God be bound to forever torment most of mankind all to justify their "Hell."
- Second: God's law in the Old Testament had the same punishment if the sin were against man or against Himself. To lie was the same if the lie were to a person or to God. His law was an eye for an eye no matter whom the sin was against. Their theology makes it be one eye if the lie were told to a person, but if the same lie were told to God it would be an endless number of eyes.
- Third: If any sin against an infinite God demands an infinite punishment of eternal torment in Hell, all have sinned. If the only payment for our sin against an infinite God is eternal torment, Christ did not pay it for us. If the payment is death, Christ did pay it for us.
- Fourth: God made us and if He had chosen not to give anyone eternal life, to let us pass out of exists, to return to not existing, He would still be a good and merciful God for giving us the life we have. But, God has given us much more if we will only believe and obey Him. He has given His only Son that we may given life, not death. He has saved us from the wages of sin; the death that we deserve and given us life.

- Fifth: Who could love and worship a God that according to traditional doctrine would have made our father, mother, wife or husband, our children, and many we know and love just so He could torment them and He gives them no change to not be tormented.

Throughout the Old Testament, God destroyed His enemies, Sodom and Gomorrah, the flood, drowning in the Red Sea, etc. He did not torment them forever. The Bible does not teach it is the character or nature of God to torment the lost.

Not only is Hell an addition to the Bible but also Hell is many times crueller than anything the pagans ever even thought of. Because for most it is something that is far away and not something they can see now, I do not think they can see how cruel they are being too most, or how cruel they are making God be. Because it is not something that is not real to them, they are able to tell themselves "it is justice." If the Hell they teach was real and they could look over into it and see God tormenting most of mankind in the terrible way they now teach that He will be doing, they would be terrified of such an evil being as they say their God is. **HOW CAN ANYONE NOT SEE THIS?**

The doctrine of an immortal soul that cannot die and must forever be tormented is the most heartless doctrine any person ever believed. **BELIEVING IN HELL IS AS HEARTLESS AS ANY PERSON CAN BE, AND IS LOVING AND WORSHIPING THE MOST CRUEL, SADISTIC AND FIENDISH OF ALL GODS. If being created in the image of God means mankind cannot die but must forever be tormented, then being in the image of God is a curse for most of mankind;** it would have been better for them to be as animals are. God made all things that are, if Hell does exist, it could only have been God that thought it up and made it.

**DO THOSE WHO TEACH THE DOCTRINE OF HELL REALLY BELIEVE IN HELL?** The plain inference is that they do not believe in it. They see some of their family, their friends, those they work with or live next door, that they say are going to Hell at death, but do little or nothing about it. If they really believe in Hell when they see unsaved people they know and love dying all around them, why do they do so little to save them? They seem to care more about what is on television than they do about the eternal torment of those they say they love, and countless millions of others.

**The Saints In Heaven Are Deprived Of Qualities God Has Given To Us, Sympathy, Pity, Love For Others.**

"The smoke of their torment shall ascend up in the sight of the blessed forever and serve as a most clear glass always before their eyes to give them a constant, bright, and most affecting view... THIS

DISPLAY OF THE DIVINE CHARACTER AND GLORY WILL BE IN FAVOR OF THE REDEEMED, AND MOST ENTERTAINING, AND GIVE THE HIGHEST PLEASURE TO THOSE WHO LOVE GOD, AND RAISE THEIR HAPPINESS TO INEFFABLE HEIGHTS. SHOULD THIS ETERNAL PUNISHMENT AND THIS FIRE BE EXTINGUISHED, IT WOULD IN A GREAT MEASURE OBSCURE THE LIGHT OF HEAVEN AND PUT AN END TO A GREAT PART OF THE HAPPINESS AND GLORY OF THE BLESSED." Samuel Hopkins, "The works of Samuel Hopkins, D.D." Page 458.

What kind of sick man could get the highest pleasure from seeing a cruel God doing his cruel work on billions and even on many he knows and loves? He makes the saints in Heaven be deprived of qualities God has given to us, sympathy, pity, love for others, caring for others; and made them to be cruel monsters that delight in the pain of others, and loves to hear the groans of those they now love, and the groans of the countless millions of the lost. He makes the saints in Heaven taking satisfaction from seeing God inflict eternal pain without end on those who they loved on earth be more cruel and blood thirsty than those in Rome who took satisfaction in seeing lions eating Christians.

**Saints On Earth Become Like The God they Worship:** (See "The Crusades, bloody Mary" in chapter one.)

"I am reminded of this talk show, which showed a group of religious "Christians" screaming at people in a department store parking lot. Waving their bibles, they were shouting lines like 'You're all going to hell!' (Of course what they really meant by this was 'You're all gonna be tortured forever and ever!') Needless to say, they looked like hideous fiends, and to think that such people actually believe they're obediently doing God's will. *What deception.* I can't help but be a mite suspect of the character of those who *unswervingly* defend the eternal torture doctrine...I personally believe that these people who staunchly support eternal torture – these folks who almost seem to relish the idea of human beings consciously roasting in agony for all eternity and who become ridiculously irate when a fellow Christian rejects such a ghastly view (even though based upon a thorough biblical analysis) – I believe that such people have given reign to their flesh in this one area. Their very character must be questioned; it has somehow become warped and perverted. I say this because they would zealously do everything in their power to oppose supporters of everlasting destruction. Some go as far as to teach that

adherents of literal destruction aren't even saved, that they aren't fellow brothers and sisters in the Lord. Such people have such a sinister, repulsive, hostile air to them that I wouldn't doubt that, if this was the Inquisition era of medieval infamy, they would not hesitate to put to death or torture adherents of everlasting destruction" From a web page [www.hell-know.net](http://www.hell-know.net) chapter eight.

"The smoke of their burning flesh shall be as a sweet smelling savor in the nostrils of the Almighty" Jonathan Edwards, "Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God."

