

I (you) will miss being with the glorious God of Heaven and all the glory and goodness that goes with it, such as: “And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away” (Rev. 21:4). We cannot comprehend such a place but we can believe it with all surety (cp. Rom. 10:17). Friends, there is a place prepared (John 14:1-3) by our loving God where there is no more pain, suffering, dying, and no more end. And the beauty is, anyone can go there IF they do the Father’s will (Matt. 7:21). **The saved will be glorified** (Rom. 8:17; 1 John 3:1-3, **note v.3**).

Can I Go To Heaven And Be With God And Escape Hell?

Yes, by repenting of all sin and obeying the gospel of Jesus Christ: “Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost” (Acts 2:38). The Savior said, “He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned” (Mark 16:16 cp. 1 Peter 1:22,23; 1 John 3:3).

That Day Is Coming!

The day of the Lord is coming and nothing can prevent it (2 Peter 3:10). Everyone of us shall give account of ourselves before God (Rom. 14:12; 2 Cor. 5:10; Rev. 20:12,13).

“Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, ²⁹And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation” (John 5:28,29). **Are you and I ready???**

The Lord’s Personal Invitation To You

“**Come unto me**, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. ³⁰For my yoke *is* easy, and my burden is light. (Matt. 11:28-30).

You determine where you will be in all eternity. The decisions you make determine your actions: Whom you will serve, God or Satan! How will you deal with this article, and most importantly, with the Scriptures given? The choice is yours. We hope you will make the right choice. What is your decision??? **Will you come? ♥**



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(Phil 2:16 cp. John 6:63, 68)

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What If I Am Lost? (Part 1) (What Will Eternity Be Like For Me?)

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Friends, we are created in the image of God (Gen. 1:27) and among other things this means that **we all will exist somewhere for ever without end!** This is a very sobering thought and every person ought to study the Book of Life (the Bible) in order to learn the truth about life and eternity (John 6:63,68).

It is truly a horrifying experience to be lost physically. I am not speaking of being temporarily disoriented, but truly lost without a clue as to how to find your way, such as being in a vast wilderness or desert. Of course through the ages people have been lost to such an extent and died in those situations. But being **lost spiritually** is a far more serious condition and multitudes of people are in that state, and many do not even realize it (Matt. 7:13,14,21-23). Our loving God cautions us all to be certain of our salvation (2 Cor. 13:5; Heb. 4:1; 1 Cor. 10:12).

Many people think they are saved but indeed are lost (Matt. 7:21-23) and will be lost eternally unless they come to the knowledge of the truth and obey it (Heb. 5:9). Friends, God is the Judge and no matter how strongly a person may feel that he is saved does not make it so. We cannot trust our feelings (Jer. 17:9). We can only trust the Word of God and we must examine ourselves in light of it.

What If I Am Lost? What Will Eternity Be Like For Me?

It is a place of “outer darkness” (Matt. 25:30): darkness that man cannot imagine. Our loving God gives us many warnings so that we will not go to that terrible place called Hell. Hell is surely darker

than the ninth plague which God brought upon the wicked Egyptians, and that was darkness so dark that it could be “felt” (Exod. 10:21). We need to remember “that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all” (1 John 1:5). The lost will be sent away from God: “Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power;” (2 Thess. 1:9). The presence of God will not be in the place called Hell, hence no light at all. Jesus will say, “depart from me, ye that work iniquity” (Matt. 7:23). O how terrible it will be to be separated from supreme love (John 3:16).

A place of “weeping and gnashing of teeth” (Matt. 25:30). This is not just occasional or one time weeping, but is ongoing forever showing the great punishment that belongs to this place for the lost. We weep because of pain and sorrow. In Hell there will be much pain without relief of any kind, but there will also be much sorrow; sorrow for living such a wasted life of sin and rebellion against the loving God of Heaven. Thayer’s Lexicon has: “‘a gnashing of teeth’: with τὸν ὀδοντῶν added, a phrase denoting the extreme anguish and utter despair of men consigned to eternal condemnation.”

A place of “everlasting punishment” (Matt. 25:46). Punishment without end. As Jesus warns: “Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched” (Mark 9:44,48). Note, “worm” is “to move in a twisting or contorted motion, (especially when struggling).” [WordWeb] God warns us how terrible Hell is.

A place of “fire that never shall be quenched” (Mark 9:45). It is unquenchable. As much as we cannot imagine such a place does not diminish the truthfulness of how terrible Hell will be. Forever and ever without end the lost will be punished in this hell.

It is a “lake which burneth with fire and brimstone” (Rev. 21:8). It is not like a small fire such as a brush pile but is rather a whole lake which is able to engulf one. Think about it the next time you burn a brush pile or have any kind of fire and how much worse Hell will be! Think soberly (Titus 2:12; Rom. 12:3).

A place of “no hope.” In Luke 16:26, speaking of the place of the wicked dead before the judgment we learn it is not possible to escape the place of torments: “And beside all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed: so that they which would pass from hence to you cannot; neither can they pass to us, that *would come* from thence.” After the judgment there will be an un-measurable separation of the lost and the saved: “Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power;” (2 Thess. 1:9).

It is a place without God (ibid). God is good, merciful, light, love, the giver of every perfect gift; God is everything that is good! **Do you want to be without God?**

Who Are The Lost?

Those who never obey the gospel of Christ: “In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: ⁹Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power; ¹⁰When he shall come to be glorified in his saints, and to be admired in all them that believe (because our testimony among you was believed) in that day” (2 Thess. 1:8-10).

All religious people who are caught up in religious error. Many fit into this category: “But in vain they do worship me, teaching *for* doctrines the commandments of men” (Matt. 15:9). They have not the doctrine of Christ (though they say they do) and therefore they do not have Christ/God and salvation: “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” (2 John 1:9). It is like Israel of old: “For I bear them record that they have a zeal of God, but not according to knowledge. ³For they being ignorant of God’s righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God” (Rom. 10:2,3).

There are many like that today who have their own churches, their own doctrine, and have never obeyed the gospel of Christ, note: “Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. ²²Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? ²³And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity” (Matt. 7:21-23).

Those who continue in wickedness: “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). “And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire (Rev. 20:15).

What Will I Miss If I Am Lost?