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## ETERNAL PUNISHMENT AWAITS REJECTORS!

1 Peter 4:15-18 "Let none of you suffer as an evildoer!"

2 Thessalonians 1:7-9 "And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power;"

Hell is an unpleasant subject. So is disease. So is death. Doctors must discuss both to aid a person.

HELL is...

1. A place of extreme suffering. Matthew 5:29
2. A place of darkness. Matthew 22:13
3. A place apart from God. 2 Thessalonians 1:8-9

**AVOID HELL! REST WITH US!**

Why are you NOT a Christian?

Is it because there are hypocrites in the church?

Is it because you think you are "too far," in "too deep"?

Is it because you feel that it would rob you of pleasures in this life?

Is it because your parents, husband, or wife, is not a member of the church?

Is it because your job or position in life is not compatible to being a Christian?

Is it because you fear you could not "live it"?

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Come and let us reason together!

"You ain't gonna get to Heaven whittlin' on the stick of do little and rocking in the chair of do nothin'!" -Roy Burgess

Written by Roy Burgess and delivered on WHOT radio April 9, 1950. Edited by his grandson, Michael Dawson. It has been over 70 years but this message still rings true!

## Why should I be a Christian?



Isaiah 62:1-2

"For Zion's sake will I not hold my peace, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until the righteousness thereof go forth as brightness, and the salvation thereof as a lamp that burneth. And the Gentiles shall see thy righteousness, and all kings thy glory: and thou shalt be called by a new name, which the mouth of the Lord shall name.

Acts 11:26

And when he had found him, he brought him unto Antioch. And it came to pass, that a whole year they assembled themselves with the church, and taught much people. And the disciples were called Christians first in Antioch.

There are many Bible reasons why you should and **must be** a Christian:

I.

SINNERS ARE UNPREPARED TO MEET GOD!

Hebrews 10:31 tells us that it is "a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the Living God" without obedience to the Gospel and the blood of Christ to cover our sins it is impossible to please God. We **must** have *faith* in Him! (Hebrews 11:6)

Romans 5:12 says "Wherefore, as by one man [Adam] sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:" Romans 3:23 echos this but lets us know that sin isn't something special to you, "all have sinned and fallen short".

The Revelation of John 21:27 lets us know that if we have our names written in the Lamb's book of Life we shall have nothing to fear!

II.

GOD HAS PROVIDED SALVATION FOR ALL!

John 3:16 says that God so loved the world that He sacrificed His son so that whosoever believes in Jesus should not perish but have life eternal!

Ephesians 1:7 say because of God's rich grace He has given us Jesus "in whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins"!

Ephesians 5:25-27 tells us about the relationship we should have with Jesus! "Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; that he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, that he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish."

But how can we stand agaisnt all of the world with Jesus as

our head? 2 Timothy 2:10 "Therefore I endure all things for the elect's sakes, that they may also obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory."

III.

GOD OFFERS SALVATION TO YOU NOW!

2 Corinthians 6:2 says that NOW is the accepted time!" Jesus himself said "come unto me all you who labor and need rest!" (Matthew 11:28) The Bride and the Spirit say, "COME!" (Revelation 22:17)

IV.

LIFE IS SO VERY UNCERTAIN

1 Samuel 20:3 "Surely there is but a step between..."

James 4:14 What is life? "It is but a vapor that appeareth for a little while and then vanisheth away."

Luke 12:16-21 "I will pull down my barns and build greater..'thou fool'!"