

The Messenger

COLDWATER CHURCH OF CHRIST

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QUESTIONS FROM THE BACK OF MY BUSINESS CARD PART 4:

IS THERE REALLY A PLACE CALLED HELL?

In the answering of this important question, I have adapted an article written by brother Kevin Pendergrass. However, I have added to his article by inserting and publishing for you some of the verses that he referenced. I hope it is a beneficial study for all.

HELL: A Real Place

by Kevin Pendergrass (Ed. by Clifton Angel)

For years people have tried to change the gospel (Galatians 1:6-10). Going beyond the doctrine of Christ is clearly condemned (II John 9-11).

Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son. If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed: For he that biddeth him God speed is partaker of his evil deeds.

Among the teachings of Christ is the doctrine of hell. In fact, Jesus taught more on this doctrine than any other individual in the Bible. So, whenever someone attempts to change Jesus' teaching on hell (or any New Testament teaching), he has sinned against the gospel and will be held accountable (II Corinthians 5:10; James 3:1).

For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad (2 Cor. 5:10).

My brethren, be not many masters, knowing that we shall receive the greater condemnation (James 3:1).

This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you... (1 John 1:5).

VISITORS, WELCOME!

Sunday:

9:30 a.m. Bible Class

10:30 a.m. WORSHIP

5:00 p.m. WORSHIP

Wednesday:

7:00 p.m. Bible Class

We have Bible classes for all ages & Pew Packers on 1st & 3rd Sundays at 4:15 p.m.

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Jesus speaks of hell as a literal place that will last forever (Matthew 5:22; 8:12; 13:42; 25:41-46).

But I say unto you, That whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment: and whosoever shall say to his brother, Raca, shall be in danger of the council: but whosoever shall say, Thou fool, shall be in danger of hell fire (Matt. 5:22).

But the children of the kingdom shall be cast out into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth (Matt. 8:12).

And shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth (Matt. 13:42).

Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels: For I was an hungred, and ye gave me no meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me no drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me not in: naked, and ye clothed me not: sick, and in prison, and ye visited me not. Then shall they also answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, or athirst, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not minister unto thee? Then shall he answer them, saying, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye did it not to one of the least of these, ye did it not to me. And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal (Matt. 25:41-46).

Yet, some teach and believe that there is no such place as hell. If there is no hell, then, why did Jesus command us to (figuratively) cut off our hand or leg, or pluck out our eye if it made us sin in order to avoid going to hell (Mark 9:43-48)? Why did He not simply tell us how wonderful heaven would be and how much we would miss as annihilated beings if we did not live for Him? But instead, Jesus knew the horrors of hell and warned us to avoid hell at all costs.

God originally prepared hell for the devil and his angels (Matthew 25:41).

Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels.

Furthermore, God does not want any human being to perish eternally in the fires of hell (II Peter 3:9).

The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

So, in a sense, God does not send any human to hell. Rather, we send ourselves (James 1:14-15)!

But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.

It is like the story of Johnny who was failing his class. He had a big test coming up and if he did not score an “A,” he would fail for the whole year. His teacher warned him continuously, but Johnny refused to heed the warnings and failed. It was not the teacher’s fault Johnny failed, but it was his own fault. Just as Johnny was warned, so also, we have been warned! All of us are taking the test right now (II Corinthians 13:5; Philippians 2:12). And we will be graded on Judgment Day (Hebrews 9:27)!

And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment:

Those who do not know God and do not obey His gospel will occupy hell forever (Romans 1:18-32; I Corinthians 6: 9-10; II Thessalonians 1:8; Revelation 21:8)!

Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God (1 Cor. 6:9, 10).

In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ (2 Thess. 1:8).

But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death (Rev. 21:8).

Sermon Review

BLESSED ARE THE PEACEMAKERS

(Matthew 5:9)

- I. What occasions can lead to a lack of peace?
- II. Which person will I be when there is a problem?
- III. What does it take to be a peacemaker?

THE PARADOXES OF BAPTISM

(NOT ORIGINAL WITH ME)

- I. A BIRTH, BUT A DEATH.
- II. A BURIAL, BUT A RESURRECTION.
- III. A CALLING, BUT AN ANSWERING.
- IV. A PUTTING OFF, BUT A PUTTING ON.

NEWS & NOTES

Please Pray

Sowell Family--sick on Wednesday

Wiley & Betty Tuggle.

Caleb & Elizabeth Baker--Caleb is battling a kidney stone and Elizabeth's followup went well, but she was having some sinus problems this week.

Ron Johnson--away for 3 weeks for work.

Tim II, Rachel, & Titus Wilkes--Tim, Rachel & Titus need our prayers as they get started and seek support for their full-time mission work, which is overseen by Coldwater.

Tim & Lynn Wilkes We are thankful that they are back in Mississippi with us for two weeks! They will be going back in about a week to Hawaii to finish the FOM classes.

Family & Friends

Alegra Strong (15) rare form of anemia.

Aaliyah Whitehead (11) in LeBonner after major surgeries done to place pins in hips.

Rebecca Chadwick's mother passed away. This is co-worker of Amanda Ferrell.

Amy Meredith; Brandon Finley

Clay Collums--Terry's brother, has had to go back for more radiation treatment.

Bob Spurlin; David Bragg.

Doyce "Doc" Hunt--Jared Browns grandfather.

Brianna Edwards

Joe Culbreath--several serious health issues; good to see him visiting with us recently.

James Angel--His cancer is in remission. He may still have a tumor.

Ann Embrey; Dunn Family; Steve Angel; Dave Leonard, Sr.

Let us not forget to pray for the works being done through Fishers of Men, Far East Missions, and the Open Door Ministry.

February Birthdays

Jackson Staten	2/11
Sydney Thompson	2/11
Terry Bland	2/12
Ashby Johnson	2/13
Eric Jackson	2/14
Tyler Holmes	2/16
Cathy Thompson	2/21
Betty Tuggle	2/25

Get Involved!

Sunday Night for the Savior

March 6 after PM service.

Bible Bowl: March 12, 10:30AM

At Looxahoma building.

Study Matthew 16-18.

Forest Hill Annual Youth Day: March 26

Theme: Shine Jesus Shine, 9AM.

45th MSOP Lectureship: March 27-31

"The Behavior of Faith"

Privileged to Serve

Sunday, February 27

Morning

Prayer Before Class	Johnny Bayless
Announcements	Jason Bayless
Song Leader	Caleb Baker
Lord's Supper:	
Preside	Jim Jackson
	Payton Jackson
Assist	Jeffrey Ferrell
	Jerry Davis
Opening Prayer	Wiley Tuggle
Sermon	Clifton Angel
Closing Prayer	Billy Bland

Evening

Song Leader	Caleb Baker
Opening Prayer	Jared Brown
Sermon	Clifton Angel
Lord's Supper	Jeffrey Ferrell
	Jerry Davis
Closing Prayer	Adam Sowell

Wednesday, March 2

Song Leader	Caleb Baker
Prayer	Timothy Wilkes, Sr.
Invitation	Clifton Angel
Prayer	Jeremy Moore