

The Pernicious Doctrine of Hell

There are three main fallacies with the traditional Christian doctrine of Hell.

Fallacy No. 1: Hell is a form of retribution from God for sins committed.

Fallacy No. 2: Hell is a form of excruciating pain and/or torture, symbolized by fire.

Fallacy No. 3: Hell lasts forever, and there is no escape.

This improper view of Hell causes well-meaning, but misguided, Christians, to marginalize people who are guilty of certain classes of sins. Christian Churches should be functioning as “hospitals for sinners,” and treating “sin-sick” individuals with love, compassion and respect. Jesus didn’t come to condemn the world. He came to heal it.

The doctrine of Hell has been weaponized in order to scare and intimidate people into believing in Christ. There is the story of Jesus knocking on a person’s door and asking to be let in. “*Why should I let you in,*” says the occupant. “*So I can save you,*” says Jesus. “*Save me from what?*” says the occupant. “*From what I’m going to do to you if you don’t let me in,*” says Jesus.

The perverse view of Hell, as a form of never ending pain and retribution inflicted on sin-sick individuals by a supposed loving God, is not only untrue, but it is pernicious and exactly the opposite of what the Bible actually teaches.

If you would like to know about what the Bible actually teaches about Hell, please take time to read this chapter of my book (in PDF format), entitled: Popular Misconceptions about Hell.

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