

# TOTAL SUCCESS OF THE CROSS OF CHRIST

## Introduction To The Restoration Of All Things

“The love of Christ resonates within us and leaves us with only one conclusion: *Jesus died mankind’s death*; therefore, in God’s logic every individual simultaneously died. Now *if all were included in his death they were equally included in his resurrection.*” (2Co 5:14, 15 Mirror Trans)

“The conclusion is clear: *if one offence condemns the entire human race*; then in principle, *the righteousness of one vindicates the entire human race.*” (Rom 5:18 Mirror Trans)

Now, if all mankind was included in Christ’s death and resurrection and was vindicated, then how does one harmonize the above statements with the understanding of “*eternal*” torment?

This introductory presentation deconstructs one of the greatest lies ever perpetrated on all of mankind – the sacred cow of the teaching of “*eternal*” torment. It will either bless you or cause you consternation – depending on the condition of your heart. For those in whom Christ is being formed (Gal 4:19), it will enlarge your heart. For those who have fear, your fear will blind you to it’s message. So my prayer for you is along the same line as the Apostle Paul’s.

I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened, so that you may be filled with the knowledge of His Will in all spiritual wisdom, spiritual understanding, and increasing in the knowledge of God in Light. (Eph 1: 18-21; Col 1: 9-12) So be it.

— Jerry Onyszczak

# Do These Images Reflect Our Father's True Heartfelt Intention For His Offspring?



**“Fear not . . . I have the keys of hell and of death”**

**– Lord Jesus**



# What Happens To The Wicked After They Die?

Three views for the destiny of the wicked:

➤ **Eternal Punishment/Torment**

➤ **Annihilation** [Non-existence]

➤ **Restoration**

All three views can be supported by Scripture.

All three views cannot be simultaneously correct.

Which view comes closest to the Father's heart and why?

# What Spirit Are You Of?

When the days were approaching for His ascension, He was determined to go to Jerusalem; and He sent messengers on ahead of Him, and they went and entered a village of the Samaritans to make arrangements for Him. But *they did not receive Him*, because He was traveling toward Jerusalem. When His disciples James and John saw this, they said, “*Lord, do You want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?*” But He turned and rebuked them, and said, “*You do not know what kind of spirit you are of; for the Son of Man did not come to destroy men’s lives, but to save them.*” And they went on to another village. (Luk 9:51-56 NASB)

[The above disciple’s attitude is the same attitude reflected in many of today’s religious people. It’s an attitude of retaliation. Receive Jesus or go to “*eternal*” torment!? Turn or burn!? Will God who instructs us to love our enemies, do a 180° flip and change His mind toward them after they die? Does death change the nature and character of God after one dies?

What mysteriously happens at death making it impossible for God to bring someone to repentance after death? Has He been stripped of His power? Where does Scripture declare His impotence in the face of death?]

# God — The Great Iconoclast!

**Iconoclast** — A person who attacks or ignores beliefs and long held traditions based on error or superstition

C.S. Lewis wrote, “God must continually work as the iconoclast. Every idea of Him we form He must in mercy shatter. The most blessed result of prayer would be to rise thinking, ‘But I never knew before. I never dreamed . . .’” (Letters to Malcolm)

He also wrote in *The Great Divorce*, “There are three images in my mind which I must continually forsake and replace by better ones: the false image of God, the false image of my neighbors, and the false image of myself.”

“All reality is iconoclastic,” Lewis wrote, “The earthly beloved, even in this life, incessantly triumphs over your mere idea of her” referring to the tragic passing of his wife to cancer.

“I discovered somewhat painfully that to be able to truly know God who is Father, Son and Spirit, and to know our identity in sonship in Him, we need to have the existing wrong frameworks in our minds deconstructed. These are our belief systems which cause or contribute to our limitations and restrictions.”

— Mike Parsons  
*My Journey Beyond Beyond*

Doctrines and theological positions that diminish God as love must be inherently and fundamentally flawed and as such are being exposed as lies — exposed by the Light of Truth.

# Cognitive Dissonance

**Cognitive Dissonance** — The mental stress (discomfort) experienced by a person who simultaneously holds contradictory beliefs, ideas, or values; or when confronted with new information that contradicts them.

The psychological tension that occurs when one holds mutually exclusive beliefs or attitudes and that often motivates people to modify their thoughts or behaviors in order to reduce the tension.

To those immersed in the teaching of “*eternal*” torment, having it debunked will produce cognitive dissonance. Their whole understanding will have to be re-evaluated and their thoughts will be modified if they are truly seekers of Truth.

A person has a choice, to fight the “new” understanding and hold onto what was thought to be true, or to allow the Truth — as it is in Jesus — to renew the mind.

Now the God of all grace, Who calls you into His eonian glory in Christ, while briefly suffering, He will be *adjusting, establishing, firming, founding you.* (1Pe 5:10 CLV)

The restoration of all is not simply a doctrine but the very desire of the Father of all to bring all of His creation into the consummation of the ages in Christ. (Eph 1:10; Col 1:20)

Live consistent with who you really are, inspired by the loving kindness of God . . . Do not allow current religious tradition to mold you into its pattern of reasoning. (Rom 12:1-2 MIR)

# Fruits Of The Doctrine Of Eternal Punishment

- ◆ **Queen Mary of England** – *“As the souls of heretics are hereafter to be eternally burning in hell, there can be nothing more proper than for me to imitate the divine vengeance by burning them on earth.”* [This legitimate and logical reasoning exhibits the natural fruits of the doctrine of *“eternal”* punishment. It is recorded Queen Mary burned alive 300 Protestants for heresy]



- ◆ **Polybius** – the ancient historian, says: *“Since the multitude is ever fickle, full of lawless desires, irrational passions and violence, there is no other way to keep them in order but by the fear and terror of the invisible world; on which account our ancestors seem to me to have acted judiciously, when they contrived to bring into the popular belief these notions of the gods, and of the infernal regions.”*
- ◆ **Jonathan Edwards** – *“Reprobate infants are vipers of vengeance, which Jehovah will hold over hell, in the tongs of his wrath, till they turn and spit venom in his face! The view of the misery of the damned will double the ardour of the love and gratitude of the saints of heaven.”*