Summary: THE REAL ISSUE IN THE DOCTRINE OF HELL IS THE NATURE OF GOD. IS HE A GOD OF LOVE AND MERCY OR IS HE A CRUEL, SADISTIC, AND FIENDISH GOD TO MOST OF MANKIND AND MADE THEM JUST SO HE COULD TORMENT THEM AND GIVE THEM NO CHANCE TO NOT BE TORMENTED AND WILL NOT LET THEM DIE? **THOSE WHO BELIEVE IN SUCH A GOD MUST DEFEND EVERLASTING TORMENT AND THE GOD WHO MADE MOST OF MANKIND KNOWING THAT HE WOULD TORMENT THEM FOREVER; AND ACCORDING TO THE CALVIN AND JONATHAN EDWARDS VERSIONS OF HELL THIS GOD WILL DELIGHT IN IT, AND ACCORDING TO CREEDS, AUGUSTINE, SPURGEON AND MANY OTHERS, THOSE IN HEAVEN WOULD FIND DELIGHT IN SEEING THOSE IN HELL BEING ROASTED IN FIRE. SUCH A GOD AND HEAVEN CANNOT BE DEFENDED. A GOD WITH SUCH VINDICTIVENESS IS A TOTALLY CONTRADICTION TO THE GOD WHO WOULD HAVE ALL MEN COME TO REPENTANCE.** God is not an eternal prison keeper who loves to torments all that are in His prison. Those who believe in an immortal soul must believe in an eternal hell, and in eternal punishment that has no purpose, a punishment that is not proportionate to the sin, and in a god with a nature that the basest of men would not defend; eternal torment in Hell requires a god that is so dreadful that it make many reject him and his bible. **When I gave up the evil God of Hell, and believed in the true God; it brought a peace and joy I never believed possible. I now worship a God who is worthy of being loved and worshiped.**

#### **THE FATE OF THOSE WHO ARE NOT IN CHRIST**

[1] **UTTERLY DESTROYED** [Acts 3:23]

[2] **DEATH** [Romans 6:23; 6:21; 7:5; 4:17; 8:6; 1 Corinthians 3:22]

[3] **MUST DIE** [Romans 8:13; John 8:24; 6:50]. This is not the first death, which comes to all, to both those who are saved and those who are lost

[Hebrews 9:27], but is the **SECOND DEATH** (eternal nothingness) [Revelation 21:8]. All will die once but the lost will die twice

[4] *"And when sin is accomplished, it brings forth **DEATH**"* [James 1:15]

[5] *"Condemned them to **EXTINCTION**"* Revised Standard Version [2 Peter 2:6]

[6] *They "are **WORTHY OF DEATH**"* [Romans 1:32]

[7] **PASSES AWAY** [1 John 2:17]

[8] Their **END is DEATH** [Romans 6:21-22]

[9] Their wages for sin "*IS DEATH*" [Romans 6:23]

[10] They "*MUST DIE*" [Romans 8:13]

[11] *"Their **END is DESTRUCTION**"* [Philippians 3:19]

[12] *"Whose **END is TO BE BURNED**"* [Hebrews 6:8]

[13] *"**Everlasting DESTRUCTION**"* [2 Thessalonians 1:9]

[14] *"**Sudden DESTRUCTION**"* [1 Thessalonians 5:2-3]

[15] *"**Swift DESTRUCTION**"* [2 Peter 2:1]

[16] *"Will reap **DESTRUCTION**"* [Galatians 6:8]

[17] *"**DESTRUCTION of ungodly man**"* [2 Peter 3:7]

[18] Are on the broad way leading to **DESTRUCTION** [Matthew 7:13-14; Philippians 3:19; 1:28; 2 Peter 3:7]

[19] God will **DESTROY** [1 Corinthians 3:17; 2 Peter 2:12]

[20] Will be "*DESTROYED*" like Sodom [Luke 17:29]

[21] **BRING TO NOTHING** [2 Thessalonians 2:8]

[22] Will be **TURNED TO ASHES** like Sodom and Gomorrah [Peter 2:6]

[23] Will "*BE BURNED UP*" [2 Peter 3:10]

[24] Will "*PERISH*" [John 3:16]

[25] Will be "*SLAIN*" [Luke 19:14]

[26] Will be "*THROWN AWAY*" [Matthew 13:18]

[27] They "***SHALL NOT SEE LIFE***" [John 3:36; 5:40; 1 John 3:15]

[28] **DO NOT HAVE THE "LIFE"** Christ gives to them that obey Him [John 3:36; 5:21; 5:24; 5:29; 5:40; 6:27; Matthew 19:29; 1 John 5:12]

[29] Will **LOSE LIFE** [Matthew 10:39]

[30] Will have **NO ACCESS TO THE TREE OF LIFE** [Revelation 2:7; 22:2; 22:14]

[31] Will be **BLOTTED OUT OF THE BOOK OF LIFE** [Revelation 3:5]

[32] Shall **PASS AWAY** in "*the Day of Judgment and **DESTRUCTION OF UNGODLY MEN,***" the "*heavens shall pass away...shall be dissolved...burned up*" [2 Peter 3:7-13]

[33] Will be "*DEVOUR*" [American Standard Version] "**CONSUME**" [New American Standard Version] [Hebrews 10:27; 12:29]



[34] **Fate of the wicked in the parable**-always destroyed, death, not tormented

- **THEY WILL BURN UP like the useless chaff of wheat** [Matthew 3:12, Luke 3:17]
- **BURNED like weeds, tares and bad fish** [Matthew 13:30-50]
- **Like harmful plants will be rooted up** [Matthew 15:13]
- **Cut asunder like the unfaithful servant** [Matthew 24:45-51]
- **Cut down like useless fig tree** [Luke 13:6-9]
- **SLAIN (killed) like enemies** [Luke 19:27]
- **Cast out and KILLED like the unfaithful husbandman** [Luke 20:9-17]
- **Are BURNED UP like withered branches** [John 15:6]
  - If the above language does not denote the utter destruction of the wicked, what language could God have used that would? None. Those who try to explain away the above would try to explain away any language that could be used.

[35] **Fate of the wicked in the Old Testament** (the fate of people and nations in this lifetime)

- *"Behold the day comes, it burns as a furnace [see 2 Peter 3:10-12] and all the proud and all that work wickedness shall be stubble; and the day that comes **SHALL BURN THEM UP**, says the LORD of hosts, that **IT SHALL LEAVE THEM NEITHER ROOT NOR BRANCH**"* [Malachi 4:1-3]. Probably said of the nation of Israel. Burn up a plant and leave it neither root nor branch and nothing will remain of it. Nothing will remain of the nation.
- The wicked *"shall soon **be cut down like the grass**"* [Psalms 37:2]
- *"Shall be cut off...**shall not be**"* [Psalms 37:9-10]
- *"Will be as **nothing**"* [Isaiah 41:11]
- *"Become as if they has never existed"* [Obadiah 16]
- *"Shall perish...in smoke shall they **consume away**"* [Psalms 37:20]
- *"They shall **be destroyed**"* [Psalms 37:38]. *"**Altogether destroyed**"* New Revised Standard Version
- Shall *"**melt away**"* [Psalms 112:10; 68:2]
- *"But the way of the wicked **will perish**"* [Psalms 1:6]
- *"But all the wicked, He **will destroy**"* [Psalms 145:20]
- *"Whoever has sinned against Me, I will **blot him out of My book**"* [Exodus 32:33]
- *"The wicked is reserved to the day of destruction"* [Job 21:30]

