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HELL

...and How to Avoid It



- Hell is a place of everlasting punishment.
 - Matt. 25:46, Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life.
- It is a place of eternal fire.

- It prepared for the devil and his demons.
 - Matt. 25:41, 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.

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- It's a place of outer darkness, weeping, and gnashing of teeth.
 - Matt. 8:12, But the subjects of the kingdom will be thrown outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

- It's a place of torment, burning sulfur, where there is no rest.
 - Rev. 14:10-11, ¹⁰ they, too, will drink the wine of God's fury, which has been poured full strength into the cup of his wrath. They will be tormented with burning sulfur in the presence of the holy angels and of the Lamb. ¹¹ And the smoke of their torment will rise for ever and ever. There will be no rest day or night for those who worship the beast and its image, or for anyone who receives the mark of its name.

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- It's described as the abyss or a bottomless pit.
 - (ESV) Rev. 9:1-2, 11, And the fifth angel blew his trumpet, and I saw a star fallen from heaven to earth, and he was given the key to the shaft of the bottomless pit. ² He opened the shaft of the bottomless pit, and from the shaft rose smoke like the smoke of a great furnace, and the sun and the air were darkened with the smoke from the shaft. ¹¹ They have as king over them the angel of the bottomless pit. His name in Hebrew is Abaddon, and in Greek he is called Apollyon.



- Hell is referred to as a place of God's wrath.
 - Romans 2:5, But because of your stubbornness and your unrepentant heart, you are storing up wrath against yourself for the day of God's wrath, when his righteous judgment will be revealed.

- Hell is referred to as the place where the 'second death' takes place.
 - Rev. 21:8, But the cowardly, the unbelieving, the vile, the murderers, the sexually immoral, those who practice magic arts, the idolaters and all liars—they will be consigned to the fiery lake of burning sulfur. This is the second death.



- It's a place of eternal destruction and exclusion from the face of the Lord.
 - 2 Thess. 1:9, They will be punished with everlasting destruction and shut out from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of his might.

- Hell is so bad, the demons don't even want to go there!
 - Luke 8:31-32, ³¹ And they begged Jesus repeatedly not to order them to go into the Abyss. ³² A large herd of pigs was feeding there on the hillside. The demons begged Jesus to let them go into the pigs, and he gave them permission.



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Luke 8:26, And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been set in place, so that those who want to go from here to you cannot, nor can anyone cross over from there to us.



Punishment in hell is eternal.

–Matt. 25:46, "Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life."

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Who is going to Hell?

- Romans 3:23, for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God
- Isaiah 64:6, All of us have become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous acts are like filthy rags; we all shrivel up like a leaf, and like the wind our sins sweep us away.

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God's escape plan!

(NLT) 2 Cor. 5:21, For God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for our sin, so that we could be made right with God through Christ.