HELL

INTRODUCTION
1. HELL has become an unpopular subject.
2. In the Readers Digest, 1,500 people were polled about their religious beliefs and only 53% believed in HELL.
3. We all need to study the subject of HELL -- it helps us to live better.
4. The Death of Christ and Hell are our correct gauges to measure the enormity of Sin.

I. WHY BELIEVE IN HELL?
1. Jesus taught there is a Hell.
   (1) He warned that the "whole body" can be cast into hell -- Matt. 5:29
   (2) Jesus said, "Fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell" -- Matt. 10:28
   (3) Jesus talked about "the damnation of hell" -- Matt. 23:33
   (4) Jesus talked about "the child of Hell" -- Mat. 23:15
   (5) Jesus talked about the fire of Hell "that never shall be quenched" -- Mark 9: 43, 46
2. Paul, an Apostle of Christ, taught there is a Hell
   (1) II Thess. 1: 8 - 9, 6 - 9
   (2) Rom. 2: 5 - 9
   (3) Rom. 1:32
3. Peter, an Apostle, taught there is a hell
   (1) II Pet. 2:9
4. John taught there is a hell
   (1) Rev. 20: 10, 12 - 15

II. FOR WHO IS HELL PREPARED?
1. The Devil and his angels -- Matt. 25:41; II Pet. 2:4; Jude 6
2. All who OBEY NOT the gospel -- II Thess. 1: 8 - 9
3. For children of God who are unfaithful -- Matt. 25: 30; Heb. 10: 25 - 31

III. THE TORMENT OF HELL
1. Those who go to hell will be "TORMENTED" forever and ever -- Rev. 20:10
   (1) The rich man in Hades was tormented -- Luke 16: 24, 25
   (2) To be tormented is to be in "extreme pain"; "anguish"
2. A place of "UNQUENCHABLE FIRE" -- Mk. 9: 46, 48
3. "The lake of fire"--Rev. 20: 15 -- "which burneth with fire and brimstone" -- Rev. 21:8
5. "Everlasting punishment" -- Matt. 25:46
7. "There shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth" -- Matt. 13:42
8. "The second death" -- Rev. 20:14
9. "Outer darkness" -- Matt. 25:30
10. Hell is a place of "indignation and wrath," "tribulation and anguish" -- Rom. 2:8 - 9

IV. HOW LONG WILL HELL LAST?
1. Hell is "Everlasting punishment" -- Matt. 25:46
2. Hell is "Everlasting destruction" -- II Thess. 1:8 - 9
3. Hell is for "ever and ever" -- Rev. 20:10

V. SOME THINGS NOT FOUND IN HELL
1. There will be no LIGHT in hell -- Matt. 25:30
   (1) In the darkness of hell the damned are destined for ever.
   (2) Hell will be a place of eternal night -- just as heaven will be a place of eternal day -- Rev. 21:23
2. One in hell will be completely separated from GOD
   (1) The second death -- Rev. 20:14
   (2) Complete separation from God -- II Thess. 1:8 - 9
3. There will be no MERCY in hell.
   (1) The rich man found NO mercy in the torment of Hades -- Luke 16:24 - 26
   (2) This is the day of God’s mercy while we live -- Eph. 2: 8 - 9; Tit. 2:11,12
   (3) The reward is based on "deeds done in the body" -- II Cor. 5:10; Rev. 20:12; Rev. 2:10
   (4) Heb. 10: 28 - 31
4. There will be no WATER in hell -- there was none in the torment of Hades -- Luke 16:24
5. There will be no REST in hell
   (1) "tortured day and night for ever and ever" --Rev. 20:10
   (2) "There shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth"-- Matt. 13:42
6. There will be no LOVE OF GOD in hell
   (1) The vengeance of God will be in Hell -- Heb. 10:30; II Thess. 1:8
   (2) God's indignation and wrath will be in Hell -- Rom. 2:8
   (3) The severity of God will be in hell -- Rom. 11:22
7. There will be no WELL BEING in Hell
   (1) Hell will be "Everlasting destruction" -- II Thess. 1:9
   (2) Everlasting ruin --"lack of well-being"
VI. WHO WILL BE IN HELL?

1. The Devil and his angels -- Matt. 25:41; II Pet. 2:4
2. The sons of the Devil -- John 8:44; I John 3:8; Col. 3:6
3. Those that do what they judge others for doing -- Rom. 2:1; 2: 21 - 23
4. The morally corrupt -- Rev. 21:8; Gal. 5: 19 - 21
5. Members of the church that fail to make preparation
   (1) Matt. 25: 1 - 13
6. Members of the church who are indifferent to responsibility
   (1) Matt. 25: 14 - 30
7. Members of the church that are indifferent to opportunity
   (1) Matt. 25: 31 - 46
8. Apostates
   (1) Heb. 6: 4 - 6
   (2) Heb. 10: 25 - 31

CONCLUSION

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