

I. We Need Salvation From the Horrors of Hell

1. Hell is a place of everlasting fire (direct and intense pain).
 - a. “hell fire” ([Mt. 5:22](#), [18:9](#)).
 - b. “everlasting fire” ([Mt. 18:8](#)).
 - c. “unquenchable fire” ([Mt. 3:12](#)).
 - d. “the fire that never shall be quenched” ([Mk. 9:43-48](#)).
 - e. “set on fire by hell” ([Jm. 3:6](#)).
 - f. “lake of fire and brimstone” ([Rev. 20:10](#), [14-15](#)).
2. Hell is a place of everlasting darkness (hopelessness and despair).
 - a. Darkness is oftentimes associated with despair (cf. [Job 3:1-6](#)).
 - b. “outer darkness” ([Mt. 8:12](#), [22:13](#), [25:30](#)).
 - c. “the mist of darkness is reserved for ever” ([2 Pt. 2:17](#)).
 - d. “the blackness of darkness for ever” ([Jd. 13](#)).
3. Hell is a place of mental torment.
 - a. The rich man in torments had his identity and wanted Lazarus to warn his brothers ([Lk. 16:22-28](#)).
 - b. “wailing/weeping and gnashing of teeth” ([Mt. 8:12](#), [13:42](#), [50](#), [22:13](#), [24:51](#), [25:30](#); [Lk. 13:28](#)).
 - c. Those in hell will have an eternity to think about all the **wasted opportunities**, all the **wicked things** done, and **why they did not obey the Gospel**.
4. Thankfully, hell is completely avoidable.
 - a. “And as it is appointed unto men **once** to die, but after this the judgment” ([Heb. 9:27](#) emphasis mine).
 - b. “**second** death” = hell ([Rev. 20:14](#)).
 - c. Faithful saints who die in Christ **overcome** the second death ([Rev. 20:4-6](#)).
 - d. Hell was never intended for us ([Mt. 25:41](#)).

II. We Need Salvation to Have the Haven of Heaven

1. Just as real as hell, is the place called Heaven, and it is the final destination of the faithful servant of God.

2. Heaven is a place of eternal life.
 - a. "...there shall be no more death..." ([Rev. 21:4](#)).
 - b. "...the fountain of the water of life..." ([Rev. 21:6](#)).
 - c. "...a pure river of water of life..." ([Rev. 22:1](#)).
 - d. "...the tree of life..." ([Rev. 22:2](#)).
3. Heaven is pain and sorrow free ([Rev. 21:4](#)).
4. Heaven is a place of unsurpassed beauty and preciousness.
 - a. "...like a jasper stone, clear as crystal" ([Rev. 21:11](#)).
 - b. "And the building of the wall of it was of jasper: and the city *was* pure gold, like unto clear glass" ([Rev. 21:18](#)).
 - c. "And the foundations of the wall of the city *were* garnished with all manner of precious stones..." ([Rev. 21:19-20](#)).
 - d. "And the twelve gates *were* twelve pearls..." ([Rev. 21:21](#)).
 - e. "...the street of the city *was* pure gold, as it were transparent glass" ([Rev. 21:21](#)).
 - f. "And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb *is* the light thereof" ([Rev. 21:23](#)).
 - g. "...a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb" ([Rev. 22:1](#)).
5. Nothing wicked is or will be in Heaven ([Rev. 21:8](#), [27](#), [22:14-15](#)).
6. God is in Heaven.
 - c. Those in Heaven will see God's face ([Rev. 22:3-4](#))!

III. The Question of Salvation: What Will I Do with Jesus?

1. Those that **obeyed** Christ rejoiced.
 - a. The Ethiopian eunuch ([Ac. 8:26-39](#)).
 - b. The Philippian jailor ([Ac. 16:24-34](#)).
2. Those that **reject** Christ will be lost forever ([2 Th. 1:7-10](#)).
 - a. These individuals will experience the full payment of sin and the wrath of God.
 - b. There is **no** rejoicing in this.