# Sight Of Hell Torments Increases Happiness!

- ◆ **Jonathan Edwards** – *“The sight of hell torments will exalt the happiness of the saints forever . . . Can the believing father in Heaven be happy with his unbelieving children in Hell . . . I tell you, yea! Such will be his sense of justice that it will increase rather than diminish his bliss.”*
- ◆ **Thomas Aquinas** – *“That the saints may enjoy their beatitude more thoroughly, and give more abundant thanks for it to God, a perfect sight of the punishment of the damned is granted them . . . In order that the happiness of the saints may be more delightful to them and that they may render more copious thanks to God for it, they are allowed to see perfectly the sufferings of the damned . . . So that they may be urged the more to praise God . . . The saints in heaven know distinctly all that happens . . . to the damned.”*
- ◆ **Jeremy Taylor** – *“Husbands shall see their wives, parents shall see their children tormented before their eyes . . . the bodies of the damned shall be crowded together in hell like grapes in a wine-press, which press on another till they burst . . .”*



# Saints Will Be Acquainted With The Eternal Sufferings Of The Lost

- ◆ **Augustine** – *“They who shall enter into [the] joy [of the Lord] shall know what is going on outside in the outer darkness . . . The saints’ . . . knowledge, which shall be great, shall keep them acquainted . . . with the eternal sufferings of the lost.”*
- ◆ **John Calvin** – [Who had some of his theological enemies burned to death in green, slow-burning wood.]

*“Forever harassed with a dreadful tempest, they shall feel themselves torn asunder by an angry God, and transfixed and penetrated by mortal stings, terrified by the thunderbolts of God, and broken by the weight of his hand, so that to sink into any gulf would be more tolerable than to stand for a moment in these terrors.”*



- ◆ **Reverend J. Furniss** – *“The fifth dungeon is the red hot oven. The little child is in the red hot oven. Hear how it screams to come out; see how it turns and twists itself about in the fire. It beats its head against the roof of the oven. It stamps its little feet on the floor.”*

# No Compassion For One After Their Heart Stops Beating

- ◆ **Gerhard** – “. . . the Blessed will see their friends and relations among the damned as often as they like but without the least of compassion.”
- ◆ **Tertullian** – “How shall I admire, how laugh, how rejoice, how exult, when I behold so many proud monarchs groaning in the lowest abyss of darkness; so many magistrates liquefying in fiercer flames than they ever kindled against the Christians; so many sages philosophers blushing in red-hot fires with their deluded pupils; so many tragedians more tuneful in the expression of their own sufferings; so many dancers tripping more nimbly from anguish than ever before from applause.”
- ◆ **Samuel Hopkins** – “This display of the divine character will be most entertaining to all who love God, will give them the highest and most ineffable pleasure. Should the fire of this eternal punishment cease, it would in a great measure obscure the light of heaven, and put an end to a great part of the happiness and glory of the blessed.”

# Poem To Get Christian's Feet To Dancin'

- ◆ **Isaac Watts** – (1674-1748) America's "Great Awakening" popular hymn writer, even set Christian's feet to dancing with this crisp little verse:

**What bliss will fill the ransomed souls,**

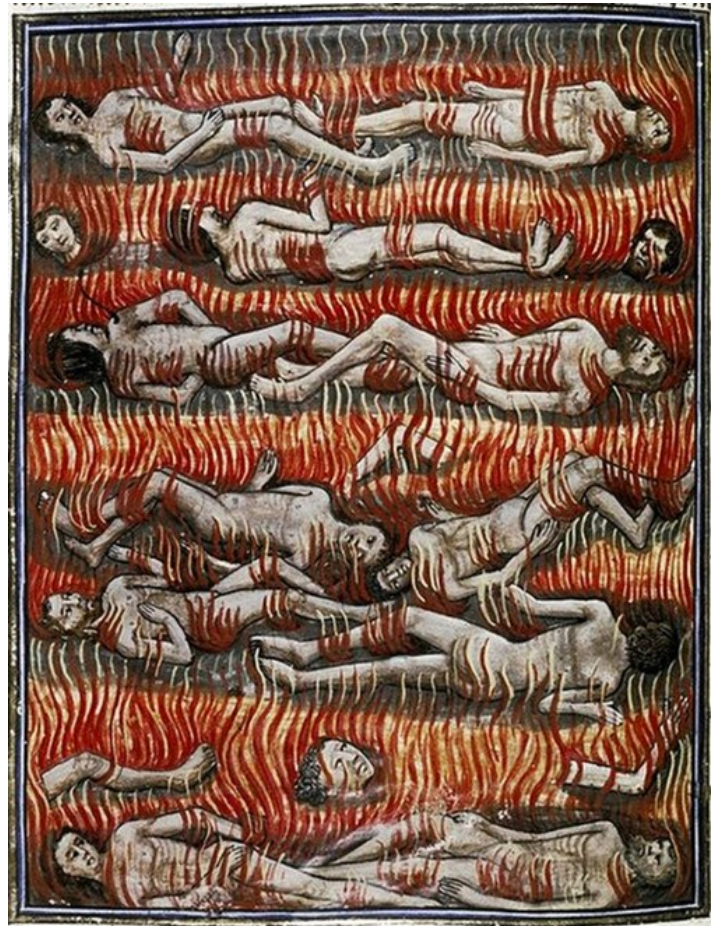
**When they in glory dwell,**

**To see the sinner as he rolls,**

**In quenchless flames of hell.**

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Scriptures have been used to justify some of the greatest atrocities in human history. People were tortured, burned at the stake and multitudes murdered based on somebody's understanding of the Scriptures! Jesus, Paul and believers throughout the ages faced their greatest opposition from those who knew the Scriptures.



