

The Doctrine of Hell



The doctrine of Hell is a significant aspect of Christian theology, representing the final state of the wicked and unrepentant after the Last Judgment.

It is depicted as a place of punishment and separation from God, characterized by suffering and eternal torment.

The concept of Hell is rooted in various passages throughout the Bible, which provide insight into its nature and purpose.

Old Testament Foundations:



The Old Testament introduces the concept of Sheol, a shadowy place where the dead reside.

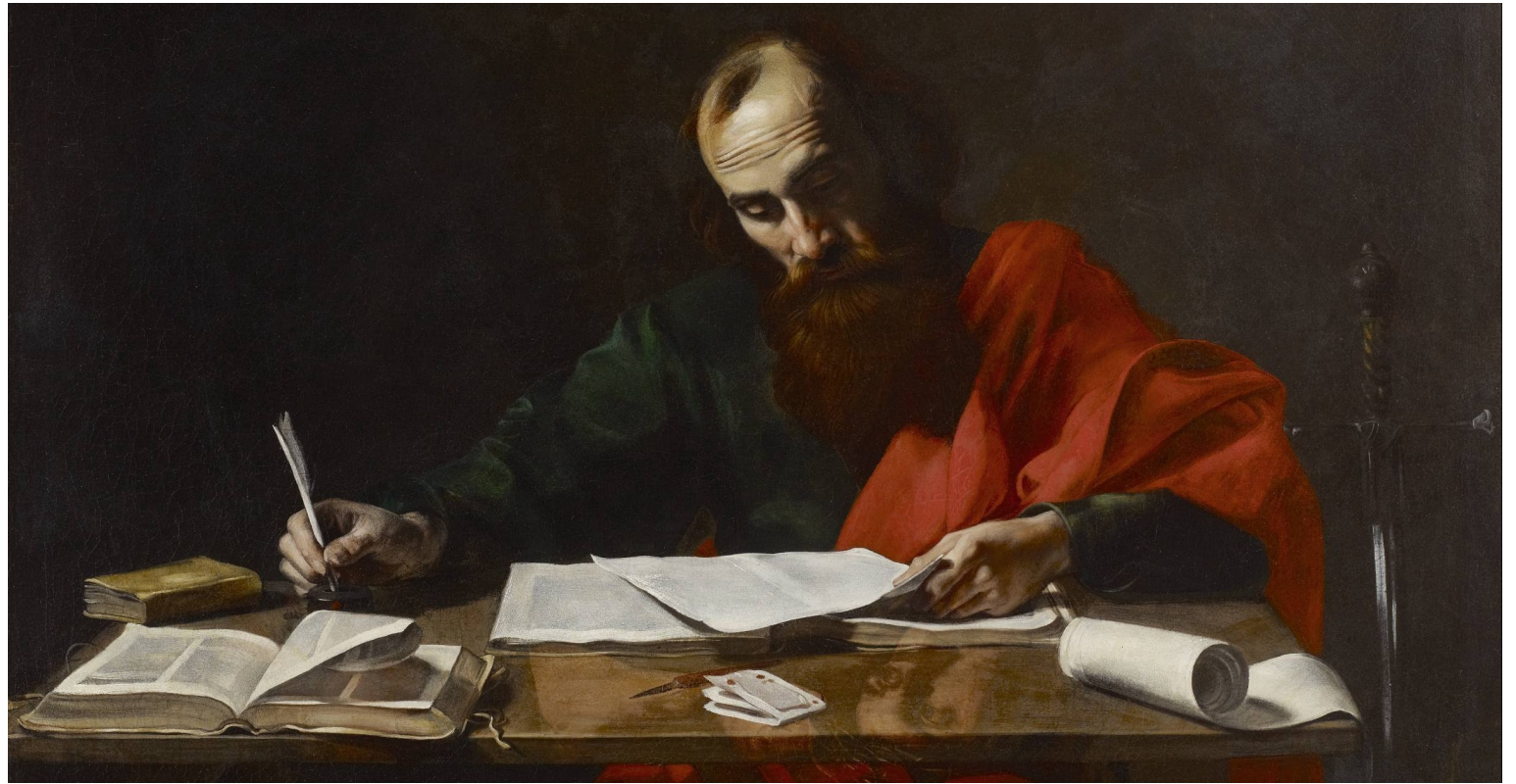
While Sheol is not explicitly described as a place of punishment, it is often associated with darkness and separation from the living.

