

[RE]CONSTRUCTING

Erasing Hell

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"Be careful of those who can tell you about the furniture of heaven and the temperature of hell."

C. S. Lewis

Hell is essentially separation from _____ and the absence of everything _____.

How does one end up in hell?

Ultimately, people _____ hell.

"To those who by persistence in doing good seek glory, honor and immortality, he will give eternal life. But for those who are self-seeking and who reject the truth and follow evil, there will be wrath and anger."

Romans 2:7-8

How long does hell last?

"Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life."

Matthew 25:46

How can we experience heaven instead of hell?

"For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Romans 6:23

Rather than wrath, hell reveals God's _____.

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Questions based on the sermon from March 16, 2025

Getting to Know Me

1. How would you title this week's topic in a way that resonates with you? If you were explaining it to someone else, how might you phrase it?
2. What ideas or images come to mind when you think of hell? Who or what has shaped your understanding of it over time?

Digging Deeper

3. What encouraged or challenged you most in Sundays' sermon?
4. On a scale of 1-10, how challenging do you find the idea of hell to be, and what aspects of it are hardest for you to understand or accept?
5. Revisit these passages and note what Jesus said about hell:
 - Matthew 10:28
 - Matthew 13:36-43 (esp. 40-42)
 - Matthew 25:31-46 (esp. 46)
6. Who does Jesus say that hell was created for in Matthew 25:41? Why does this matter?
7. Read Romans 2:5-8 and answer the following:
 - What actions or attitude lead to "storing up wrath," and what do you think that phrase means?

- What is meant by "doing good" in the context of Scripture? What reward does God promise to those who persist in it?
 - What is ahead for those who are self-seeking and reject the truth?
8. God's wrath can be defined as "a holy and just response to sin," coming from his perfect righteousness and love. And how does God's wrath complement his love, mercy and justice? How do the following verses show that it is different from human anger?
 - Romans 1:18-20
 - Revelation 20:10-15
 9. Pastor Phil quoted G.K. Chesterton: "Hell is God's great compliment to the reality of human freedom and the dignity of human choice." What do you think about the idea that hell is a result of choice? Does that change how you see it?

Making it Personal

10. What hope is found in Romans 5:9 and Romans 6:23?
11. How does the reality of hell demonstrate God's love?
12. What questions are on your mind as we wrap up this series?
[Guides, please note these and pass them along to Pastor Phil—he'd love to include them in the Q&A on 4/6.]

Prayer: [Leaders, provide index cards or sticky notes]

Write the names of those whom you're praying would experience God's grace and enter into a saving relationship with Jesus. Pray for them together with your group and commit to praying for them this week, trusting God to draw them to Himself.

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