- *"They are like the chaff which the wind drives away"* [Psalms 1:4]
- **Souls shall die** [Genesis 3:3; Ezekiel 18:4; 13:19]

[36] Add to this the fact that Hell is not in the Bible, not the name or the concept; nothing is said about God tormenting anyone after the judgment; nothing is said about the wicked after the second death; and you have a clear picture of the fate of the wicked. **GOD COULD NOT HAVE SAID IN HUMAN LANGUAGE ANY CLEARER OR STRONGER WHAT THE FATE OF THE WICKED WILL BE. If you think it could be said any more clearly, try it. You cannot do it. BETWEEN THE STATEMENTS OF THE INSPIRED WRITERS OF THE BIBLE ABOVE, AND THE UNINSPIRED TEACHING OF MEN, THERE IS AN ENORMOUS DISCREPANCY AND CONTRADICTION THAT CANNOT BE EXPLAINED AWAY.**

Our choice is **life** or **death** [see Deuteronomy 30:19-20]. To **live** or **die** [Ezekiel 18:20], an eternal life in Hell forever being tormented by God is not one of our choices.

*"But even if we are an angel from heaven should preach to you a gospel contrary to what we preached to you, let that one be accursed! As we have said before, so now **I PRPEAT**, if anyone preaches to you a gospel contrary to what you received, let that one be accursed"* [Galatians 1:7-8]. Is there another time Paul said something so serious that he repeated it? If *"the wages of sin is death"* and someone preaches to you "the wages of sin is eternal life in torment" that one should be accursed of preaching a gospel contrary to that which Paul preached.

### **AFTER THE RESURRECTION THE FATE OF THOSE WHO ARE IN CHRIST**

- [1] **Eternal life** [Romans 6:23]
- [2] *"Shall inherit eternal life"* [Matthew 19:29]
- [3] After the judgment they *"shall go away into eternal life"* [Matthew 25:46]
- [4] **Will "have eternal life"** [John 3:5]
- [5] **Christ will raise them up on the last day** [John 6:40]
- [6] **Will be immortal after the resurrection** [1 Corinthians 15:51-56]
- [7] **Will have incorruption** [1 Corinthians 15:42]
- [8] **Will have glory** [1 Corinthians 15:43]
- [9] **Will be like Christ** *"We shall be like him; for we shall see him even as he is"* [1 John 3:2]
- [10] Are *"heirs according to the hope of eternal life"* [Titus 3:7]
- [11] **Will have a spiritual body** [1 Corinthians 15:44]

[12] "***And as we have borne the image of the earthly*** (The earthly flesh and blood body of Adam was made to live on this earth but it "*cannot inherit the kingdom of God*" 1 Corinthians 15:50), ***we shall also bear the image of the heavenly***" (Shall be like the spiritual body of Christ for life in Heaven) [1 Corinthians 15:47-56]

[13] "***Will never perish***" [John 10:28]

[14] **Forever with the Lord** [1 Thessalonians 4:17]

[15] **MANY MANSIONS IN MY FATHER'S HOUSE:** "***In my Father's house*** (Who is in Heaven Matthew 5:16; 5:45; 5:48; 6:1; 6:9; 7:21; 10:32-33) ***are many mansions...I go to prepare a place for you.***" (Where did Christ go to prepare a place for us? In the mansions in His Father's house in Heaven. "*For it was not David who ascended into heaven, but himself says: 'THE LORD SAID TO MY LORD, SIT AT MY RIGHT HAND, UNTIL I MAKE YOUR ENEMIES A FOOTSTOOL FOR YOUR FEET.'*" Acts 2:34-35) ***And if I go and prepare a place for you,*** (A place in my Father's house in Heaven) ***I come again, and will receive you unto myself; that where I am there you may also be*** (With me in the place I go to prepare for you in My Father's house in Heaven [John 14:1-3]. ***But now I go unto him*** (unto My Father who is in Heaven) ***that sent me***" ("*The word-Chris who was with the Father in the beginning and has always been a heavenly being with God became flesh, and dwelt among us*" John 1:14) [John 16:5]. He is no longer flesh, but has now gone back to Heaven to prepare a place for the saved and will come back for them. "*He who overcomes, I will grant to him to sit down with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne*" [Revelation 3:21]. Christ is now on His Father's throne in Heaven where He went to prepare a place for us.

[16] **FLESH AND BLOOD CANNOT INHERIT THE KINGDOM OF GOD:** "***And as we have borne the image of the earthly*** [flesh and blood], ***we shall also bear the image of the heavenly.*** Now this I say, brethren that ***FLESH AND BLOOD CANNOT INHERIT THE KINGDOM OF GOD;*** (Our bodies in the image of Adam made for this earth are not suitable for Heaven) ***neither do corruption inherit incorruption*** (Neither can our corruptible bodies in the image of Adam inherit in the heavenly realm). ***Behold, I tell you a mystery: We all shall not sleep,*** (Shall not die) ***but we shall all be changed,*** (ALL the saved that are asleep when Christ comes and ALL the saved that are alive) ***in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible,*** (Raised in the heavenly image of Christ, not in the corruptible image of Adam which they had when they died). ***For this corruptible must put on incorruption,*** (This earthly body in the image of Adam must put on

incorruption, a spiritual body in the image of Christ. Adam never had a spiritual body before or after he sined), *and this mortal must put on immortality* (This mortal body which is the body we now have must be changed to an immortal spiritual body which will not be the body of this earth which we now have). *But, when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory"* [1 Corinthians 15:50-54]. In this passage Paul is telling the Corinthians what their body will be after the resurrection.

- It cannot be "*flesh and blood*" for flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God [1 Corinthians 15:50].
- It cannot be a body of "*corruption*" in the image of Adam for a body of corruption cannot inherit incorruption [1 Corinthians 15:50-54].
- It cannot be the mortal body that we now have for this mortal body must put on immortality [1 Corinthians 15:53-54].

[17] "*We that are alive, that are left unto the coming of the Lord, shall in no wise precede them that are fallen asleep. For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven, with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God; and the dead in Christ shall rise first; then we that are alive, that are left, shall together with them be caught up in the clouds (To meet Him in the air and will have a body not of this earth) to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall ever be with the Lord"* [1 Thessalonians 4:16-17].