# Current Modern Day Fruit

## Andrea Yates — 2003

“Media outlets alleged that Michael Woroniecki, an itinerant preacher whom Rusty [Andrea’s husband] had met while attending Auburn University, *bears some responsibility for the deaths due to his “fire and brimstone” message* and certain teachings found in his newsletter *The Perilous Times* that they had received on occasion and which was entered into evidence at the trial.

While in prison, Yates stated she had considered killing the children for two years, adding that they thought she was not a good mother and claimed her sons were developing improperly. She told her jail psychiatrist: *“It was the seventh deadly sin. My children weren’t righteous. They stumbled because I was evil. The way I was raising them, they could never be saved. They were doomed to perish in the fires of hell.”* She told her jail psychiatrist that Satan influenced her children and made them more disobedient.”

[Regardless of Andrea’s mental state, where did she get her understanding about perishing “in the fires of hell?” Obviously, someone had taught her.]

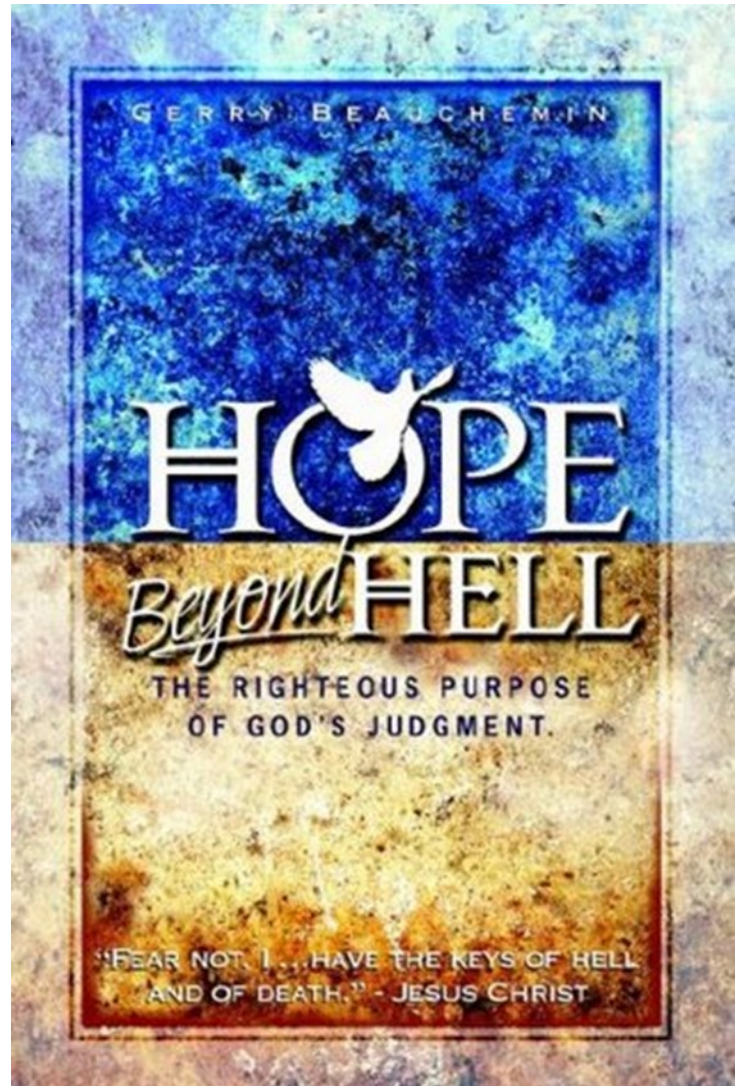
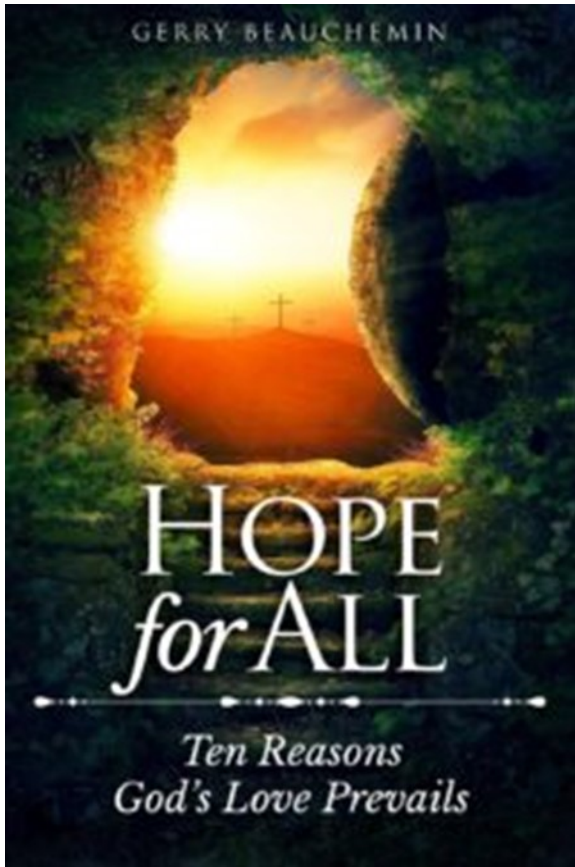
# Teaching Of Eternal Torment . . .

**God Is Love (1Jn 4:8)  
Love Is God**

- ◆ Assassinate Love's character before the world
- ◆ Is not compatible with Love's infinite mercy
- ◆ Contradicts God's unending/unfailing love for all people
- ◆ Mocks the work of Christ and the love of God
- ◆ Makes God a hideous fiend worse than Hitler, Stalin, Mao Zedong, or Pol Pot of Cambodia
- ◆ Makes our worship stem from fear instead of love
- ◆ Corrupts the soul and one's perception of Love
- ◆ Affects what we become [i.e., Queen Mary of England]
- ◆ Denies God's unlimited power to accomplish His will
- ◆ Infinitely minimizes Christ's triumph over the Adversary
- ◆ Denies Christ fully accomplished His mission on earth
- ◆ Violates the Divine witness in every conscience
- ◆ Negates the most glorious promises in the Scriptures
- ◆ Is not compatible with justice
- ◆ Ignores the testimony of the 1<sup>st</sup> 500 years of the early Church



