



Hell: “How Could a Loving God Send Someone to Hell?”
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Quick Thoughts

Believing many paths lead to God is an increasingly popular notion, even among those who identify as Christians.

Accepting the unpopular & often misunderstood Christian doctrine of hell requires 1) a knowledge of what happens after death and 2) insight into God’s character and the consequences of sin.

Since hell is for those who do not repent, when Scripture confronts us, the proper response is repentance.

REPENT: to change one’s life, based on complete change of attitude and thought concerning sin and righteousness.

Scripture

Luke 16:19-31 “The Rich Man & Lazarus”

Romans 3:11-12, 23

1 Timothy 2:4

Links/Resources

1. Is hell real? Is hell eternal?
<http://www.gotquestions.org/hell-real-eternal.html>
2. Preaching Hell in a Tolerant Age: Brimstone for the Broad-Minded, by Tim Keller
<http://www3.dbu.edu/jeanhumphreys/DeathDying/preachinghell.htm>
3. What Is God's Relationship to People Who Are In Hell?
<http://www.desiringgod.org/interviews/what-is-gods-relationship-to-people-who-are-in-hell>

Questions

1. What does the common person think about what happens after death?
2. How do you determine what you believe about the afterlife?
3. When Scripture confronts you, are you more likely to reject it or repent?
4. How does God’s true character and the devastating consequences of sin complicate the notion that many paths lead to heaven?
5. How does the Gospel put a positive spin on the doctrine of hell?