[18] "*Beloved, now we are children of God, and it has not appeared as yet what we shall be. (We know what the image of Adam is for we now have it. His image was flesh and blood both before and after he sinned, and we know that we now have his image, a body of flesh and blood, but we do not now know what the spiritual body in the image of Christ will be like.) We know that, when He appears, we shall be like Him because we shall see Him just as He is"* [1 John 3:2].

[19] **WILL BE LIKE ANGELS** "*The sons of this age marry and are given in marriage, but those who are considered worthy to attain to that age (The age to come. Not all will be worthy to attain to it) and the resurrection from the dead, neither marry, nor are given in marriage; for neither can they die any more, FOR THEY ARE LIKE ANGELS, (Like the angels, the saved will have a body that will be suitable for Heaven. Not an earthly being and will no longer have a body in the image of Adam made for this earth, but will have a spiritual body in the image of Christ. ANGELS HAVE NEVER HAD AN EARTHLY BODY IN THE IMAGE OF ADAM. WHEN WE ARE LIKE ANGELS WE WILL NOT HAVE AN EARTHLY BODY IN THE IMAGE OF ADAM) and are sons of God, being sons of the*

*resurrection"* [Luke 20:34-36]. Adam was made of the earth and had a flesh and blood body and Eve was made from his body before their sin, they never had a spiritual body or a body like the angels. To have a body like Adam before he sinned would be to have a flesh and blood body and be male and female. It would be nothing like the Angels.

[20] *"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to his great mercy begat us again unto a living hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, unto an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fades not away, reserved in heaven for you, who by the power of God are guarded through faith unto a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time"* [1 Peter 1:4].

[21] **SEEK THE THINGS ABOVE** *"If then you have been raised up with Christ, keep seeking the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your mind on the things above, not on the things that are on earth. For you have died and your life is hidden with Christ in God. WHEN CHRIST, WHO IS OUR LIFE, IS REVEALED, THEN YOU ALSO WILL BE REVEALED WITH HIM IN GLORY"* [Colossians 2:1-4].

[22] **WE NOW BEAR THE IMAGE OF THE EARTHLY [Adam] WE SHALL BEAR THE IMAGE OF THE HEAVENLY [Christ]** *"And just as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly"* (Not the flesh and blood image of Adam before or after he sinned, not an earthly body, not a body of dust) [1 Corinthians 15:48].

### **AN ETERNITY IN HEAVEN OR ON EARTH**

Some ask. "An eternity in Heaven doing what?" I ask them, "An eternity on earth doing what?" I have not seen anywhere that they say what they think we will be doing on earth for an eternity. Take whatever they think there will be to do on earth for eternity and multiply it by a 100, or 10,000, or even by 100,000 and you will not have all that we will be doing in Heaven for an eternity. All the best of this earth will be gone. There will be no marriage, therefore, no family life [Matthew 22:30]. No sea [Revelation 21:1] therefore, nothing that has to do with the sea, no boating, no fishing, no sunset over the water, etc. Multiply the beauty of earth by 100,000 or more and you still will not have the beauty of Heaven.

**LIFE ON THIS EARTH - versus - LIFE IN HEAVEN**

1. Life on this earth: a natural body - versus - after the resurrection: a spiritual body [1 Corinthians 15:42-58].
2. Life on this earth: a mortal being - versus- after the resurrection: an immortal being.

3. Life on this earth: image of Adam - versus - after the resurrection: image of Christ.

There are three major views of the fate of the lost after death. There may be many variations on each, not to over simplify, but I think all the variations will be on one of the three.

1. God made most of mankind to be tormented forever.
2. God will save all mankind no matter how evil they are.
3. The wages of sin is death for those not in Christ.
  - o a) The eternal home for those in Christ will be on earth.
  - o b) The eternal home for those in Christ will be in Heaven.

When Christ came to earth He became "*flesh and blood*" in the image of Adam, IF CHRIST IS TO COME BACK TO AND FOREVER BE A KING ON THIS EARTH HE WILL FOREVER BE "*FLESH AND BLOOD*" IN THE IMAGE OF ADAM.

**A SUMMARY OF WHERE THE DEAD ARE.** Four views on what happens at death, each one is in sharp conflict with the other three and makes them not possible. Yet, the same preachers put the dead in three places simultaneously.

1. The spirit of all returns to God – misused to prove all have an immortal soul.
2. The dead are alive in sheol.
3. The soul of the saved go directly to Heaven at death and the soul of the lost directly go to Hell at death.
4. All the dead are asleep unto the resurrection.

## **GOD HAS SPOKE**

### **In The Clearest Way That Is Possible With Human Language**

*"For the living know that they shall die: but the dead know not anything, neither have they any more a reward; for the memory of them is forgotten...for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in Sheol, where you go" [Ecclesiastes 9:5-10]. "His breath goes forth, he returns to the earth: in that very day his thoughts perish" [Psalms 146:4]. "So man lies down and rises not: till the heavens be no more, they shall not awake, nor be roused out of their sleep" [Job 14:12].* If you read God's word and you still believe a person now has an immortal soul; and is not subject to death, there is no human language God could use to tell you otherwise. You have believed men and Satan, and will not hear God.

There is nothing hard to understand about the nature of a person or the fate of the wicked. It takes much help from theology to not understand the clear teaching of the Bible. Much help to make many believe Satan's lie over

God's word. Much help for anyone to not be able to see the simple truth when he or she reads the Bible.

**COULD GOD HAVE GIVEN HIS REVELATION ABOUT THE FATE OF MANKIND AFTER DEATH IN A WAY THAT ALL COULD UNDERSTAND IT? THE ANSWER IS YES. HE COULD AND DID CHOOSE WORDS, PARABLES, SYMBOLS, AND METAPHORS THAT CLEARLY TEACH THE DEATH OF, NOT THE ETERNAL TORMENT OF THE LOST. THE UNSAVED DIE, PERISH, ARE DESTROYED, AND ARE LOST. THE OBEDIENT ARE SAVED FROM DEATH, AND GIVEN LIFE AND IMMORTALITY AT THE JUDGMENT. GOD COULD NOT HAVE SAID IT ANY CLEARER. IF YOU THINK HE COULD HAVE, TRY TO SAY IT ANY CLEARER. The words and expressions are used that put the truth beyond all possibility of question. Eternal life with torment would not be death.**

BE HONEST WITH YOURSELF, WITH GOD, AND GO TO HIS WORD WITH HONESTY, LOVE, AND REVERENCE. Can pagan teachings, which are promoted in the name of Christ, result in knowledge of the truth that can save?

