BARRIERS TO HELL

INTRODUCTION
1. A "BARRIER" is: a fence or some obstacle in a passage or way; to stop an enemy; anything that hinders.
2. Man is lost in sin, but God does not want him to be lost in Hell--I Tim. 2:4; II Pet. 3:9; Luke 19:10; John 3:16
3. If man is lost and goes to hell, he goes there in spite of the Divine Barriers to keep him from going there.
4. Let us look at the DIVINE BARRIERS to Hell.

I. THE LOVE OF GOD IS A DIVINE BARRIER TO HELL
   1. "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life" -- John 3:16
   2. Let us look at this verse:
      (1) It talks about the greatest Giver -- GOD -- James 1:17
      (2) The greatest LOVE -- GOD’S LOVE -- I John 4:10; I John 3:1; Rom. 5:8; II Cor. 5:14
      (3) The greatest SPHERE -- The World--All of mankind -- Mark 16: 15 - 16
      (4) The greatest GIFT -- His only begotten Son:
         1. His Son came as a Ransom -- Matt. 20:28; I Pet. 1: 18 - 19 (the price)
         2. His Son came to save the Lost-- Luke 19:10; Tit. 2:14; Rom. 3:23
         3. His Son has the ability to save -- Heb. 7: 25
      (5) The greatest INVITATION -- "Whosoever believeth in Him should not perish"
         1. Rev. 22:17; Matt. 11: 28 - 30
      (6) The greatest SECURITY -- "Should not perish, but have everlasting life"
         1. Matt. 25:41; II Tim. 1:10; Rom. 2:7

II. THE BIBLE IS A DIVINE BARRIER TO HELL
   1. The Bible has been given to man by the Holy Spirit -- II Pet. 1: 20 - 21; John 16:13; Eph. 3: 3 - 5; I Cor. 2: 9 - 13
   2. The Bible is a Sufficient guide -- II Tim. 3: 16 - 17; II Pet. 1:3
   3. Only the Bible can answer these QUESTIONS:
      (1) Who am I?
         1. I am a being in the image of God -- Gen. 1: 26; Acts 17: 29
            (1) We have the ability to think
            (2) We can feel --respond
            (3) The ability to will
2. I have an eternal soul -- Matt. 25: 46; 10:28

(2) Whence came I?
1. I came from God -- Gen. 2:7; Heb. 12:9

(3) Why am I here?
1. To seek the Lord -- Acts 17: 26 - 27
2. To hear and obey Christ -- Matt. 17:5; Matt. 7:21

(4) Where am I going?
1. To heaven, if obedient -- Matt. 25: 34
2. To hell, if disobedient -- Matt. 25:41, 46; II Thess. 1: 8 - 9

4. Friend, if you go to hell it will be because you ignored the Barrier of the Bible.

III. THE SIMPLICITY OF THE PLAN OF SALVATION IS A DIVINE BARRIER TO HELL
1. Faith in Christ -- Mk. 16:16; Acts 16: 31; Acts 8: 36 - 37
2. Repent of sins -- Acts 2:38; 17:30; Lk. 13:5
3. Confession of faith in Christ -- Matt. 10:32; Rom. 10:10; Acts 8:37
4. Baptism for the remission of sins -- Acts 2: 38; Mk. 16:16; Rom. 6: 3 - 4; Acts 22:16; Gal. 3:27; Eph. 4:5
5. Friend, if you go to hell it will be because you ignored the Barrier of God’s simple plan of Salvation.

IV. THE CHURCH IS A DIVINE BARRIER TO HELL
1. The church is the SAVED -- Acts 2:47; Eph. 5:23
2. The church was BOUGHT with the BLOOD OF CHRIST -- Acts. 20:28
3. The church is the PILLAR and GROUND of the TRUTH -- I Tim. 3:15
4. The church CARRIES THE GOSPEL the world today -- Mk. 16: 15 - 16
5. The church DOES NOT WANT YOU TO BE LOST -- Rev. 22:17

V. PRAYERS FOR THE SAINTS ARE DIVINE BARRIERS TO HELL
1. Pray for all men -- I Tim. 2: 1 - 8
2. They pray for God to send laborers into the harvest -- Matt. 9: 37 - 38
3. Paul prayed for the lost -- Rom. 10: 1 - 3; II Thess. 3:1; Eph. 6: 18 - 19; Col. 4:3
4. Pray for erring children -- I John 5:16; James 5:16; I John 1: 8 - 9

CONCLUSION

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