

If You Go to Hell, It Will Be of Your Own Choosing

This is not a far-fetched reality, because many are going or they are headed or on the path that leads to hell. Don't believe me, ask Jesus!

Matthew 7:13-14 – Jesus said, "enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it." More than likely, many that read this and say "amen" will go to hell! Maybe even you! Hell is real; the threat is not a myth or imaginary. But if you go to hell, it will be no accident. It will be your choice. I know you do not want the misery or torments of hell; you do not deliberately pick that "lake that burns with fire and brimstone." Or the place of "outer darkness where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth" yet, when you choose the road, you also, choose the road's destination. Choose alcohol, choose fornication, choose worldly friends, choose the "pleasures of this world," choose to "just live as you please," at the end of that road you also, choose hell! your choice! plain and simple! Deuteronomy 30:19 – Moses asks Israel to choose this day life or death. Joshua says in Joshua 24:15 - "choose for yourselves this day who you will serve, as for me and my house we will serve the lord." Do not blame God! If you go to hell, it will be in spite of God. 2 Peter 3:9 – Peter says, "the lord is not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance." God never forces you, overwhelms you, or makes you do anything, it is always your choice. Yet we see in Philippians 2:13 - "it is God who works in you both to will and to do for his good pleasure." He tries to get you to do right, to listen, to choose the road to heaven. To go to hell, you must reject all God's efforts to save you.

If you go to hell, it will be in spite of God's love for you. John 3:16-18 - Jesus said, "for God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have everlasting life. For God did not send his son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through him might be saved" according to Romans 2:4 - to go to hell you have to refuse such love; you must "despise the riches of his goodness, forbearance, and longsuffering." Otherwise, the "goodness of god leads you to repentance" and eventually to heaven's door into god's favor, blessings, and heaven. If you go to hell, it will be in spite of Jesus. You, as a sinner, have no sacrifice for sin.

There is nothing you can do to free yourself from the guilt and consequence of your sin. It is a hopeless case! Hell sits on the horizon in your future not being able to escape, until Jesus enters the picture! He volunteers to be that sacrifice for sins. He volunteers to accept your punishment deserved as a sinner. For you, Jesus was scourged as a criminal. For you, Jesus died on the cross as a criminal. For you, his blood was poured out as a sin sacrifice. He changed your condition from hopelessly lost doomed to a fiery indignation of a devil's hell to an open door into God's favor, blessings, and heaven. To go to hell, you have to ignore such a sacrifice on your behalf.

If you go to hell, it will be in spite of Christians. They are the ones who pester you trying to persuade you to change your life and turn to God. They just will not leave you alone to go quietly off to hell. to go to hell, you have to turn a deaf ear to all their warnings and all their appeals.

Christians are the ones who will not give up on you even when you try and fail miserably. They are there to pick you up and encourage you to try again. To go to hell, you have to ignore people who care that much about you, or you may have to get angry with them and then refuse their help and concern. Yet they continue to pray for you.

Christians are the ones who pray for you, even when you quit praying. they pray about your difficulties and your trials in life. they pray about your spiritual weaknesses and your sins. to go to hell, you must fight their prayers to God for you.

Christians are the ones who know what you can be, a son of God reflecting his image. they are not satisfied for you to fail to become all that god can make of you. Christians are patient because they were once where you are and still have problems with spiritual weaknesses. To go to hell, you will have to close the door on these people who love you and who love your soul. Let me ask you this question? Are you not finding it hard to keep on going to hell with such obstacles in your way? Notice what Jesus said to Saul, in Acts 9:5 - "it is hard for you to kick against the goads."

Answer this question for me? Why not just quit trying to go to hell, quit lashing out against those who try to help you, quit turning your back on God who wants to forgive you? Serving God and going to heaven is a tremendous and wonderful alternative!

Think about it!

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