

# AFTER

A Series of Messages on the Afterlife | April 26, 2020

**Week 5: Is Hell for Real? If So, Is It Forever?**

## WHAT IS HELL?

How does the Bible define it?

78% of Americans believe in heaven, while only 50% believe in hell. Why do you think less people believe in hell than heaven?

Where in our culture have you witnessed the “secret secular belief in hell”?

## HOW COULD A LOVING GOD SEND PEOPLE TO HELL?

How do our most common understandings of hell miscommunicate what hell is really like?

How many people has God condemned to hell against their will? Explain this idea using the Bible passages to the right (->).

How can hell be understood as a symbol of God’s love?

## WHAT HOPE IS THERE FOR ESCAPING HELL?

According to the Bible, who will go to hell, and why?

In spite of all of his serious, dark teachings on hell, what hope does Jesus give people who want to avoid hell?

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**Matthew 10:26-28** So do not be afraid of them, for there is nothing concealed that will not be disclosed, or hidden that will not be made known. What I tell you in the dark, speak in the daylight...Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, be afraid of the One who can destroy both soul and body in hell.

**Matthew 13:39-43** As the weeds are pulled up and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send out his angels, and they will weed out of his kingdom everything that causes sin and all who do evil. They will throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Whoever has ears, let them hear.

**Titus 3:11** You may be sure that such people are warped and sinful; they are self-condemned.

**Romans 2:1** You...have no excuse, you who pass judgment on someone else, for when you judge another, you are condemning yourself.

**1 Timothy 5:12** Thus they bring condemnation on themselves...

**1 Peter 3:18-20** For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive in the Spirit. After being made alive, he went and made proclamation to the imprisoned spirits— to those who were disobedient long ago when God waited patiently in the days of

Noah while the ark was being built.