# Is There Hope Beyond Hell?



**“Fear not . . . I have the keys of hell and of death” — Jesus**

**The righteous purpose of God’s judgments is correction! Would a natural father punish his child without purpose? No. Punishment without purpose is child abuse! God’s judgements are restorative — not punitive!**

# Mercy Triumphs Over Judgement

For judgment will be merciless to one who has shown no mercy; *mercy triumphs over judgment.* (Jas 2:13 NASB)

There is truth — and then there is higher truth  
Mercy = higher truth [i.e., Law of Aerodynamics]  
Judgement = truth [i.e., Law of Gravity]



Law of Aerodynamics Overcoming Law of Gravity

He went and proclaimed God's salvation to earlier generations who ended up in the prison of judgment (1Pe 3:19-20 MSG)

Indeed, this is why *the gospel was proclaimed even to those who have died*, so that they could be judged in their mortal flesh like all humans and live in the spiritual realm like God. (1Pe 4:6 ISV)

you are to hand this man over to Satan for his body to be destroyed, so that his spirit may be saved in the Day of the Lord. (1Co 5:5 GNB)

# Tradition

He answered and said to them, "Why do you also transgress the commandment of God on account of your tradition? (Mat 15:3 EMTV)

Beware lest anyone captures you through philosophy and empty deceit, according to the tradition of men, according to the basic principles of the world, and not according to Christ. (Col 2:8 EMTV)

And the Lord said: Forasmuch as this people draw near me with their mouth, and with their lips glorify me, but their heart is far from me, and they have feared me with the commandment and doctrines of men: (Isa 29:13 DRB)

Every word of God is tested; He is a shield to those who take refuge in Him. Do not add to His words Or He will reprove you, and you will be proved a liar. (Pro 30:5-6 NASB)

“That a certain thing has been taught by the Church in all ages does not guarantee its freedom from error. Repetition, though obstinate and clamorous, cannot turn falsehood into truth . . .”

— Marion Shutter

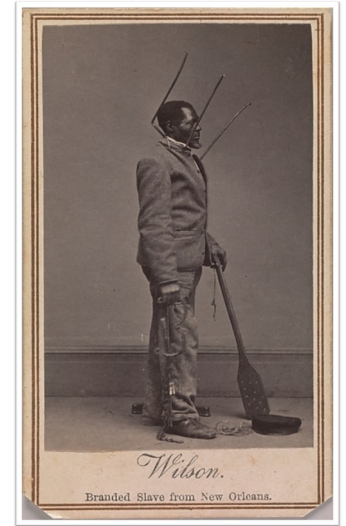


# Traditions Endure For Generations

A tradition begins when someone's interpretation is accepted by others and passed down through the generations.

[In this case, “*eternal*” torment is based on Augustine's interpretation in 415 A.D.]

Only in 1995 (after 174 years since 1845) did the Southern Baptist Convention finally submit an official apology on slavery. [The tradition of slavery perpetuated slavery — “Slaves, be obedient to those who are your masters . . .” (Eph 6:5; 1Pe 2:18) Shall we slavishly continue to adhere to the above verse because it's still in the Bible? Image on the right is of Wilson – Branded Slave from New Orleans]



The Ku Klux Klan based their actions on the letter of Scripture.

Paul was stoned to near death for extending God's mercy to the Gentiles.

[Because his radical message of grace & love went way beyond the Jew's traditions]

After 1,700 years of erroneous teaching, debunking “*eternal*” torment today is just as radical if not more so. After 1,500 some years since the birth of the Church, how radical was Martin Luther's “new” revelation that justification was by faith alone? It took courage to bring restoration of an understanding that was lost for centuries. It'll take the same kind of courage today to restore the understanding of the restoration of all mankind through Jesus Christ.

# Let Us Press On To Maturity

Therefore let us get past the elementary stage in the teachings about the Christ, advancing on to maturity and perfection and spiritual completeness, without laying again a foundation of:

- ◆ Repentance from dead works
- ◆ Faith toward God
- ◆ Teachings about washings
- ◆ The laying on of hands
- ◆ Resurrection from the dead and
- ◆ Eternal judgment

And this we will do ***if*** God permits. (Heb 6:1-3 AMP)

If one has 5 out of 6 of these foundations correctly laid in their life, could misunderstanding the last foundation of “***eternal***” judgement prevent that one from going on to maturity?

Concerning him [Melchizedek] we have much to say, and it is hard to explain, ***since you have become dull of hearing***. For though ***by this time you ought to be teachers, you have need again for someone to teach you the elementary principles of the oracles of God***, and you have come to need milk and not solid food. For everyone who partakes only of milk is not accustomed to the word of righteousness, for he is an infant. But solid food is for the mature, who because of practice have their senses trained to discern good and evil. (Heb 5:11-14 NASB)

# Everlasting Is Cancelled!

Aaron and his sons were anointed as priests “forever.” It says, “Their anointing shall surely be an “*everlasting*” priesthood throughout their generations” (Exo 40:15 KJV)

“Now if perfection had been attainable by the Levitical priesthood, for under it the people were given the Law, why was it further necessary that there should arise another and different kind of Priest one after the order of Melchizedek, rather than one appointed after the order of Aaron? For *when there is a CHANGE IN THE PRIESTHOOD, there is of necessity an alteration of the law concerning the priesthood as well.* For it is obvious that our Lord sprang from the tribe of Judah, and Moses mentioned nothing about priests in connection with that tribe. So, a previous physical regulation and command *is cancelled* because of its weakness and ineffectiveness and uselessness.” (Heb 7:11-18 Amp)

Amazing, the priesthood which was ordained to be “*everlasting*” *has been CANCELLED!*

There would be no contradiction if the statement in Exodus were translated as it should be, “to the age throughout their generations.” That is, throughout their generations AS LONG AS THAT AGE LASTED.

# Mistranslation Of The Hebrew Word “*olam*”

“*olam*” means an *indefinite period of time* [it is a time word]

For example:

Dark Ages — 5<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> Century – lasted 500 years

Industrial Age — 18<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> Century – lasted 100 years

Information Age — 21<sup>st</sup> Century – ???

