

If you've never received Jesus Christ as your Savior, bow your head this minute and ask Jesus Christ to save you. *Don't put it off another minute. Don't lay this tract down until you receive Jesus Christ. NOTHING IS WORTH TAKING THE CHANCE!*

Pray this prayer, and mean it with all your heart:

Lord Jesus, I know that I am a sinner, and unless you save me I am lost forever. I know you died to pay for my sins on the Cross of Calvary. I come to you now and ask you to save me. I now receive you as my Savior. In Jesus Name, Amen.

“How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation...” Hebrews 2:3

## What Will It Be?

### I TRUST JESUS AS MY SAVIOUR

He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life:  
John 3:36a

### I REFUSE JESUS CHRIST

and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life;  
but the wrath of God abideth on him. John 3:36b

If you just now received Jesus Christ as your personal Savior, we'd like to send you some material to help you.

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## “And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments . . .”

Luke 16:23



# THE TRUTH ABOUT HELL

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What you're about to read is hard to believe. We're going to examine the place the Bible calls hell. We'll present documented evidence for a place called hell. Don't take what you're reading to read lightly.

## YOU COULD BE IN SERIOUS DANGER!

Several years ago a book was published, entitled, *Beyond Death's Door*, by Dr. Maurice Rawlings. Dr. Rawlings, a specialist in Internal Medicine and Cardiovascular Disease, resuscitated many people who had been clinically dead. Dr. Rawlings, a devout atheist, “*considered all religion 'hocus-pocus' and death nothing more than a painless extinction.*” But something happened in 1977 that brought a dramatic change in the life of Dr. Rawlings! He was resuscitating a man, terrified and screaming — ***descending into hell!***

Each time he regained heartbeat and respiration, the patient screamed, “*I am in hell!*” He was terrified and pleaded with me to help him. I was scared to death. . . Then I noticed a genuinely alarmed look on his face. This patient had a grotesque grimace expressing sheer horror! His pupils were dilated, and he was perspiring and trembling—he looked as if his hair was “on end.”

Then still another strange thing happened. He said, “*Don't you understand? I am in hell. . . Don't let me go back to hell!*”

(Maurice Rawlings, *Beyond Death's Door*, p. 3)

Dr. Rawlings said, no one, who heard his screams and saw the look of terror on his face could doubt for a minute that — ***HE WAS ACTUALLY IN A PLACE CALLED HELL!***

The Bible continually warns of a place called hell. Over and over God warns men of hell. There are over 162 references in the New Testament which warns of hell. *And over 70 of these references were spoken by Jesus Christ!*

In Luke 16, Jesus gives a frightening picture of hell:

22 . . . the rich man also died, and was buried;  
23 ***And in hell*** he lift up his eyes, ***being in torments***, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom.  
24 And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; ***for I am tormented in this flame.***  
25 But Abraham said, Son, remember that thou in thy lifetime receivedst thy good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things: but now he is comforted, and thou art tormented.  
26 And beside all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed: so that they which would pass from hence to you cannot; neither can they pass to us, that would come from thence.  
27 Then he said, I pray thee therefore, father, that thou wouldest send him to my father's house:  
28 For I have five brethren; that he may testify unto them, lest they also come into this ***place of torment.*** (Luke 16:22-28)

## HELL IS A PLACE OF FIRE

The man in Luke 16 says “*. . . I am tormented in this FLAME.*”

In Matthew 13:42, Jesus says: “*cast them into a FURNACE OF FIRE: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth.*”

In Matthew 25:41, Jesus says: “*Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting FIRE, . . .*”

Revelation 20:15 says, “*And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the LAKE OF FIRE.*”

The Bible describes hell as “fire” over 40 times!

## THE LOCATION OF HELL

In Acts 2:31, Peter says, “. . . seeing this before spake of the resurrection of Christ, that his soul was not left in HELL”

***When Jesus Christ died — His soul went into hell.***

In Matthew 12:40, Jesus says: “. . . so shall the Son of man be three days and three nights in the HEART OF THE EARTH.”

## Hell is inside the earth!

Ephesians 4:9, says of Jesus: “*Now that he ascended, what is it but that he also descended first into the LOWER PARTS OF THE EARTH.*”

On page 85 of *Beyond Death's Door*, Dr. Rawlings wrote that patients described hell as, “. . . *this place seems to be UNDERGROUND or WITHIN THE EARTH in some way.*”

Scientist and Bible teacher, Henry Morris confirms the location and scientific accuracy of hell:

“So far as we can tell from Scripture, the present hell, is somewhere in the heart of the earth itself. To say this is not scientific is to assume science knows much more about the earth's interior than is actually the case. . . The great 'pit' [hell] would only need to be about 100 miles or less in diameter to contain, with much room to spare, all the forty billion or so people who have ever lived. . . .” (Henry M. Morris, *The Bible Has the Answer*, p. 220)

The *Birmingham News*, April 10, 1987, had an article titled, “*Earth's Center Hotter Than Sun's Surface, Scientists Say.*” The article stated, scientists have recently discovered, “***The EARTH'S INNER CORE has a temperature of over 12,000 degrees fahrenheit!***”

Have you seen pictures of a volcano erupting, spewing a “*lake of fire*” from inside the earth? When Mount St. Helens erupted in May 18, 1980, it was described by reporters, “***when HELL surfaced upon the earth.***”

In Numbers 16, the Bible gives the *actual* account of people falling into hell alive! Num. 16:32-33: “***And THE EARTH OPENED HER MOUTH, and swallowed them up, . . . and all that appertained to them, went down alive INTO THE PIT, and the EARTH CLOSED UPON THEM.***”

Thousands of years ago, the Bible described a place inside the earth that matches what science has recently discovered!