**DO YOU WANT TO DIE? WHEN THE BIBLE SAYS, "*THE WAGES OF SIN IS DEATH*" IT LITERALLY MEANS WHAT IT SAYS, "*THE WAGES OF SIN IS DEATH*" NOT ETERANL LIFE IN TORMENT.** Do you want to face God's wrath at the judgment and be found not fit to live? Do you want to know that the second death will be an eternal end of you? If not, then: Hear and Believe [Romans 1:16; Hebrews 11:6]. Repent [Luke 13:5]. Die to sin, and through baptism be buried and raised to walk in newness of life with Christ [Romans 6:1-23; Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38 John 3:5]. "*For if we have become united with him in the likeness of his death (through baptism), we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection*" [Romans 6:5]. "*God gave unto us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He that has the Son has the life; he that has not the Son of God has not the life*" [1 John 5:11-12]. Live faithfully unto death, and receive the crown of life and immortality at the resurrection [Revelation 2:10; 1 Corinthians 15:52-55; John 5:21]. "*But they that are accounted worthy to attain to that world, and the resurrection from the dead...neither can they die any more: for they...are sons of God*" [Luke 20:35]. "*It was necessary that the word of God should first be spoken to you. Seeing you thrust it from you **AND JUDGE YOURSELVES UNWORTHY OF ETERNAL LIFE**, lo, we turn to the Gentiles*" [Acts 13:45-48]. **THE QUESTION IS NOT WHERE WILL**

## **YOU SPEND YOUR ETERNITY, BUT WILL YOU HAVE AN ETERNITY.**

*"For our citizenship is in heaven, from which also we wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ; who WILL transform the body of our humble state into conformity with the body of His glory" [Philippians 3:20-21]. "To him that overcomes, to him will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the Paradise of God" [Revelation 2:7].* **THE RESURRECTION OF THE DEAD TOTALLY DESTROYS THE DOCTRINE OF AN IMMORTAL SOUL FROM BIRTH. IF ANYONE HAD A SOUL THAT WAS ALIVE AND IN HEAVEN, IT COULD NOT BE RESURRECTED FROM THE DEAD, IT WOULD HAVE NO NEED OF THE RESURRECTION.**

A brief summary of some of the main points of this book.

- An immortal undying soul makes death, the wages of sin, and the resurrection impossible. Who do you believe, God or Satan?
- Going to Heaven at the moment of death makes a person judgment be at death, not at the second coming of Christ, and makes the resurrection impossible. Who do you believe, Christ or the Platonic philosophy of the survival of the soul?
- When unconditional immortality says the soul is the real person and can never die, that the soul of Christ, which was the real Christ was alive before the resurrection on the third day, that only the body of flesh dies, it makes the real Christ to have never died, only a body of flesh; therefore, the real Christ never died for us and we are still in our sins.

*"But now has Christ been raised from the dead, the first fruits of them that are asleep. For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. But, each in his own order: Christ the first fruits; then they that are Christ's at his coming."* **Could Paul have been any more specific? ONLY THROUGH THE RESURRECTION AT THE SECOND COMING OF CHRIST WILL ANYONE HAVE LIFE AFTER DEATH.**

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## UNIVERSALIST The "age lasting" Hell

Universalist (sometimes called "Restoration" and "Unitarian Universalist") believes that all will end up saved. They believe no one will end up in Hell, that it is not possible for anyone, the worst person that ever lived, to not go to Heaven. Whether death is death or if death is only separation, they believe no one will die or be forever separated from God; therefore, there is no death, no wages of sin, no second death after the Judgment Day. There seems to be some who believe in a universal salvation mixed in many denominations, also there are Universalist groups like the "Tentmakers" with the one thing all have in common is the belief in universal salvation. There seems to be two kinds of Universalist. [1] Some who do not believe in any kind of Hell and that all sins are paid in full in this lifetime. [2] Some who believe there will be a Hell but a very different Hell than the Protestant versions for it will last only for an "age," and will be more of a disciplinary character than punishment. Both destroy the character of the sinner and turns them into them saints.

They do much writing to prove the word that is translated everlasting, eternal, forever, age, and world in the King James Version, is from the Greek word "aion," which means "age." In Matthew 24:3 the King James Version says, "end of the world," but the New King James Version, New American Standard Version, New International Version and many more say "*end of the age.*" They have written hundreds of pages to prove that "aion" means "age," and their purpose was to prove that Hell will last for only an age. They may be right in their translation of aion to mean age, but not one of the repeatedly times "aion" is used says anything about Hell, aion (age) is not used in the same passage with any of the four words translated Hell in the King James Version.

Without proving there is a Hell, and without "age lasting" (aion) being used with any word translated Hell, they make Hell be "age lasting," with a beginning and ending but not everlasting.

They have immortal souls in their "age lasting" Hell without proving all the lost will be immortal and will live forever after the judgment.

They believe all those in the age lasting Hell will be saved when the age is over. Although Universalist have told me they do not believe in the soul being immortal they believe that no one will ever be destroyed, that all will sooner or later end up in Heaven; I can not see how all would not be

immortal from the day of their birth if no one will ever be destroyed, if no one will ever really be dead.

**THEIR BIG PROBLEMS FOR UNIVERSALISM TO BE TRUE  
THEY MUST PROVE**

**[1] IMMORTALITY:** THAT THE LOST HAVE A SOUL THAT IS NOW IMMORTAL OR THE LOST WILL ALL BE MADE IMMORTAL AFTER DEATH, this immaterial part of a person cannot die and will outlast the "age lasting" Hell. **To have never ending life is as immortal as immortal can be. IF NO ONE WILL EVER DIE AND ALL WILL LIVE FOREVER IN HEAVEN, HOW COULD ALL NOT HAVE ETERNAL LIFE? HOW MUCH MORE IMMORTAL COULD A PERSON BE?**

**[2] THE DEATH PRNALTY:** THAT THERE IS NO DEATH, those who do not believe on Christ will not perish but will have eternal life the same as those who do believe [John 3:16].

**[3] HELL:** THAT THERE IS A HELL even if it is only "age lasting" and will be more of a disciplinary character or "attitude adjustments" than punishment.

**[1] IMMORTALITY**

**UNIVERSALIST MUST PROVE THAT ALL MEN NOW HAVE AN IMMATERIAL PART THAT IF IS NOT NOW IMMORTAL IT WILL BE MADE IMMORTAL IN ALL MANKIND AFTER THE "ATTITUDE ADJUSTMENT;" *THAT IF ALL ARE NOW IMMORTAL THEN ALL WITH BE GIVEN IMMORTALTUY:*** In the "Debate on the Destiny of the Wicked" between George T. Carpenter of the church of Christ and John Hughes of the Universalist Church, 1875, Hughes says, "The soul, the principle of animal life. The spirit, the 'inward man,' the real man, to be invested in the resurrection with a new, spiritual body; clothed with immortality, to live forever in the spirit world." Even so, most Universalist seems to be as unsure of what part of a person, soul or spirit, they think has immortality, as are most Protestants who believe some part of a person is now immortal and can never die therefore, this immortal part of a person must live forever somewhere. Universalist must prove that Christ will give "eternal life" to all, even to those who do not come to Him [John 5:40]. They know this and know that all will not come to Christ in this lifetime; therefore, they have made up an "age" after the resurrection, which is not in the Bible, in which they think all will come to Christ.

