HELL – A Perspective

So many times, I hear people say that they don't care if they are going to go to hell.

This message should make those words sound so ridiculous that you wouldn't even CONSIDER going to hell an option!

First thought is, what does the Bible say about what hell will be like? More importantly, what does Jesus say about what hell will be like?

Here's a brief look at the answer to those questions (Jesus speaking):

Mark 9:43-48

- (43) And if thy hand offend thee, cut it off: it is better for thee to enter into life maimed, than having two hands to go into hell, into the fire that never shall be **quenched**:
- (44) Where their worm dieth not, and **the fire is not quenched**.
- (45) And if thy foot offend thee, cut it off: it is better for thee to enter halt into life, than having two feet to be cast into <u>hell, into the fire that never shall be</u> <u>quenched</u>:
- (46) Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched.
- (47) And if thine eye offend thee, pluck it out: it is better for thee to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than having two eyes to be cast into hell fire:
- (48) Where their worm dieth not, and **the fire is not quenched**.

Luke 16:23

(23) And <u>in hell</u> he lifted up his eyes, <u>being in torments</u>, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom.

Mat 10:28

(28) And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able <u>to kill the soul</u>: but <u>rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell</u>.

Here's the rest of what the New Testament says about hell:

2Pe 2:4

(4) For if <u>God</u> spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them <u>down to hell</u>, and <u>delivered them into chains of darkness</u>, to be reserved unto judgment;

2Pe 2:9

(9) <u>The Lord knoweth how</u> to deliver the godly out of temptations, and <u>to reserve</u> <u>the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished</u>:

Revelation 20:13-14

- (13) And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and <u>hell delivered up</u> <u>the dead</u> which were <u>in them</u>: and they were judged every man according to their works.
- (14) And death and <u>hell</u> were <u>cast into the lake of fire</u>. This is the second death.

(Note: What that means, therefore, is that ALL THOSE IN HELL ARE "DEAD," AND THEY WILL ALL BE CAST INTO THE LAKE OF FIRE WHEN HELL, ITSELF IS CAST INTO THE LAKE OF FIRE!!!)

Revelation 20:15

(15) And whosoever was not found written in the book <u>of life</u> was <u>cast into</u> <u>the lake of fire</u>.

If there was any question about the validity of what I just said about the people in hell being cast into the Lake of Fire when hell is cast into the Lake of Fire, then 20:15 should end all questioning!!!

So, having seen the Bible's words about hell, and Jesus' Own words about hell, I want you to consider these points about hell, **and I challenge you to ponder them very pensively:**

First of all, if you think about **all the bad days you've experienced in this life**, and **all the bad things that have happened to you in this world and lifetime**, <u>IF you were to be able to heap them all together as one bad experience</u>, <u>you would not be able to compare that to even one minute in hell!!!</u>

Secondly, I want you to consider that <u>hell is where there is the total absence of</u> <u>EVERYTHING that is GOOD!</u> If you think about every kind thing that has been done to you, every loving thing that you've known in this life, every thoughtful thing anyone has done to you here, and every single beautiful or nice thing that has been experienced in this world, <u>NONE OF THAT will be in hell!!!</u>

The only thing you will experience in hell is "fire," pain, "torments," "soul death," "bodily death," "punishment," judgment," "darkness" (that is, THE ABSENCE OF ALL LIGHT), and SEPARATION FROM GOD!!!

But here's the clincher:

ALL OF THAT WILL NOT BE JUST "A BAD DAY"...IT WILL BE YOUR EXPERIENCE <u>FOR AS LONG AS HELL EXISTS</u>, AND THEN YOU WILL BE CAST INTO THE LAKE OF FIRE <u>WHERE YOU WILL SPEND ETERNITY</u>!!!

So, I ask you now: Do you REALLY not care if you are going to go to hell?

If you repent of those words, then I tell you this now: Turn your life over to Jesus Christ, and receive Him as Savior and Lord, so you can spend ETERNITY WITH HIM, NOTABLY IN THE PARADISE OF GOD!!!

THAT is where everything good, and kind, and nice, and decent, and beautiful will be experienced IN AN ABUNDANCE THAT CANNOT BE FATHOMED NOR MEASURED IN THIS LIFE!!!

One more thing:

I've heard so many people say that they want to go to hell because "that's where all my friends and/or family are."

Realize that *GOOD RELATIONSHIPS* and *FRIENDSHIPS* are part of the GOOD THINGS AND EXPERIENCES *that will NOT be in HELL*?!!