



Based on the sermon by Dr. David A. Dean

## DISCUSS

*NOTE: We highly encourage you to watch the full sermon before discussion in order to view the message in its full context. [WATCH ►](#)*

These truths summarize what Scripture teaches us about Hell: (1) Hell is real, (2) Hell is eternal and those who go there will never escape, (3) and Hell is the default destination of all people. Most Christian recoil from these truths because it means that every human being ever born, with the exception of Jesus Christ, deserves eternal condemnation. But refusing to face this reality has serious consequences for the Christian and for those who we share the gospel with.

1. Why do people deny the reality of hell? What are the implications of admitting that Hell is real?
2. How do people convince themselves that they will not go to Hell, or that Hell is not something to be feared? Dr. Dean mentions in the sermon six strategies often used: denying the existence of Hell, annihilationism, universalism, inclusivism, "only monsters," "God is love." Define these methods. How does Scripture prove these strategies to be false? Why would people prefer these lies over the truth?
3. Why is hell the default destination? Why do all people deserve to go to hell? Let's review the gospel message:

**All are sinners.** Who are sinners according to Romans 3:23? What does falling short of the glory of God mean?

**The Law cannot save.** Why can the law not save a sinner?

**The wages of sin is death.** What kind of death does this refer to?

**The Good News.** What's the good news in the second part of Romans 6:23B, Romans 8:1A, John 3:16? What does salvation by grace mean? What is the only way to avoid the default destination? What are the two facts for those who believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and for those who reject the only way of salvation?

4. What about people who never heard the gospel? Would they be sent to hell? What truth did Paul point out to those who have access to the Scripture in Romans 2:1-3? How about those who don't have access to Scripture or never heard the gospel (Romans 2:4-11)? Would their good deeds save them (v. 12-16)? What did Paul bring up about the conscience (v. 15b). Why would the holy and just God allow anyone into Heaven?

## REFLECT

The Bible tells us that the default destination of all people is Hell; there is nothing we can do about that fact on our own—only through Jesus Christ can we be saved from this eternal condemnation. As a Christian saved from Hell by grace through faith in Jesus Christ as your Savior, how have you thanked God for this gift? What is your responsibility to people you know are marching to Hell and will suffer in eternity?

## PRAY

Heavenly Father, thank You that You are both loving and just. Thank You that in spite of my sin, You have saved me through Jesus Christ. May You help me to have the courage to tell the good news and the bad news to people I know or even to strangers who need You. Thank You that You can use me to share the gospel to others, but that it's Your Holy Spirit who convicts people of their sins. In Jesus' precious name. Amen.