**[2] THE DEATH PENALTY**

They MUST do away with the Bible teaching on death. There can be no wages of sin, as they believe there is no death. The only real difference with them and unconditional immoralist is where their immortal souls will end up, (1) some in Heaven and some in Hell, (2) or all in Heaven.

- Both must do away with death. Both must deny the Bible when it says, "*The wages of sin is death.*"
- Both believe, "*You shall not surely die,*" that from the day of your birth you can never be destroyed and it is not possible for you to die.

**WILL THE SECOND DEATH MAKE ALL ALIVE, AS UNIVERSALIST BELIEVES IT WILL?** They teach after the second death, all will be made alive. Both the good and the evil will be made alive, and both will then be immortal. They believe that when death the last enemy is destroyed, no one can be dead. They think the end of death must give life to all that are dead. All who die the second death will be alive and have immortality. **THE UNIVERSALIST BELIEVES THE SECOND DEATH TO BE THE END OF DEATH, NOT THE END OF THE SINNER; THAT FOR DEATH TO END ALL THAT WAS DEAD MUST BE MADE ALIVE FOR THEY BELIEVE THAT AS LONG AS ANY ARE DEAD, IT CANNOT BE THE END OF DEATH.** They seem to think that when "*death shall be no more*" [Revelation 21:4] could only mean that all who had died are raised from the dead, and all that ever lived would have to be alive for if any were dead it could not be said there is no more death. **IT IS THE SINNER THAT WILL DIE [Revelation 21:8], AND WHEN THERE IS NO MORE SINNER LEFT TO DIE THERE WILL BE NO MORE DEATH, NO MORE WILL BE DYING.** The wages of sin is death. It is the sinner who will be paid the wages of their sin, which is death. They want to make death pay the wages of the sin of the sinner, and the sinners pay nothing; **THERE WOULD THEN BE NO DIFFERENCE IN A SINNER AND A SAINT.** Death is an enemy and will be destroyed, but Universalist make there being "*no more death*" into a gateway to Heaven for all sinners, and God will forgive all sins of the worst sinner even if they rejected Christ all their life. **DOES DEATH MEAN THE END OF LIFE or DOES DEATH MEAN THE BEGINNING OF ETERNAL LIFE?** Death, the last enemy will be abolished [1 Corinthians 15:26]; Universalist makes the abolishment of death be a resurrection to eternal life of all the lost that are now the enemies of Christ. John said of unbelievers and murderers, "*Their part shall be in the lake that burns with fire and brimstone; which IS THE SECOND DEATH,*" but the Universalist changed this and say it is anyone being dead which will end, and all that have "*their part*" in the lake will be made alive at the death of the lake of fire (which will be the death of death)! **DEATH**

MEANS THE END OF LIFE, NOT THE BEGINNING OF AN IMMORTAL LIFE, but they must find a way to do away with the second death. They believe the lost will be someplace, Hell or whatever name they give it, but not in Heaven and will undergo an "attitude adjustments;" then they will have their name in the book of life and never die, that the second death will be the end of death (the death of death, not the death of the sinner); for death to end they believe that life and immortality must be given to all and death being abolished must mean eternal life in Heaven for all!

- Universalist believes that *"the fearful, and unbelieving, and abominable, and murderers, and fornicators, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars"* will be made alive in Heaven and that death will be cast into the lake of fire and there will be no more death.
- The Bible says, *"the fearful, and unbelieving, and abominable, and murderers, and fornicators, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, their part shall be in the lake that burns with fire and brimstone: which is the second death"* [Revelation 21:8]. Both death and the lost are cast into the lake of fire [Revelation 20:14-15]; therefore, if the lake of fire is the end of death, it is also the end of the lost.

### [3] THE HELL PROBLEM

Gary Amirault, a Tentmaker Minister in an e-mail to me said, "Most universalists I know who believe in 'age-during correction,' do NOT see it as God torturing people in a literal lake or anything like that, they see it as simply correcting or teaching them further." If they call it Hell or something else, they still have a place where the all the lost to go after the judgment for an "age." They have made Hell into an age lasting place where the all the lost are corrected and then go to Heaven. What if some would not repent then? Will God make them repent against their will?

G. Jessup said, "We can be sure there will be judgment, punishment, corrections, or whatever kind of 'attitude adjustments' necessary for the unbelievers according to their works, and for some it could be very long and painfully excruciating: but forever?" He did not give one passage from the Bible to prove this "attitude adjustment," and I cannot find where they try to prove it in any of their writing. Maybe the reason they do not is that they know there is no proof. If they had proof, I am sure they would use it in bold print. That there will be a second chance after death is opposed to what is taught in the Bible.

[1] THEY MUST PROVE THAT ALL THE LOST ARE NOW ALIVE SOMEPLACE OR WILL BE ALIVE THERE, THAT THERE IS SUCH A PLACE WHATEVER NAME THEY GIVE IT.

[2] THAT THE LOST WILL BE THERE FOR ONLY AN "AGE" OF DISCIPLINARY TRAINING.

[3] AND THAT ALL WILL REPENT AND WILL END UP IN HEAVEN.

They must disprove the "Hell" that many Protestants believe, but at the same time prove there is some kind of a "Hell" that is "age lasting" and not eternal. As is shown in the above quotation Universalist do not believe any will forever be in the lake of fire that is not a literal lake of fire, and they do not believe the Protestant view of Gehenna; therefore, they must prove that God will torment all who do not believe in Christ in this lifetime, some for a short time, some will be tormented more, some tormented much more extremely. G. Jessup says "We can be sure there will be judgment, punishment, corrections, or whatever kind of 'attitude adjustments' necessary for the unbelievers according to their works, and for some it could be very long and painfully excruciating." I have not seen where they say why there will be a judgment. Maybe for God to decide how much He will have to torment them and how much He will torment Satan and his demons to make them repent. Whatever forms the Universalist says the torment will be, physical, mentally, or whatever, it would still be God doing the tormenting.