In Psalm 9:17, the fate of the wicked is mentioned:

"The wicked will return to Sheol—all the nations who forget God."

This sets a foundation for understanding the consequences of turning away from God.

New Testament Teachings:



The New Testament provides a more developed understanding of Hell, often using the term "**Gehenna**" to describe it.

Gehenna, originally a valley outside Jerusalem associated with idolatry and child sacrifice, became a symbol of divine judgment.

Jesus frequently spoke of Gehenna as a place of fiery torment.

In **Matthew 5:22**, He warns, "But I tell you that anyone who is angry with his brother will be subject to judgment."

Again, anyone who says to his brother, 'Raca,' will be subject to the Sanhedrin.

But anyone who says, 'You fool!' will be subject to the fire of hell."

Jesus further elaborates on the nature of Hell in **Matthew 25:41**, where He describes the final judgment:

"Then He will say to those on His left, 'Depart from Me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels.'" This passage highlights the eternal aspect of Hell and its association with divine justice.

**** The Worst Words Human Ears will Ever Hear ****



Apostolic Teachings:



The apostles also addressed the reality of Hell in their writings.

The Apostle Paul, in 2 Thessalonians 1:9, speaks of the punishment awaiting those who do not know God:

"They will suffer the penalty of eternal destruction, separated from the presence of the Lord and the glory of His might." This emphasizes the aspect of separation from God as a key component of Hell.

The Apostle Peter warns of false teachers and their fate in **2 Peter 2:4**:

"For if God did not spare the angels when they sinned, but cast them deep into hell, placing them in chains of darkness to be held for judgment."



This passage underscores the certainty of divine judgment and the reality of Hell as a place of confinement and punishment.



The inhabitants of Hell:



Jude 1 New Living Translation

Greetings from Jude

1 This letter is from Jude, a slave of Jesus Christ and a brother of James.

I am writing to all who have been called by God the Father, who loves you and keeps you safe in the care of Jesus Christ.^[a]

Jude's primary purpose in writing this letter is to urge believers to "contend earnestly for the faith once delivered to the saints" (**Jude 1:3**).

Jude 3 New Living Translation

The Danger of False Teachers

3 Dear friends, I had been eagerly planning to write to you about the salvation we all share. But now I find that I must write about something else, urging you to defend the faith that God has entrusted once for all time to his holy people





He warns against false teachers who have infiltrated the Christian community, describing them as "ungodly people who pervert the grace of our God into a license for immorality and deny our only Master and Lord, Jesus Christ" (**Jude 1:4**).

Jude 4 New Living Translation

4 I say this because some ungodly people have wormed their way into your churches, saying that God's marvelous grace allows us to live immoral lives. The condemnation of such people was recorded long ago, for they have denied our only Master and Lord, Jesus Christ.

The Epistle of Jude:

The Epistle of Jude is a short but theologically rich letter, consisting of only one chapter. It is addressed to "those who are called, loved by God the Father, and kept in Jesus Christ" - (**Jude 1:1**).

Themes and Content:

Jude's epistle is characterized by its strong admonitions and vivid imagery.

He draws on various Old Testament examples and Jewish traditions to illustrate the consequences of apostasy and moral decay.

Notable references include the rebellion of Korah, the sin of Sodom and Gomorrah, and the judgment of fallen angels - **(Jude 1:5-7)**.

Jude 5-7 New Living Translation

5 So I want to remind you, though you already know these things, that Jesus[a] first rescued the nation of Israel from Egypt, but later he destroyed those who did not remain faithful.

