



Revelation 20—part 7
From Sermon 3.31.19

Read *Revelation 20:14-15*

Questions, Answers, and Review from Sunday's sermon: Historically and currently, there are many false doctrines on hell. Most stem from a dismissing of Scripture or desire to make subject more palatable/marketable to the world. Understanding hell helps us better appreciate what we've been saved from.

From Sunday: what do each of these false doctrines teach?

- Annihilationism: Those how go to hell are utterly destroyed/cease to exist
- Universalism: God's so loving/gracious, He ends up saving everyone
- Inclusivism: Only those who actually hear and reject the Gospel go to hell
- Purgatory: Hell is real. Almost everyone goes there. But, if you're a Christian in the one, true Church, you are released once your debt is paid/you are made righteous for heaven.

What term did Jesus use in teaching about hell and where did does the term come from?

Word: Gehenna

It was ancient Jerusalem's garbage dump. All the waste and trash went there. They kept it burning to consume trash and lessen smell. When Judah fell into idolatry, it was a place where babies were sacrificed to Baal. They were thrown into Gehenna's fires. See *Jeremiah 19:3-8*

What is the main thing Jesus has saved us from? Sin

See *Matthew 1:20-21* & *1 Timothy 1:15*

What are some things the modern American, seeker church would use believe that Jesus saves from? Various answers. But include: insignificance, poverty, illness, being ordinary, loneliness, lack of purpose, failed business and finances, ...

What does it mean that we've been saved from sin's power and control in our current, daily lives? We have a new Master in our salvation—Jesus Christ. We have the power—therefore the obligation—to live holy lives with less and less sin as we mature. A life of diminishing sin is one of the strongest evidences of genuine conversion. We hate our old lives/selves and worldliness.

See *1 Corinthians 6:9-11* & *Titus 2:11-14*

What does it NOT mean? That we will be sinless. We will still struggle with temptation and sinful thoughts, attitudes, responses, actions until we are made perfect in glory.

What was mentioned as the common fear of all people? Fear of Death.

How does unredeemed man deal with this fear? Various answers—He denies a God, an afterlife, judgment, eternity. He invents his own theory on what happens when you die. And, he does so with no facts, no data, no standards.

What two things do we have to support our beliefs on judgment, hell, and eternity? External evidence = The Bible...the unchanging Word of God. Internal Evidence = the Holy Spirit in us to teach, confirm, explain, assure us.

See also *Romans 15:4* & *Ephesians 1:13-14*