UNIVERSALIST MUST PROVE THAT THERE WILL BE AN "AGE" OF ATTITUDE ADJUSTMENT. They say there has been many "ages," and will be an "age" after the resurrection in which "judgment, punishment, corrections, or whatever kind of 'attitude adjustments' necessary for the unbelievers according to their works" takes place. They reason that there must be such an age for those who do not come to Christ in this life must have a time to come to Him. All must accept Christ, and most do not in this life. It is a made up "age" which is not found in the Bible. Not one word about it. UNTIL THEY PROVE THERE WILL BE SUCH AN "AGE," THEY ARE ON A MAKE BELIEVE FOUNDATION. THERE IS NO PLACE CALLED HELL IN THE BIBLE, WHETHER IT IS AN AGE LASTING ATTITUDE ADJUSTMENT, OR EVERLASTING LIFE WITH TORMENT.

- PROTESTANTS CHANGED THE SECOND DEATH INTO ETERNAL LIFE IN HELL FOR ALL THAT NEVER BELIEVED IN GOD.
- UNIVERSALIST CHANGED THE SECOND DEATH INTO A PLACE WHERE ALL THAT NEVER BELIEVED IN GOD WILL

SOME HOW BE MADE BELIEVERS AND MOVED TO HEAVEN WITH ETERANL LIFE.

- BOTH MUST PROVE THE PLATONIC DOCTRINE THAT ALL ARE BORN WITH A PART THAT IS NOT SUBJECT TO DEATH. Both the doctrine of Hell and the Universalist doctrine that all will be saved are founded on an assumption that a person has an immaterial, invisible, immortal part in them that cannot die, and this immortal soul must live somewhere.
- BOTH MUST DENY THAT DEATH IS REAL AND THAT ANY WILL DIE. Death cannot be the wages of sin for all will have the gift of eternal life; therefore, no sinner can pay the wages of sin if it is death. Universalist point to this passage to prove there is no Hell, but they do not believe it when it says, *"the wages of sin is death."*
- BOTH MUST DENY THAT THE PENALTY OF SIN IS DEATH. The Protestant does away with death by making it an eternal life of torment in Hell separated from God; Universalist cannot have death being death or an eternal life separated from God, therefore, they must do away with death. They try to do this by making the end of death be eternal life in Heaven for all that have died. Both turn death into life, but both do it in different ways. Both make the dead that are not dead be living at different places. **For both, if *"the wages of sin is death,"* if death is death, it would completely destroy both; therefore, both try to destroy death by making death be life, but they do it in a different way.** Universalist take from the Platonic doctrine that when the soul is set free of the body, the soul will in time return to God, death becomes the instrument of salvation for all.
  - **According to one, the wages of sin is eternal life with torment.**
  - **According to the other, the wages of sin is eternal life without torment even to those who reject Christ.**
- BOTH MUST DENY THAT DIE, PERISH, DESTROYED, LOST, AND DEATH ARE NOT USED WITH THEIR TRUE MEANING, and must believe that they are only used in a peculiar or theological sense, therefore, they could not be understood without help from someone who is inspired. BOTH BELIEVE NO ONE WILL EVER DIE. **ACCORDING TO BOTH, *"THE WAGES OF SIN IS DEATH"* TO NO ONE.** Just as with innate immoralists, Universalist must redefine many words, life, death, die, dead, destroy, perish, destruction, consumed, kill, end, burned up, and sleep, must ALL be redefined in a way that the world does not use them. See chapter two.

## UNIVERSALIST USE OF "ALL"

The way Universalist use "all" seems to be their main argument. "But what it really says is IN CHRIST...ALL A-L-L ALL shall be made ALIVE! Then each of the ALL in his own order" (from one of their web pages, "CAN THIS BE TRUE?"). They ask questions like: God will have all to be saved [1 Timothy 2:4]; can His will be thwarted? Jesus came to save all [John 12:47]; will He succeed? Jesus is the savior of the world (1 John 4:14); why don't you believe it? And many more like these. Their thinking seems to be that Christ came to save ALL; and if He does not do it in this lifetime, then He must save all who are not saved in this lifetime after the resurrection. This would be great if it was true, but nothing is said about anyone being saved after his or her death. They know that most do not believe in Christ in this lifetime, therefore, they MUST make ALL believe at some time after death. What will happen after death? Christ says *"For the hour comes, in which ALL that are in the tombs shall hear his voice, and come forth: they that have done good, unto the resurrection of LIFE; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of JUDGMENT"* [John 5:28-29]. There is nothing said about anyone being saved after death. The lost are raised to judgment, not to eternal life. *"NOW is the acceptable time: behold, NOW is the day of salvation"* [2 Corinthians 6:2]. God loves ALL, and Christ died for ALL, but ALL will not come to Him. He made a person where he or she could choose to or choose not to. Universalist teaching is that God will show His love to ALL in a way that ALL, even Satan, will love Him. To so overpower the freewill of a person is the same as making them love Him when they could not help it. It would be the same thing as taking their freewill away. This "attitude adjustments" must be strong enough to overpower the most evil; therefore, they are made to believe even against their will. They make up both this "attitude adjustments" and the place where it takes place because they must have them if ALL are to be saved. They are not in the Bible.

**UNIVERSALIST TEACHING OF ALL WILL BE SAVED** makes much of the Bible be foolishness, vain babbling, meaningless, or just an out right lie. It makes:

1. Satan's greatest lie would be no lie, but is the truth. If all will be saved, no one will die. Satan told the truth; but when God said they would die, He is the one who told the greatest lie [Genesis 3].
2. God said, *"The fearful, and unbelieving, and abominable, and murderers, and fornicators, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars; their part shall be in the lake that burns with fire and brimstone; which IS THE SECOND DEATH"* [Revelation 20:8].