Jonah prayed while being in the belly of the whale, “I descended to the roots of the mountains. The earth with its bars was around me **forever** (*olam*),” (Jon 2:6 NASB)

When a Hebrew slave loved his master and did not wish to go free at the end of the seventh year, we read, “. . . His master shall bore his ear through with an awl; and he shall serve him **forever** (*olam*)” (Exo 21:6 JPS)

When Solomon built the temple unto the Lord, he began his prayer of dedication with the statement, “Now I have been constructing a magnificent Temple dedicated to you that will serve as a place for you to inhabit **forever** (*olam*)” (1Ki 8:13 ISV)

# Which “*forever*” Is Correct?

- A) 1<sup>st</sup> “*forever*” was 3 days and nights for Jonah
- B) 2<sup>nd</sup> “*forever*” was approx. 70 years — a life span of a person
- C) 3<sup>rd</sup> “*forever*” was 400 years for Solomon’s temple
- D) All of the above
- E) None of the above

Where is the consistency? Especially when the Greek word “*aion*” [the equivalent to “*olam*”] has also been translated as; ever, never [never??], course, world, evermore, and eternal. No wonder there is so much confusion!

The Hebrew word “*olam*” and the Greek equivalent “*aion*” are words that do not have a set value. It is a relative term and depends upon that with which it is associated. It is similar to what “tall” is to height. A tall building can be 600 feet, a tall man six feet, and a tall dog three feet.

An “*aion*” can be 3 days and nights, 70 years, 400 years, or a 1,000 years or more. According to some, the last age we just came out of, the age of Pisces (the Fish), lasted a little over 2,000 years. Our current age, the age of Aquarius (the Water Bearer), will last as long also.

# Old Testament Usage Of The Word “*olam*”

- The Septuagint is the Greek translation of the Hebrew Scriptures (285 B.C.)
- The Septuagint uses the word “*aion*” in place of the Hebrew word “*olam*”
- The definition for “*olam*” is *the same* as for “*aion*” – an *indefinite period of time*

Jonah was in the fish **forever** (*olam*) (Jon 2:6)

A slave serves his master **forever** (*olam*) (Exo 21:6)

Solomon’s temple is built to last **forever** (*olam*) (1Kg 8:13)

Sodom’s fiery judgement is **eternal** (*olam*) (Eze 16:53-55; Jud 1:7)

The Mosaic covenant is **everlasting** (*olam*) (Lev 24:3, 8)

The Aaronic priesthood is **everlasting** (*olam*) (Exo 40:15)

Circumcision was an **everlasting** (*olam*) covenant (Gen 17:9-13)

Israel’s judgment lasts **forever** (*olam*) (Isa 32:13-15)

Animal sacrifices are to be offered **forever** (*olam*) (2Ch 2:4)

# New Testament Usage Of The Word “*aion*”

If “*aion*” really means “*eternity*” instead of “*age*,” then which of the following Scriptures makes sense?

- A. What will be the sign of the end of **eternity** (*aion*) (Mat 24:3)
- B. I am with you . . . to the end of **eternity** (*aion*) (Mat 28:20)
- C. The sons of this **eternity** (*aion*) marry (Luk 20:34)
- D. Since the **eternity** (*aion*) began (Joh 9:32)
- E. Be not conformed to this **eternity** (*aion*) (Rom 12:2)
- F. Where is the disputer of this **eternity** (*aion*) (1Co 1:20)
- G. Deliver us from this present evil **eternity** (*aion*) (Gal 1:4)
- H. Not only in this **eternity** (*aion*) but also in the one which is to come (Eph 1:21)
- I. In the **eternities** (*aion – plural*) to come (Eph 2:7)
- J. Loved this present **eternity** (*aion*) (2Ti 4:10)
- K. At the end of the **eternities** (*aion – plural*) (Heb 9:26)

How can you have a “*before* eternity,” “*present* eternity,” “eternity *to come*,” the “*end* of eternity,” “*this* eternity,” “*that* eternity,” and “*many* eternities,” when eternity transcends time?

Some concede that the noun “*aion*” has to do with time and means an age, but they want to say that the adjective “*aionios*” means eternal or timelessness. This is foolishness — the adjective derives its meaning *from* the noun [i.e., Day cannot become yearly – only daily]

<u>Noun</u>	<u>Adjective</u>	
Day	Daily	A <i>daily</i> paper comes once every <i>day</i>
Week	Weekly	A <i>weekly</i> paper comes once every <i>week</i>
Month	Monthly	A <i>monthly</i> paper comes once every <i>month</i>
Year	Yearly	A <i>yearly</i> paper comes once every <i>year</i>
Aion	Aionios	An <i>aionios</i> paper comes once every <i>aion</i>

Does receiving a *daily* paper that comes once every *week* make sense?

How about a *weekly* paper that comes once every *year*?

Or a *yearly* paper that comes once every *day*?

Then neither does it make sense to talk about an *aionios* paper that would come once every “*eternity*” instead of every *aion*.

If “*aion/aionios*” does not strictly mean “*eternal*,” then what word does? There are a number of Greek words that imply eternal. Those words have been translated as “**indestructible**” – *akatalutos* (Heb 7:16), “**imperishable**” – *aphtharsia* (1Co 15:53), “**unfading**” – *amarantos* (1Pe 1:4), “**immortality**” – *athanasia* (1Co 15:53), and “**incorruptible**” – *aphtharsia* (Eph 6:24).”



# Because “*aion*” Is Not Eternal, Does That Mean God Is Not Eternal?

“God, after He spoke long ago to the fathers in the prophets in many portions and in many ways, in these last days has spoken to us in His Son, whom He appointed heir of all things, *through whom also He made the world* (*age – aion – not the earth (epigeios) or the cosmos (kosmos) in this verse.*” (Heb 1:1-2 NASB)

Another Greek word – “*aidios*” – is used only twice in Scripture:

- ♦ . . . His **eternal** (*aidios*) power and divine nature have been clearly seen . . .” (Rom 1:20 NASB)
- ♦ And the angels who did not stay within their own position of authority, but left their proper dwelling, he has kept in **eternal** (*aidios*) chains under gloomy darkness until the judgment of the great day (Jud 1:6 ESV)

Notice that these chains are “*eternal*” until (#1519 eis – unto, toward) the judgement.

