

Billions of men and women just like you and me have made the decision to go to Hell\*! <sup>1</sup> What about you? Have you got what it takes?

We would be lying if we told you it will be easy. It will mean a long, hard struggle.<sup>2</sup> You see, Hell\* is a rather recent option.<sup>3</sup> And it really was not designed with you in mind.<sup>4</sup> It will take persistence and determination. But if you make it, you will be part of an elite group. You will be able to say with the popular singer, "I did it my way" In fact, you will have earned the right to say, "I withstood God!" <sup>6</sup>

Perhaps we should clear up a few common misunderstandings before we go any further.

A long time ago, even before the beginning of the world, you had already been planned. Someone already knew all about you.

Now, maybe you think that you never were planned – that you just happened by accident. That's understandable. Lots of people say that. You may be simply believing what you have been told.

- 1. Wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat Matthew 7:13
  - Many of his disciples went back, and walked no more with him John 6:66 All that dwell upon the earth shall worship [Antichrist] Revelation 13:8
- 2. It is hard for thee to kick against the [goads] Acts 9:5
- 3. Every thing that [God] had made... was very good Genesis 1:31
  Eternal life... promised before the world began Titus 1:2
- **4.** The Lord is... **not** willing **that any should perish**, but that all should come to repentance 2 *Peter 3:9*

... everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels Matthew 25: 41

I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked; but that the wicked turn from his way and live Ezekiel 33:11

[God] predestined us unto the adoption of children Ephesians 1:5

[God] will have all men to be saved 1 Timothy 2:4

It is **not** the will of your Father which is in heaven, that **one of these little ones should perish** *Matthew 18:14* 

- 5. There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death *Proverbs* 14:12
- 6. The Lord is... not willing that any should perish 2 Peter 3:9
  How often would I have gathered thy children together... and ye would not

Ye do always resist the Holy Ghost Acts 7:51

Luke 13:34 (also Matthew 23:37)

7. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world *Matthew 25:34* 

He hath chosen us... before the foundation of the world Ephesians 1:4

We are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained Ephesians 2:10

An holy calling... given us in Christ Jesus before the world began 2 Timothy 1:9

**8.** Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee *Jeremiah 1:5*Thine eyes did see my substance, yet being unperfect; and in thy book all my members were written, which in continuance were fashioned, when as yet there

was none of them Psalm 139:16

The very hairs of your head are all numbered Matthew 10:30

But of course, if you stop to think about it, you know that things don't create themselves – on their own they just deteriorate. (*That's called entropy.*)

Anyway, the one who created you also claims to love you.9

Now it may not surprise you that someone would *like* you. After all, aren't you basically a good person? Aren't most of us? Sure, there are some bad people out there, but on the whole, aren't most people pretty good deep down inside? And you're probably as good as the next guy, maybe even better. Right? <sup>10</sup>

But suppose someone knew everything you ever did. Including everything you have ever done when no one was looking. And everything you would have done if you thought you could have gotten away with it. Suppose someone knew everything you ever thought. What would that person think of you? How much would they like you?

Well, the fact is, the one who planned you and made you also knows all about you. <sup>11</sup> And he loves you anyway.

9. God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son John 3:16

His great love wherewith he loved us Ephesians 2:4

Christ... hath loved us Ephesians 5:2

The kindness and love of God our Saviour toward man appeared Titus 3:4

God so loved us 1 John 4:11 He loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins 1 John 4:10

**10.** There is a generation that are pure in their own eyes *Proverbs* 30:12

All the ways of a man are clean in his own eyes ... *Proverbs* 16:2 Every way of a man is right in his own eyes ... *Proverbs* 21:2

11. ... but the LORD weigheth the spirits *Proverbs* 16:2

... but the LORD pondereth the hearts Proverbs 21:2

The Lord searcheth all hearts, and understandeth all the imaginations of the thoughts 1 Chronicles 28:9

Thou only, knowest the hearts of all the children of men 1 Kings 8:39 I the Lord search the heart Jeremiah 17:10

God knoweth your hearts Luke 16:15

Thou hast searched me, and known me. Thou knowest my downsitting and mine uprising, thou understandest my thought afar off. Thou compassest my path and my lying down, and art acquainted with all my ways. For there is not a word in my tongue, but... thou knowest it altogether *Psalm 139:1-4* 

Isn't that wonderful? Doesn't that just go to show that despite any flaws you may have, you're pretty good?