## YES! THERE IS A HELL!

Caspar Peucer, a famous 14th century scientist, who studied volcano eruptions at Heklafell, recorded some very frightening information in his research findings:

“Out of the bottomless abyss of Heklafell, or rather out of Hell itself, ***rise melancholy cries and loud wailings, so that these can be heard for many miles around. . . there may be heard in the mountain fearful howlings, weeping and gnashing of teeth.***” (Haraldur Sigurdsson, *Melting the Earth, The History of Ideas on Volcanic Eruptions*, p. 73)

And Caspar Peucer is not alone. . .

“The fearsome noises that issued from some of their volcanoes were certainly thought to be the screams of tormented souls in the fires of hell below”. (ibid., p. 73)

Others also believe they've heard “cries and screams” coming from volcanoes. They try to desperately ignore the horrifying “sounds of hell”. **But they are there.**

Everything we know, everything we discover, proves the fact of a place called hell.

## FIRE AND BRIMSTONE

Revelation 14:10 says, “. . . and he shall be tormented with fire and **BRIMSTONE** . . .” Eleven times the Bible describes Hell as “fire and brimstone”. Do you know what brimstone is? It’s sulfur. And do you know where sulfur or brimstone is found? INSIDE THIS EARTH! *Nature* magazine just learned what the Bible knew over 3,000 years ago. Inside this earth is “fire and brimstone”:

“**Volcanoes may be more like hell than anyone realized.** Eruptions disgorge streams of molten sulphur, **the brimstone of evangelical preachers**, which burns up before it can be preserved for posterity, new research in the journal *Geology* shows”. (*Nature*, July 22, 2002)



The cover of *Discover* magazine, August 2002, asks the question — “What’s Really at the Center of the Earth?”.

I know what’s REALLY in “the center of this earth”. Jesus told us. **There is a fire – with millions of people burning, weeping, screaming, wailing and gnashing of teeth.**

## HELL IS A PLACE OF TORMENT

Jesus says of the man in Luke 16:

23 “in hell he lift up his eyes, being in **TORMENTS.**”  
24 “. . . for I am **TORMENTED in this flame.**”  
28 “. . . **PLACE OF TORMENT.**”

It is humanly impossible to comprehend the Bible description of hell. **Nothing on earth can compare with it.** No nightmare could produce it’s terror. No crime scene with all it’s terror could begin to match it’s horror.

## It is beyond anything humanly imaginable.

The Bible warns in Psalm 9:17, you will not only be in hell — you will be **TURNED INTO HELL!** **You will literally BE HELL!**

“**The wicked shall be turned into hell...**” Psalm 9:17

**YOU will see HELL**  
**YOU will smell HELL**  
**YOU will breathe HELL**  
**YOU will hear HELL**  
**YOU will feel HELL**  
**YOU WILL BE HELL!**

The Bible describes the torments as *weeping* (Matt 8:12), *wailing* (Matt 13:42), *gnashing of teeth* (Matt 13:50), *darkness* (Matt 25:30), *flames* (Luke 16:24), *everlasting burnings* (Isa 33:14), *torments* (Luke 16:23), *everlasting punishment!*

## HELL IS FOREVER!

**All who enter hell — abandon all hope!**

***The horror of hell — for even one second is unbearable — but FOREVER!***

Look how the Bible warns of the permanence of hell:

**everlasting** fire — Matthew 18:8, 25:41  
**everlasting** punishment — Matthew 25:46  
**everlasting** chains — Jude 1:6  
**eternal** damnation — Mark 3:29  
**eternal** judgment — Hebrews 6:2  
**eternal** fire — Jude 1:7  
**unquenchable** fire — Matthew 3:12  
the fire that **never shall be quenched** — Mark 9:43  
fire **unquenchable** — Luke 3:17  
mist of darkness is reserved for **ever** — 2 Pet. 2:17  
the blackness of darkness for **ever** — Jude 1:13

My friend, I have searched my Bible, from cover to cover. I have studied every occurrence of hell in the Bible — and I can not find one verse, not one word of **HOPE** for someone in hell! **NOT ONE WORD!** The rich man in hell in Luke 16 **never** even asks to get out — **He knew there was no way out!**

***What could possibly be worth eternity in hell?*** No wonder Jesus Christ warned so much about hell! No wonder Jesus said in Mark 8:36, “*For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, **AND LOSE HIS OWN SOUL?***”

## Jesus Christ took hell very serious!

Jesus Christ says in Mark 9:43,  
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:*  
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 hell, into the fire that never shall be 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:*

Jesus Christ took hell so serious — **He could say without the slightest hesitation** — to remove your eye, cut off your hand or foot, if **that would keep you out of hell.**

***If hell is not real — Jesus Christ was the most deceived man that ever lived!*** I challenge you to read the words of Jesus Christ and tell me they are the words of a deceived man.