How can anything be “*eternal*” if it lasts only “until”?

**God transcends and existed before the ages  
in order to be able to create the ages!**

# Eternal Is Forever Until . . .

- Jonah was in the fish **forever** (*olam*) until he left three days later. (Jon 1:17; 2:6)
- Sodom's fiery judgement is **eternal** (*olam*) until God returns them to their former state. (Eze 1:53-55; Jud 7)
- A slave serves his master **forever** (*olam*) until death ends his servitude. (Exo 21:6)
- The Mosaic covenant is **everlasting** (*olam*) until the likeness of Melchizedek arises. (Exo 4:15; Num 25:13; Heb 7: 14-22)
- The leprosy of Naaman shall cling to him **forever** (*olam*) until his death. (2Ki 5: 27)
- God dwells in Solomon's temple **forever** (*olam*) until it is destroyed. (2Ch 7: 1; 1K 8:13; 9:3)

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**Even passages that don't use "olam" but signify unchangingness is not so with God:**

- Israel's affliction is **incurable** until the Lord restores her health & wounds. (Jer 30:12, 17)
- Samaria's wounds are **incurable** until the Lord brings them back & restores. (Mic 1:9; Eze 16:53-55)
- Egypt and Elam **will rise no more** until the Lord brings back their captives. (Jer 25: 27; 49:39; Eze 29:14)
- Moab is **destroyed** until the Lord brings back the captives of Moab. (Jer 48:4; 42, 47)

# How Hell Became Eternal

- The Greeks understood the meaning of “*aion*” as being an indefinite period of time.
- Tertullian, the Latin North African who was considered the Father of the Latin Church, was the first person to write about hell being eternal. (200 – 220 A.D.)
- In 384 A.D. Jerome at Bethlehem completed the translation of the entire Greek text of the Scripture into Latin.
- Jerome translated “*aion*” with the Latin word “*aeternam*” which in Latin means “*eternal*” – however, not in the Greek!
- For the next 1,000 years the Latin Vulgate was the standard Bible in the Roman Catholic Church and that translation was instrumental in slowly replacing the original meaning of the word “*aion*” as age. The Council of Trent (1545-1563) affirmed the Vulgate as the official Latin Bible.
- The mistranslation of the Greek word “*aion*” up to this present time has had over 1,635 years to take on the meaning of “*eternal*” and to form and crystalize into the hideous tradition it has become.  
[Why are we still holding on to this excess baggage from the Dark Ages? Read, “Pagan Christianity?” by Frank Viola & George Barna, to see how past traditions that are still part of today’s religious traditions are hindering spiritual growth and maturity.]
- Augustine was the main person responsible for making hell “*eternal*” in the Western Church. (354 – 430 A.D.)
- Eventually the doctrine of eternal punishment became a control mechanism of the populace to keep people in subjection.

# Augustine — The Father Of The Western Church

Was the 1<sup>st</sup> to argue “*aionios*” signified strictly endlessness. [“*aionios*” - is the adjective derived from the noun “*aion*” see pg. 24]

Was the first to use Mat 25:46 as a proof text that if “everlasting punishment” was not endless, then neither was “eternal life.”

“And, these, shall go away, into, *age-abiding*, correction, but, the righteous, into, *age-abiding*, life.” (Mat 25:46 Rotherham)

Realizing his blunder he was compelled to abandon his reasoning and admitted it did not always mean endless, but sometimes.

Augustine himself wrote:

“Some, nay rather, *multitudes, do not believe in the eternal punishment of the condemned*” . . . Deoderlein says, ‘*In proportion as any one was eminent in learning in Christian antiquity, the more did he cherish and defend the hope of the termination of future torments*’ Thus it appears, by applying penetrating tests to history, that *the modern orthodox views as to the doctrine of eternal punishment, as opposed to final restoration, were not fully developed and established till the middle of the sixth century, and that, then, they were not established by thorough argument but by imperial authority.*”

Restoration was the prevailing doctrine for the 1<sup>st</sup> 500 years before the Church began it’s apostasy/decline into the Dark Ages.

**Apostle's Creed  
250 – 350 A.D.**

I believe in God the Father Almighty (maker of heaven and earth) and in Jesus Christ his only son our Lord, who was (conceived) by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified (dead) and buried, (He descended into hell). The third day he arose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven and sitteth at the right hand of (God) the Father (Almighty). From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Holy (Catholic) Church; (the communion of saints) the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; (and the life everlasting). Amen.

**Nicean Creed  
325 – 389 A.D.**

We believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, begotten from the Father before all ages, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made; of the same essence as the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; he became incarnate by the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and was made human. He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried. The third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again with glory to judge the living and the dead. His kingdom will never end. And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life. He proceeds from the Father and the Son, and with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified. He spoke through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We affirm one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look forward to the resurrection of the dead, and to life in the world to come. Amen.

***Not a word is here uttered of the duration of punishment!*** It is incredible that these declarations of faith, made at a time when the world was ignorant of what constituted the Christian faith, and which was made for the purpose of informing the world, ***should not convey a hint of so vital a doctrine as that of endless punishment, if at that time that dogma was truly a tenet of the Church.***

# Our Father's Purpose To Perform His Word

- Then the Lord said to me, “. . . *I am watching over My word to perform it.*” (Jer 1:12 NASB)
- “. . . *I the Lord will speak, and whatever word I speak will be performed . . . I will speak the word and perform it*” declares the Lord GOD.” (Eze 12:25 NASB)
- “*So will My word be which goes forth from My mouth; It will not return to Me empty; Without accomplishing what I desire, And without succeeding in the matter for which I sent it.*” (Isa 55:11 NASB)
- His Word was sent into the world to become flesh 2,000 years ago to accomplish what?
- To become the Savior of the whole world or just a portion of it?
- In the light of the above verses, is the Father capable of accomplishing His own desire, or can any adversary's will, truly thwart it?
- How could the Father have said concerning Jesus, “This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased” if His Son fails in His mission to restore all, without accomplishing what the Father sent Him to do?