- Universalist says, "Not so God, all will be saved. None will die the second death, for there cannot be a real second death."
3. No broad way *"that leads to destruction, and many are they that enter in thereby"* [Matthew 7:13].
  4. NO DEATH. Whatever you think death is, whether death is death, or death is just a separation from God, no one will be dead; no one will be separated from God. Death could not be. The wages of sin could not be death [Romans 6:23]. *"The wages of sin is death"* must be changed to some "kind of 'attitude adjustments' necessary for the unbelievers according to their works," which will last for an "age"; but the wages of sin cannot be a real death that will be forever. While this attitude adjustment is going on, they must be very much alive, just as alive as they will be when it is over; IF THE WAGES OF SIN IS NOT DEATH, DOES SIN HAVE NO WAGES?
  5. *"But he that obeys not the Son SHALL NOT SEE LIFE"* [John 3:36] must be changed to, "But he that obeys not the Son SHALL SEE ETERNAL LIFE."
  6. They use *"all made alive"* to teach all the lost will be raised with immortality. When they make *"all made alive"* to be all will be given eternal life at the second coming of Christ, there cannot be a judgment or a second death. All will be saved. No need of a judgment day to judge some good and some bad, it is made to be useless for both those who believe in this lifetime and those who do not believe will be the same, all will be saved. They over look the fact that THE *"ALL"* PAUL IS SPEAKING OF ARE ALL THE SAVED. ALL saints who are asleep in Christ, and ALL saints who will be living at His coming. Nothing is said in that passage about ALL the ones who are not in Christ; they will be raised to judgment, not life at the resurrection; they are not NOW IN CHRIST, and they never will have the "life" Christ gives to those who obey Him. Their names are not in the book of life. *"For we are a sweet savor of Christ unto God, in them that are saved, and in them that perish: to the one a savor from death unto death; to the other a savor from life unto life"* [2 Corinthians 2:15-16]. Christ will raise them from the dead, but only to be judged and return to the dead *"from death unto death"*; and there will never be another resurrection.
  7. Makes parables of Christ not true. They do not teach anything and, therefore, are useless. THERE WILL BE NO TARES. Christ said, *"I will say to the reapers, Gather up first the tares, and bind them into bundles to burn them; but gather the wheat into my barn"* [Matthew



- 13:30]. Christ was wrong. The tares will not be gathered out of the kingdom and burned at the end of the age (aion-age, not world). The tares will not be turned into wheat and gathered into the kingdom, for they will be burned as Christ said they would be "*at the end of the age.*" NO BAD FISH. All the bad little fishes will be turned too good little fishes. There will be no bad little fishes to burn.
8. "*I tell you Nay: but, except you repent, you shall all in like manner perish*" [Luke 13:5]. Universalist says not so Jesus, all will be saved; no one will perish. It can be asked of them as they ask, "Did Christ not know what He was saying; why don't you believe it?" Even they cannot deny that Christ said, "*Except you repent, you shall all likewise perish.*" Why do they not believe Him? How do they change "*perish*" into "*you shall all likewise be saved even if you do not repent*"?
  9. "*Not every one that says unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of Heaven; but he that does the will of my Father who is in Heaven. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy by your name, and by your name cast out demons, and by your name do many mighty works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, you that work iniquity*" [Matthew 7:21-23]. How could Christ have been so wrong? How could He not know that the Universalist says ALL will enter into the kingdom of Heaven? Why would Christ be telling them in the Judgment Day after the resurrection that not all will enter into the kingdom of Heaven?
    - UNIVERSALIST: ALL will enter into the kingdom of Heaven.
    - CHRIST: Not ALL will enter into the kingdom of Heaven [Matthew 7:21-23]. Why do they not believe Him?
  10. They must change the words of Christ. "*He that believes and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believes not shall be condemned*" must be changed to, "He that believes and he that believes not shall both be saved." Why do they not believe Christ? Why do they make, "*Shall be saved,*" and, "*Shall be condemned*" both mean, "*Shall be saved*"?
  11. Makes being a Christian and living for Christ be no better than not being a Christian. All are going to end up being saved. Makes taking the Gospel to the lost a waste of time. They are all going to be saved anyway, and those who do not hear the Gospel may spend less time in the age lasting Hell and have less torment than will those who hear and reject the Gospel; therefore, taking the Gospel to them may do more harm to most than it will do good. Because most will not believe

the Gospel and will reject Christ, most will be made to suffer longer in the "age lasting attitude adjustment" than they would if the Gospel were not taken to them.

Will Jesus save everyone? Gary Amorality in an E mail to me June 15,1999, said, "You've taken a big step out of Hell, but you still leave Jesus as a sinner. He didn't accomplish what He came to do...save the world. If He fails in His mission, He can't be the Messiah."

1. God give His Son to save "*whosoever believeth on Him.*" [John 3:16], but they must believe in their lifetime, and many do not. "*Without faith it is impossible to be well-pleasing unto God*" [Hebrews 11:6]. God will not raise them and save everyone after He torments them for an age. He will not take away their freewill and make them believe.
2. Paul says they who practice the works of the flesh SHALL NOT inherit the kingdom of God [Galatians 5:16-24]. Universalist says Paul was wrong, they who practice the works of the flesh shall inherit the kingdom of God after they spend some time in some kind of torment having an "attitude adjustments."
3. Christ said, "*He that obeys not the son SHALL NOT SEE LIFE,*" [John 3:36]. Universalist says they will see life. How do they think those who shall not see life, and shall not inherit the kingdom of God, will have everlasting life in the kingdom they shall not inherit [Matthew 7:21-23]?

HOW DOES UNIVERSALIST THINK JESUS IS A SINNER? Gary Amorality said, "But you still leave Jesus as a sinner." Jesus had no sins of His own and even if He saved no one, not one person, He had no sins, and not giving eternal life to those who do not believe in Him does not make Him a sinner as Gary Amorality said it would.

UNIVERSALIST says God is a God of love, and He will not kill any; all will be saved. They overlook the fact that He is also a just God, and sin must be paid for with death [Romans 6:23]. The death of the sinner is just if it be death in this life or is the second death at the judgment for ALL who has not had their sins washed away by the blood of Christ; for ALL have sinned, and therefore, it is just for them to receive the wages of their sins. If they have not had their sins washed away by the blood of Christ, raised with Christ in baptism, the sinner will die. Death is sure and just for them. Throughout the Old Testament, God destroyed those who rejected Him, as in the flood, or ordered the destruction as with the Amalekites. He never tormented His enemies. He destroyed them; their life ended. Death is the way God dealt with His enemies then, and the way He will deal with them at the judgment.

He will destroy them with death, the second death, not torment them forever or for an age.

Universalist may think this cruel, but it is justice, not cruelty. God would not be God if He were not just? If He had no law, which has a penalty for not keeping it, He could not rule and there would be no sin. There is sin, and its penalty is death.

"In the first place we complain of its relative novelty. It does not appear in the history of doctrine until the beginning of the third century. Barnabas, Clement of Rome, Hermas, Ignatius, Polycarp, Justin Martyr, Theophilus of Antioch, Irenaeus, all the first fathers of the church are Conditionalists. Not one of them taught Universalism. Merely the first slight traces of the doctrine are contained in the writings of Clement of Alexandria." E. Petavel, D. D., *The Extinction Of Evil*, Page 90, 1889.

Note: Many in the Church of God and Congregation of God also teach there will be "an opportunity for salvation" after the resurrection, but unlike the Universalist, they believe some will reject it, and for them there will be the second death, not torment in Hell.

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