No friend. Jesus Christ knew **EXACTLY** what He was talking about. And He continually warned and pleaded and preached about the place of hell. **No sane man could describe the place of hell as Jesus Christ described it — UNLESS IT IS TRUE!**

## How did Jesus describe hell?

Jesus Christ spoke more on hell than any other subject. Just look at how Jesus described hell:

“fire” Matt 7:19, 13:40, 25:41  
“everlasting fire” Matt 18:8, 25:41  
“eternal damnation” Mark 3:29  
“hell fire” Matt 5:22, 18:9, Mark 9:47  
“damnation” Matt 23:14, Mark 12:40, Luke 20:47  
“shall be damned” Mark 16:16  
“damnation of hell” Matt 23:33  
“resurrection of damnation” John 5:29  
“furnace of fire” Matt 13:42, 50  
“the fire that never shall be quenched” Mark 9:43, 45  
“the fire is not quenched” Mark 9:44, 46, 48  
“Where their worm dieth not” Mark 9:44, 46, 48  
“wailing and gnashing of teeth” Matt 13:42, 50  
“weeping and gnashing of teeth” Matt 8:12, 22:13, 25:30  
“torments” Luke 16:23  
“tormented in this flame” Luke 16:24  
“place of torment” Luke 16:28  
“outer darkness” Matt 8:12, 22:13  
“everlasting punishment” Matt 25:46

## WHAT IF JESUS IS RIGHT?

Hebrews 9:27 says, “*And as it is appointed unto men **once to die**, but after this the judgment:*”

**it is appointed unto man once to die . . .**

*Three people die every second, 180 every minute, since you started this tract, 2000 people have gone into eternity.*

## and one day — IT WILL BE YOU!

*As you leave your body — you realize something is happening. You hear a sound. . . getting louder and louder. . . screaming . . . weeping. . . wailing. Terror and fear beyond anything you could imagine overtakes you. “This can’t be happening!” you scream. Your nostrils are filling with the awful stench of burning souls. Your face ignites from the heat. Flames are now blazing from your eyes, nostrils, ears, mouth — every opening in your body, flames are roaring out. Your body is sizzling and crackling from the flames.*

*Your body is now madly thrashing and convulsing from the horrible pain. “Why don’t I just die?” You begin weeping and gnashing your teeth with the millions. “When will this pain stop?” **But you know it will NEVER stop.***

*You curse the day you were born. “Oh God, why didn’t you warn me?” — and you remember the preacher pleading with you to receive Jesus Christ. You remember reading this gospel tract. “God don’t you care?” — and you remember John 3:16 **For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son,** . . . “God is a God of love — He won’t allow this”, — but you remember John 3:36, “. . . he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; **but the wrath of God abideth on him.**” **AND YOU ARE FOREVER IN THE WRATH OF GOD!***

*And you realize, that Jesus Christ was right — there is a place called hell. . .*

**AND YOU ARE THERE — FOREVER!**

## God does NOT want you in hell.

Hell was not made for man. Matthew 25:41 says, hell was, “. . . prepared for the devil and his angels.”

Because God is holy — **sin must be condemned.** Joshua 24:19 says, “. . . *he is an holy God;* . . . *he will not forgive your transgressions nor your sins.*”

Friend, God loved you so much, He sent His Son, Jesus, to this earth to die on a cross to pay for your sins.

Rom. 5:8 says, “*But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.*”

**God does not send people to hell.** You choose hell when you reject Jesus Christ. When you refuse God’s love gift of eternal life in Jesus Christ — **YOU CHOOSE HELL.**

Millionaire Ted Turner, said in an interview, “*I’m looking forward to dying and being cast into Hell. That’s where I belong.*” You say — he’s a fool. But friend, when you say “No” to Jesus Christ and His payment for your sin — **you are saying the same thing.** *You’re telling God — I don’t need Jesus Christ — I’ll pay for my sins in hell.*

**If you reject Jesus Christ one day YOU will be in hell.**

*I assure you — if you die without Jesus Christ — **it’ll be the worst mistake you could possibly make!***

## DO NOT DIE WITHOUT JESUS!

**Tomorrow may be too late!** Proverbs 27:1 says, “*Boast not thyself of tomorrow: for thou KNOWEST NOT what a day may bring forth.*”

**What could be worth eternity in hell?**

Jesus Christ asked in Mark 8:36-37:

“For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and **lose his own soul?** Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?”

Yes. There is a place called hell! If you continue to refuse the Lord Jesus Christ and His payment on Calvary for your sins — *just as sure as you live and breathe —*

**ONE DAY YOU WILL BE IN HELL AND IT WILL HAPPEN!**