“Wherefore, also, God highly exalts Him, and graces Him with the name that is above every name, that *in the name of Jesus every knee should be bowing, celestial and terrestrial and subterranean*, and every tongue should be acclaiming that Jesus Christ is Lord, for the glory of God, the Father.” (Php 2:9-11 CLV)

# What To Do With Vessels Of Dishonor?

- ◆ For He says to Moses, “I WILL HAVE MERCY ON WHOM I HAVE MERCY, AND I WILL HAVE COMPASSION ON WHOM I HAVE COMPASSION.” So then *it does not depend on the man who wills or the man who runs, but on God who has mercy . . .* So then He has mercy on whom He desires, and He hardens whom He desires, (Rom 9:15-18 NASB)
- ◆ For *God has shut up all in disobedience so that He may show mercy to all.* (Rom 11:32 NASB)
- ◆ What if God, although willing to demonstrate His wrath and to make His power known, endured with much patience *vessels of wrath prepared for destruction*? (Rom 9:22 NASB)
- ◆ and, “A STONE OF STUMBLING AND A ROCK OF OFFENSE”; for *they stumble because they are disobedient to the word, and to this doom they were also appointed*. (1Pe 2:8 NASB)
- ◆ Take Judas for example. The Apostle Peter in Acts 1 quotes two Psalms concerning his role.
- ◆ “Brethren, the Scripture had to be fulfilled, . . . concerning Judas,” (Act 1:16 NASB)
- ◆ Even Jesus said Judas had to fulfill Scripture (Joh 17:12 NASB)
- ◆ Was it possible for Judas to avoid fulfilling those Scriptures?
- ◆ Is justice served by “*eternally*” condemning someone for fulfilling Scripture? Does the punishment fit the “crime”?

# What To Do With Judas?

- Judas by himself would not have betrayed the Christ.
- His heart was not depraved enough.
- An incentive had to come from without.
- It was put into his heart by the Adversary. (Joh 13:2)
- Jesus, calling him friend, told him to do what he must do, quickly.

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- In Peter's case the Adversary claimed the right to sift Peter like wheat. (Luk 22:31)
- Jesus prayed for him that his faith would not fail.
- The One who prayed for Peter did not for Judas. Why?
- Because the Father determined the role that Judas and Peter would have.
- Jesus acted in accordance with the Divine decree.

**Every attribute that adorns the Deity is called into question if Judas is “*eternally*” lost. It is not about Judas’ fate. What is at stake here is our Father’s character and His credibility!**

“All forms of partial salvation are but so many different ways of saying that evil is in the long run too strong for God.”

— Thomas Allin  
Christ Triumphant



# The Devaluing Of Christ's Blood

“How much severer punishment do you think he will deserve who has trampled under foot the Son of God, and has *regarded as unclean the blood of the covenant* by which he was sanctified, and has *insulted the Spirit of grace*? (Heb 10:29 NASB)

Definition of Value:

**Worth in usefulness or importance to the possessor;** utility or merit: the value of an education

Example:

\$1/lb. of apples x \$10 = 10 #'s of apples which is \$10 worth of apples. If after getting home I find out I was given only 5#'s of apples instead of 10#'s, I then realize I have been had – jipped – stolen from. My \$10 has been devalued!

In like manner Jesus' blood was shed for the sin of the whole world, not just a small portion of it. God was in Christ reconciling the whole world to Himself. Christ's blood has such value that it is capable of redeeming all mankind. If it doesn't, then His blood has been devalued, and made common (the definition of unclean in Strongs) like any other man's blood.

This devaluing of His blood is what insults the Spirit of grace. Sinning doesn't because His grace will abound all the much more! (Rom 5:20) ***Doubting His goodness and limiting it, insults the Spirit of grace also!***

[i.e., limiting His salvation to only while we're alive in this temporal body]

***Oh! That we may perceive how great His goodness truly is!***

# Restoration Scriptures

- ◆ and that He may send Jesus, the Christ appointed for you, whom heaven must receive *until the period of restoration of all things* about which God spoke by the mouth of His holy prophets from ancient time. (Act 3:20-21 NASB)
- ◆ For if *while we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son*, much more, *having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life*. (Rom 5:10 NASB)
- ◆ For the love of Christ controls us, having concluded this, *that one died for all, therefore all died; and He died for all*, so that they who live might no longer live for themselves, but for Him *who died and rose again on their behalf*. (2Co 5:14-15 NASB)
- ◆ The love of Christ resonates within us and leaves us with only one conclusion: *Jesus died mankind's death*; therefore, in God's logic every individual simultaneously died. Now *if all were included in his death they were equally included in his resurrection*. (2Co 5:14-15 Mirror Translation)  
[Jesus didn't die 99% or for 99%. He died mankind's death 100%. Jesus' resurrection is mankind's resurrection!]
- ◆ with a view to an administration suitable to the fullness of the times, that is, *the summing up of all things in Christ*, things in the heavens and things on the earth. In Him also we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to His purpose *who works all things after the counsel of His will*, (Eph 1:10-11 NASB)
- ◆ And *He put all things in subjection under His feet*, and gave Him as head over all things to the church, (Eph 1:20-22 NASB)

# Restoration Scriptures (cont'd)

- ◆ and *through Him to reconcile all things to Himself*, having made peace through the blood of His cross; through Him, I say, whether things on earth or things in heaven. And although you were formerly alienated and hostile in mind, engaged in evil deeds, yet *He has now reconciled you in His fleshly body through death*, in order to present you before Him holy and blameless and beyond reproach (Col 1:20-22 NASB)
- ◆ For as *through the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners*, even so *through the obedience of the One the many will be made righteous*. (Rom 5:19 NASB)  
[We were not made sinners by our own disobedience; neither were we made righteous by our own obedience.]
- ◆ For since by a man came death, by a man also came the resurrection of the dead. For *as in Adam all die, so also in Christ all will be made alive*. But *each in his own order*: (1Co 15:21-24 NASB)
- ◆ for this is ideal and welcome in the sight of our Saviour, God, *Who wills that all mankind be saved* and come into a realization of the truth. (1Ti 2:3-4 CLV)
- ◆ Trustworthy is this word and worthy of all acceptance. For to this end we both labor and suffer reproach, because we trust in the living God, *who is the Savior of all men, especially of believers*. These things *command and teach*. (1Ti 4:9-11 EMTV)

[Why “*especially*” of believers? Because they are the ones who have accepted the work of the cross, incorporated it into their lives, and enjoy it’s benefits, while the others haven’t yet.]