6 And I remind you of the angels who did not stay within the limits of authority God gave them but left the place where they belonged. God has kept them securely chained in prisons of darkness, waiting for the great day of judgment.

7 And don't forget Sodom and Gomorrah and their neighboring towns, which were filled with immorality and every kind of sexual perversion. Those cities were destroyed by fire and serve as a warning of the eternal fire of God's judgment.



Jude emphasizes the certainty of divine judgment upon those who reject God's authority and lead others astray.

The letter also contains a notable doxology, praising God for His ability to keep believers from stumbling and to present them blameless before His glorious presence:

Jude 24-25 New Living Translation

A Prayer of Praise

24 Now all glory to God, who is able to keep you from falling away and will bring you with great joy into his glorious presence without a single fault.

25 All glory to him who alone is God, our Savior through Jesus Christ our Lord. All glory, majesty, power, and authority are his before all time, and in the present, and beyond all time! Amen.

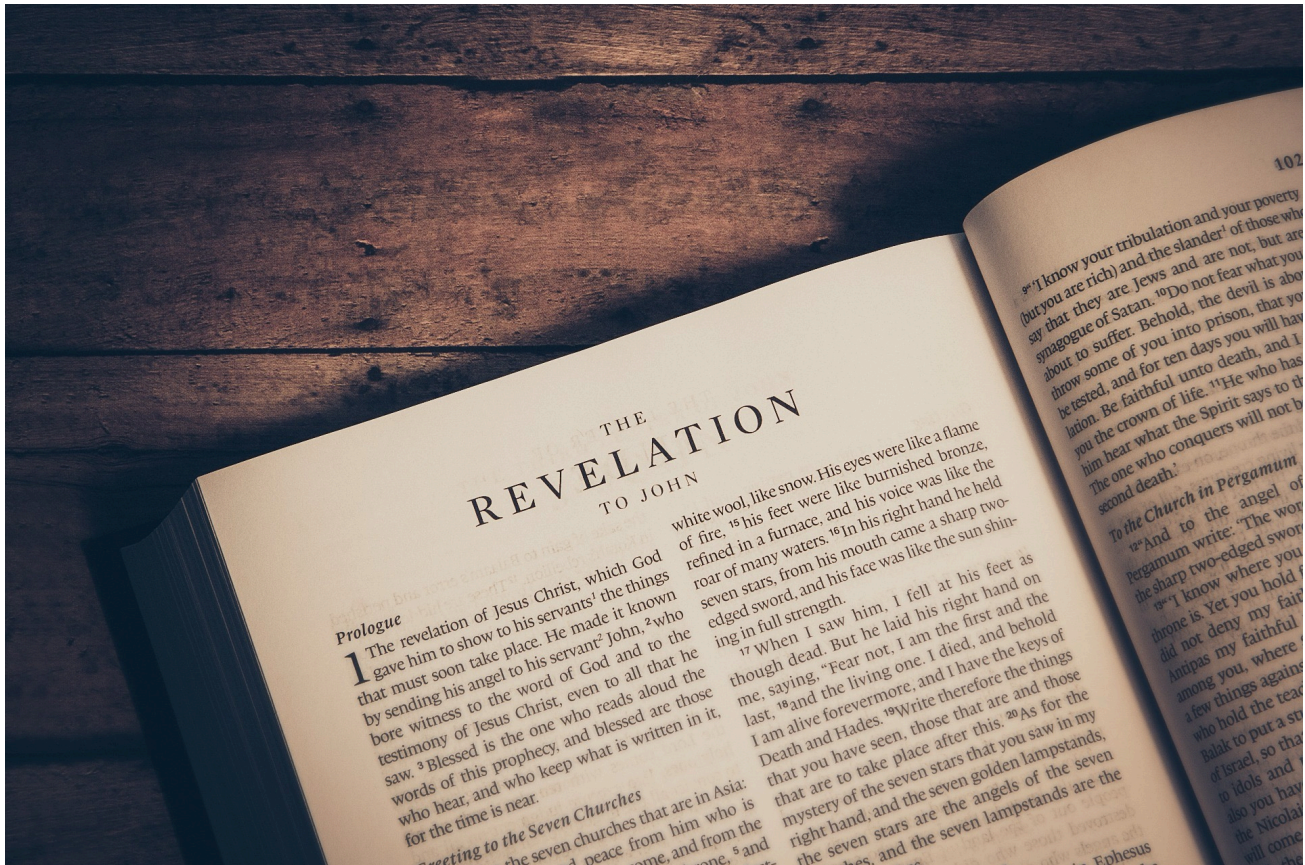
THE current residence of the fallen angels:

Originally all angels were created good. The Scriptures speak of a fall of angels -- "the angels that sinned."

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

Jude 6 -- "And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day."

The Book of Revelation



The Book of Revelation provides vivid imagery of Hell, often referred to as the "lake of fire."

In Revelation 20:14-15: it is described as the final destination for death, Hades, and those not found in the **Book of Life:**

"Then Death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death—the lake of fire.

And if anyone was found whose name was not written in the Book of Life, he was thrown into the lake of fire." This imagery reinforces the eternal and irrevocable nature of Hell.

Theological Implications:



The doctrine of Hell serves as a sobering reminder of the consequences of sin and the holiness of God.

It underscores the necessity of repentance and faith in Jesus Christ for salvation.

The eternal nature of Hell reflects the gravity of rejecting God's offer of grace and the seriousness of divine justice.

Throughout Christian history, the doctrine of Hell has been a topic of theological reflection and debate.

While interpretations may vary, the consistent biblical witness affirms Hell as a real and eternal state of punishment for the unrepentant, emphasizing the importance of living a life in accordance with God's will.

**** Hell is an Eternal place, that those whom find themselves in hell, will NEVER be let out!**

They have been Judged by God, and don't allow anyone to mislead or fool you, into believing, that if you make a \$\$\$\$ to a church project, that you can obtain the release of your loved one out of hell!

Moreover, the only person that knows if the loved one that you perceive to be in hell, is there, is Christ Jesus, not a Pastor, A Church Leader, ...

And how do you know, that your loved one may have excepted Jesus, as Lord and Savior prior to their passing, like the one thief on the cross who's name is Dismas did?

I suggest, to not be troubled by what neither you or anyone else knows of where your loved one is on the face of this earth!

Matthew 5:22:

But I say to you, That whoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment: and whoever shall say to his brother, Raca, shall be in danger of the council: but whoever shall say, You fool, shall be in danger of hell fire.

Matthew 25:41:

Then shall he say also to them on the left hand, Depart from me, you cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels:

Matthew 25:46:

And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal.

Mark 9:48:

Where their worm dies not, and the fire is not quenched.

Luke 16:19-31:

There was a certain rich man, which was clothed in purple and fine linen, and fared sumptuously every day:

2 Peter 2:4:

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

Jude 1:7:

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.

Revelation 14:11:

And the smoke of their torment ascends up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whoever receives the mark of his name.

Revelation 20:10:

And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.

Revelation 21:8:

But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and fornicators, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.



How do we obtain the Forgiveness of our Sins?



How do we get right with God, regardless of our individual sins?

Just say this Prayer and all of your sins will be forgotten, and you will have Eternal life, with Christ Jesus, in Heaven:

Lord Jesus, I repent of all my sins, and I ask you to come into my life, and I believe, that God raised You from the dead, this day, I ask you to be my Lord and Savior.

Romans 10:9 New Living Translation:

9 If you openly declare that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

Friends, if you prayed that prayer, I believe that you are born again, and you have ever lasting life, get in a good bible teaching church, and may you keep growing, in the Lord, and may HE use you to help save many souls for His Kingdom !

In, Jesus Mighty Name!

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