



## Will Good People Be In Hell...?

Last week, I drove by a business near Lakeland, Fl. with a fascinating name: Sweet Dreams Monuments. Near Clearwater, there's an Eternal Rest Cemetery. In the business world, those could be said to be promises made well above 'their pay grade.' But wouldn't it be nice if they could supply these? That this life is all there is, and only sleep follows? Or that, as in reincarnation, we could come back and do a 'do-over' ...until we get it right? That the worst we could suffer would be consequences of bad decisions we make in *this* life?

Many well-meaning people buy into one or more of these theories. But the most egregious of all is the belief that we will all somehow *end up in the same place*. That 'God is Love' and would never send anyone to hell – if it even exists!

Problem. Folks who believe this are worshipping a god made in their own image.

Yes. God *is* indeed Love. But the same Bible that says that also says He is 'a consuming fire.'<sup>1</sup> That 'it is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.'<sup>2</sup> That we are to 'consider both the kindness & the severity of God.'<sup>3</sup> He is holy – and He is not mocked! <sup>4</sup>

Hell wasn't even made for man. It was made for the devil and his rebellious angels. But if we side with the devil's *lies* - we may end up where he's going!

That's how the devil operates: Lies. And his most effective tool is deception, i.e. half-truths. He twists and perverts truth and relationships, etc. to achieve his agenda. Souls.

Man is made in the image of the One he hates: God. So he attacks God by winning the souls He loves!

**Yet, provision is made** that we can be 'safe' from the devil's lies...if we will just do it. Jesus said, *If...In Greek, it is subjunctive mode and literally means it's available if we will use it...* "If you continue in my word (You'll know something!), you shall *know* the truth, and the truth shall set you free."<sup>5</sup>

Truth liberates! From lies & deception; from bondage to sin and addiction; from false religion that requires performance – *not grace!*

The answer to the question, will good people be in hell? Not just good people, but beautiful ones too...except they won't be beautiful there! There is a one word answer to WHY: Pride. Pride that asserts itself as knowing better than God, who says 'all have sinned.'<sup>6</sup> That Jesus came for sinners.<sup>7</sup> If we deny that, then...maybe Jesus didn't come for *you*.<sup>8</sup>

But His desire is for you as

the Hound of Heaven He is!

People won't go to hell for what they *do*. No. There is only one reason people will be there. Unbelief.

In the final chapters of Revelation, it details those thrown into the lake of fire (the *really* bad news).

Murderers, immoral, and *ALL* liars are named. BUT amazingly, the first are the 'fearful and *unbelieving!*' Those who don't think they need God, or His FREE gift of eternal life! <sup>9</sup> Pride...

Friends, *I didn't say this!*

I am just the messenger & I am not authorized to change the message! I ask you to consider it anew...

For my part, I don't want Hitler to be in the same place I am in the great beyond! Or Idi Amin next to Mother Teresa! No. It wouldn't be fair. God is *just*.

**The damning aspect** of this heresy is that it creates a vacuum of *prayer* for our loved ones! Why bother praying if we all end up in the same place? No warning them that there's a heaven to be gained or a hell to shun! *This* is sin...

What to do? Repent. Surrender all to God. Read the gospel of Mark. It's short & filled with action! Read Psalms & Proverbs. Pray scripture over loved ones. Then *Live* for Him!