

Will There Be Good People In Hell?

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is a willful sin of which we must repent if we are guilty, if we expect to go to Heaven. Many who did obey the Lord and were baptized for the forgiveness of their sins have become weak and unfaithful and "having condemnation because they have cast off their first faith" (1 Timothy 5:12). If they remain in this situation they will be lost. Let's make sure that we and our loved ones have obeyed the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ and are faithfully serving Him in His church. For all those who are lost, "It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God" (Hebrews 10:31). We cannot wish ourselves or our loved ones out of Hell and into Heaven. It will be too late when one dies.

The Lord is "not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance" (2 Peter 3:9). Repentance is a change of heart which results in a change of our actions in obeying and following God's will. Jesus says, "Unless you repent you will all likewise perish" (Luke 13:3). Those who will not repent and faithfully obey the Lord will be eternally lost. Even though the Lord doesn't want anyone to be lost, the vast majority of people have chosen the broad way which will lead them to be eternally lost (Matthew 7:13). The vast majority have chosen to be lost.

All those who will not repent but practice the works of the flesh will be lost. We are warned, "Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God" (Galatians 5:19-21). Notice it says "and the like". This is not a complete list. A child of God will be lost if he continues to practice such things. The main reason people will be lost is they don't believe God and His warnings. Because of this "they all may be condemned who did not believe the truth" (2 Thessalonians 2:12). If there is any sin of which we have not repented, let's repent of it now.

A "Big Name" Preacher

"Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve." (Matt. 4:10) "For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them" (Matt. 18:20).

A congregation had invited a "big name" preacher to preach for them one Sunday. As it turned out, however, he couldn't go and he sent his brother to speak in his place. As word got around the congregation, several people started to leave. The fill-in preacher then stood up and made this announcement: "Those of you who came to hear my brother speak may leave at this time; those of you who came to worship God may stay on."

Joshua said, "And if it seems evil to you to serve the LORD, choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the river, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD." (Joshua 24:15)

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Sunday Worship:

9:30 am Bible Study

10:20 am Worship

12:30 pm Afternoon

Wednesday Night

7:pm

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Many times we hear people say or read in an obituary that, "My mother was a good person and she went home to be with her Lord in Heaven". This is only wishful thinking if the individual had not obeyed the gospel and was not a faithful member of the Lord's one true church. The individual may have been a "good person", but being a good person is not the only requirement for one to go to Heaven. We read in 2 Thessalonians 1:7-9, "**When the Lord Jesus is revealed from Heaven with His mighty angels, in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. These shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power.**" Even though one is a good person, if he has not obeyed "the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ", he will be eternally lost in Hell.

Also notice that "**those who do not know God**" will also be lost in Hell. What does it mean to "not know God"? "**He who says, 'I know him', and does not keep his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him**" (1 John 2:4). To not know God is to not keep all of His commandments. Those who do not know God include those who once obeyed the gospel but fell away and quit keeping God's commandments. We cannot be good enough, on our own, to go to heaven. "**For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God**" (Romans 3:23). What must we do, as Christians, for the blood of Christ to continue to forgive of our sins? "**But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin**" (1 John 1:7). This was written to Christians. We have got to continue to be faithful to the Lord if we are to continue to get forgiveness of our sins. If one, as a Christian, does not continue to get forgiveness of his sins, he will be eternally lost in Hell. We must be a faithful member of the Lord's one true church.

Jesus says that we are to "**seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness**" (Matthew 6:33). Going to Heaven must be first in our lives. It cannot be second. God will not accept our second best. Also we read in Hebrews 11:6, "**But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.**" God is only a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him. We cannot with a weak faith, half-heartedly seek God. God demands our best if we want to be rewarded with a home in Heaven, otherwise we will be cast into the eternal torments of Hell.

Also we see from the Bible that if one has obeyed the gospel but forsakes the assembly and was not faithful until death, even though he was otherwise a "good person", he will be in Hell.

"**Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together as the manner of some is...For if we sin willfully after we have received the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, but a certain fearful expectation of judgment and fiery indignation**" (Hebrews 10:25-27). Forsaking the assembly of the church

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Those to Serve

(B) Jeffrey Burks (FV) Calvin Burks

(O) Doug Pruet (A) Keith Stifflemire

1st prayer Jack Wall 2nd prayer Kyle Stifflemire

Announcements: Judd Wall Singing: Mike Mallett

Prayer List: Naomi Wall , Mildred Lovell , Lloyd Crownover, Ruby Jones, Pray for our nation, our Troops and Law Enforcement

You should know that baptism requires--

- water (Acts 8:36; 10:47; John 3:23)
- going to water (Acts 8:36; Matthew 3:5-6)
- a burial (Romans 6:3-5; Colossians 2:12)
- a planting (Romans 6:5)
- a washing (Acts 22:16; Ephesians 5:26; Titus 3:5; Hebrews 10:22)
- a birth (John 3:5; 1 Peter 1:22-25)
- a raising out of the water (Romans 6:1-4; Colossians 2:12)
- a coming out of the water (Acts 8:39)

Dates to Remember

September 4th

Mission Sunday

September 1st

Labor Day

September 11th

Grandparent Day

September 25th

Noon Fellowship

Happy Birthday

To

Kristen Stifflemire Sept. 11th

Kathy Stifflemire Sept.24th

Vernon Houts Sept. 24th

Autumn Vann Sept.29th

Indeed I tremble for my country when I reflect that God is just.

THOMAS JEFFERSON