

2012 and the END TIMES Part 7

1 THESS 5:1-3 "Now, brothers, about times and dates we do not need to write to you, for you know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. While people are saying, "Peace and safety," destruction will come on them suddenly, as labor pains on a pregnant woman, and they will not escape"

Isa. 13:6 "Wail, for the day of the Lord is at hand! It will come as destruction from the Almighty."
Ecclesiastes 3:11 "He has planted eternity in the human heart."

I. God has prepared Two eternal places

A. Heaven and Hell.

John 14:2-3 "I'm going to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you I will come again and receive you unto myself that where I am you may be also."

Matt 25:41 "Jesus said, 'Then He [God] 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.'"

Revelation 20:10 "And the devil, who deceived them, was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone where the beast and false prophets are, And they will be tormented day and night forever and ever."

II. Why does Hell exist?

A. Because sin and evil exist.

B. God is holy and just.

Psalms 27:13 "I had fainted, unless I had believed to see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living.

2 Thessalonians 1:6-9 "God will do that is right. God is a righteous God and He will bring suffering on those who make you suffer. And He'll give relief to you who suffer as well. He will do this when the Lord Jesus appears from heaven to punish those who reject God who do not obey the good news about our Lord Jesus. They will suffer the punishment of eternal destruction, separated from the presence of the Lord." who do not obey the good news about our Lord Jesus. They will suffer the punishment of eternal destruction, separated from the presence of the Lord."

III. What is Hell like?

1 Corinthians 16:22 "If anyone does not love the Lord, let him be separated from God- and lost forever."

A. Hell is total separation from God.

1. God is love
2. God is light.
3. God is good
4. God is life.

5. God is **gracious**.

B. Hell is too **Remember**

1. Opportunities **passed** and repentance **refused**.

II Peter 3: 9 "It is not His will that any should perish, but that all come to repentance."

IV. Why do good people go to Hell?

A. They have an **unchanged** nature.

John 3:3-5 " Jesus answered and said in him, verily, verily, I say unto him, except the man be born again, he can not see the kingdom of God. Nicodemus says unto him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter the second time into his mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Verily, verily I say unto thee, except a man be born of water, and of the spirit, he can not enter the kingdom of God."

1. Because they have NO SIN **OFFERING**.

John 1:29 - "Behold the lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world."

2. Because HE is HIS **OWN** SAVIOR

John III 35-36 "The father loves the son, hath given all things unto his hand. He that believeth on the son has everlasting life and the that believeth not the Son shall not see life but the wrath of God abides on him."

3. The good man refuses to **repent**.

Luke 13:3 "Except you repent, you shall all likewise perish."

V. How should we respond to Hell?

A. We should **admit** the Scripture teaches there is a hell and deny the false doctrine of UNIVERSALISM

B. We should react in **faith** to a loving God by repenting of our sin and putting our trust in Christ as Savior.

C. If we have love for anyone not prepared for heaven, we should seek to **lead** them to a saving faith in Christ.

D. WE should react in loving faith to such a loving God by **investing** our life in Christ.