



How Can a Loving God send people to Hell?

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For the wages of sin is **death**, but the free gift of God is **eternal life** in Christ Jesus our Lord. – Romans 6:23

What do we know or assume about God?

- He is _____
- He is _____
- He is _____

Reframing the Question . . .

What if Hell is really your decision to live _____
... and not God's decision to live _____?

If so, then what about those who never _____?
Cp. John 15:18-24

Three truths about God's Judgment . . .

- God judges based on what _____, not on what we don't _____.
- God's judgment is _____
- Yours is _____

_____ has saved you more than a few times
Cp. Luke 16:19-31

Applying Truth to Life . . .

1. On balance, do _____?
2. And if I do, do I trust him to handle _____
more _____ and _____ than I would?
3. What is keeping you and the people you care about from embracing an _____ filled with the _____ that is in Jesus Christ?

Truth for Life

For the week of March 20, 2016

(Questions and Scriptures for further study)

1. What's the hardest aspect of the doctrine of hell for you to accept? On Sunday, we talked about the "Fear of hell is not enough to keep you out of it"? Do you agree? Why or Why not?
2. Read John 15:18-24. This passage helps us to understand that Jesus judges people based on what they know, not on what they don't know? They hated Jesus because they did not know what/who? (vs. 21) Because Christ came, they now know what? (vs. 22) Their response to Christ was likely because of what?
3. Read Luke 16:19-31. What does the story of the rich man and Lazarus teach us about eternity? Who are the people in the passage? What does the story tell us about the people? Does the story give us any hint as to why the people ended up where they did? What aspect of the story speaks to you most?
4. Does the reality of an eternity without Christ (and without love) motivate you to introduce more people to Christ? If so, why. And if not, why not? This week, spend some time praying for friends who are on the verge of rejecting Christ or who have rejected Christ. Ask God to help you share Christ's love for them, and to maybe even invite them to Easter service next week.

Memory Verse

They have all turned aside; together they have become corrupt; there is none who does good, not even one. – Psalm 14:3



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What do we know or assume about God?

- He is **Good**
- He is **Loving**
- He is **Just**

Reframing the Question . . .

What if Hell is really your decision to live **without God** . . . and not God's decision to live **without you**?

If so, then what about those who never **knew/heard**?
Cp. John 15:18-24

Three truths about God's Judgment . . .

- God judges based on what **we know**, not on what we don't **know**.
- God's judgment is **perfect**
- Yours is **not**

Knowing the Truth has saved you more than a few times
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Applying Truth to Life . . .

1. On balance, do **I trust Jesus**?
2. And if I do, do I trust him to handle **eternity** more **fairly** and **justly** than I would?
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