# Mistranslated & Misunderstood Words To Be Re-examined Scripturally In The Light Of God's Righteous Judgments

- ◇ **Hell** (Gehenna, Hades/Shoel, Tartarus)
- ◇ **Judgment** (krisis – justice)
- ◇ **Condemnation** (krisis – justice)
- ◇ **Damnation** (krisis – justice)
- ◇ **Punishment** (kolasis – correction/remedial punishment)
- ◇ **Destruction** (apoleia – ruin or loss)
- ◇ **Torment** (basanismos – a touchstone)
- ◇ **Brimstone** (theion – sulphur)
- ◇ **Fire** (pur – we get our word purge)
- ◇ **Lake of Fire** (limne & pur – pond of fire)
- ◇ **Wrath** (orge – passion)
- ◇ **Lost** (appolumi – destroy/ruin)
- ◇ **Outer Darkness** (exōteros – exterior/skotos – darkness, shadow)
- ◇ How can hell be the lake of fire as some teach, when hell is ***thrown into*** the lake of fire? (Rev 20:14)
- ◇ Our God is a consuming fire! (Heb 12:29)

# Just What The Hell Is Hell?

*By Gary Amirault*

*There once was a time, 'twas plain to see  
Just what the hell, hell was meant to be.  
But then theologians got into the act  
And hell no longer was a simple fact.*

*Hell formerly was a dark hidden space  
Imperceivable, covered, a true hiding place.  
It could be a place, as crude as a shed  
Or could be a helmet, to cover your head.*

*Smoochers and kissers oft needed a hell  
For hidden in darkness, no one could tell.  
Hall, hole, and hull come from the same root  
Along with a heel covered with a boot.*

*“Too simple!” So theologians once said  
And now from their scheming, confusion has  
spread.*

*They hired the Dantes and Michaelangelos  
To paint pretty pictures of many great woes*

*Fire and torment, with much superstition  
Was added to pagan mythology and fiction.  
The Goddess of Hel from Norse mythology  
Became Satan, hero of most eschatology.*

*Jesus the Savior, delivered mankind  
He came not for few, but for ALL men to find.  
His portion became a rather small lot  
While most of mankind, in hell-fire would rot.*

*The way to this hell became broad and wide  
The gift of God's grace was at its low tide.  
Clothes, creeds and days, the right denomination  
Became the sole means, the way to salvation.*

*Gehenna, Hades, Tartaroo, and Sheol  
All became places that could swallow your soul.  
Preachers now had us, right where they wanted  
"Obey or to hell with you" they often taunted.*

*Countless denominations of devilish preachers  
Forsook the Gift and became Satan's teachers.  
Thousands of ways of deliverance from "hell"  
In common they all have a self-righteous smell.*

*"Finished" He cried, "I will draw all mankind"  
The Father's desire, "all saved" in His mind.  
The task He was given, He accomplished it all  
And as His witness, He commissioned St. Paul.*

*Paul's Gospel was different, it's easy to tell  
Because never once did he use the word "hell."  
So "hell" is no more, it's becoming a bore  
It's taking its place along with common folklore.*

*Punish he will, for our Father is just  
In age-long correction, you surely can trust.  
On vindictive torment our Father's not bent  
Mercy will, yes! triumph over judgment.*



“For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, ***nor any other created thing***, will be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.” (Rom 8:38-39)

[Imagine, no created thing can separate us from God’s love! If we make our bed in hell (a created thing), He is there! (Psa 139:8) In Him we live, and move and have our being. (Acts 17: 28)

And who is Paul including in the word “us”? Just the Romans he wrote to? Unbelievers that may have been in the group who were listening as his letter was being read to the Church? Or did it include future unbelievers centuries later, such as you and I were at one time?]

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# For More In Depth Study

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What has just been revealed in this introductory presentation will be great news to many for the first time and will be graciously received by those filled with Christ. In those hearts there is the love of Christ, which wants to reach all of mankind. Their desire is to bring glory to their Savior, Jesus Christ.

But to the hard-hearted, to those who like to use fear to hold people in their power, to those who confess Christ with their mouth, but their hearts are full of bitterness, prejudice, hatred, and unforgiveness, this presentation will make them uneasy.

This booklet is to those who truly have been born from above, of the incorruptible seed, who have a circumcised, tender and clean heart, and desire to spread the love of God to the whole world. To you, I say, prayerfully take this presentation and use it as a springboard to search out more of the matter for yourself. Pray, study, and you will see it is Truth.

The hard-hearted will totally reject the plain facts presented, which can be easily verified. Those who have built a church kingdom (religious institution) on fear, will not see what is being revealed. Perfect love casts out fear. (1Joh 4:18) Conversely, fear casts out love. If you are fearful or if you use fear to enslave others, you will not be able to understand. Fear will blind you to it. There are many Christians who have been so bound up by the false traditions of the elders, that this booklet will do little good in breaking off the chains which enslave them. May the Lord Jesus send them a boldness to cast off the fear of men, the desire to seek their approval; and replace it with a reverence for God and a desire to be approved of Him, more than receiving the approval of men. This desire to be approved of men is a stronghold which will require more than a presentation to bring down. It requires the power of the Holy Spirit!