Actually, right here is where it gets rather offensive: Believe it or not, the one who planned you, and made you, and knows all about you, and even loves you, happens to think you are not that great. In fact, he thinks you are very bad. He thinks that there is absolutely nothing good about you. 13

Pretty insulting stuff, isn't it?

So much for that.

Now back to Hell\*.

As we said at the beginning: it's not easy to get to Hell\*. You see, the same person who thinks you're so bad will also do everything he can to prevent you from making it there. He will give you directions to somewhere else, 14 send his assistants, 15 even deliberately put things in your way. 16

**12.** Ye then, being evil *Matthew 7:11* 

The imagination of man's heart is evil from his youth Genesis 8:21

The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked *Jeremiah 17:9*The wickedness of man was great... every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually *Genesis 6:5* 

We are all as an unclean thing Isaiah 64:6

13. There is none good but one, that is, God Matthew 19:17, also Mark 10:18, Luke 18:19

There is not a just man upon earth, that doeth good, and sinneth not *Ecclesiastes 7:20* 

There is none righteous, no, not one... none that understandeth... none that seeketh after God. They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no, not one. Their throat is an open [tomb]; with their tongues they have used deceit; the poison of asps is under their lips: Whose mouth is full of cursing and bitterness: Their feet are swift to shed blood: Destruction and misery are in their ways

Romans 3:10-16, quoting Psalm 14:1-3, 5:9, 10:7, 36:1, Isaiah 59:7 In me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing Romans 7:18 Thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked Revelation 3:17

- **14.** Enter ye in at the strait gate... strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life *Matthew 7:13-14* 
  - Whither I go ye know, and the way ye know John 14:4
- 15. The angels hastened Lot, saying, Arise... lest thou be consumed Genesis 19:15
  The angel of the Lord spake unto Philip, saying, Arise, and go Acts 8:26
  I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things Revelation 22:16
- 16. [Balaam] saw the angel of the LORD standing in the way Numbers 22:31 The LORD sent out a great wind into the sea Jonah 1:4 Suddenly there shined round about [Paul] a light from heaven Acts 9:3 My spirit shall not always strive with man Genesis 6:3

As a matter of fact, he is so determined to prevent you from reaching your goal that, if there is no other way, he is even prepared to die to stop you.

(That's the kind of 'religious extremist' we're dealing with.)

Now at this point you might be asking, "Why is he so determined? What's in it for him?"

Plenty. Don't forget, he loves you.

So what? Lots of people love you, right?

But this is different.

You see, this person is actually the source of all love.<sup>17</sup> He loves you because of who *he* is, not because of who *you* are.<sup>18</sup> His love is a lot more serious than what we are used to.<sup>19</sup> So it makes sense that he probably wants to be with you.<sup>20</sup> And Hell\* is one place he will not go.

And, of course, he wants you to love him too.21

- 17. Love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God... for God is love 1 John 4:7-8 (also v.16)
- **18.** Christ died for the ungodly... God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us... when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son *Romans 5:6,8,10*

He first loved us 1 John 4:19

Christ... suffered for sins, the just for the unjust 1 Peter 3:18

Even when we were dead in sins, [God] hath quickened us together with Christ... That... he might show... his kindness toward us *Ephesians 2:5,7* 

**19.** The love of Christ... passeth knowledge *Ephesians 3:19* 

[Christ] hath given himself for us an offering Ephesians 5:2

As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you John 15:9

Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends *John 15:13* 

**20.** I go to prepare a place for you...I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also *John 14:2,3* 

We... shall be caught up together... to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord 1 Thessalonians 4:17

I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me Revelation 3:20

The tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God Revelation 21:3

I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee Hebrews 13:5

Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord *Romans* 8:38-39

I am with you always, even unto the end of the world Matthew 28:20

21. Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength

Mark 12:30 (also Matthew 22:37, Luke 10:27) quoting Deuteronomy 6:5

And he knows you won't do that in Hell\*.22

But there's more to it than that.

As you may have suspected, he would also want you to work for him.<sup>23</sup>

Truth be told, he would actually want you to worship him and obey him.<sup>24</sup>

And only him.<sup>25</sup>

- 22. There shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth [in the furnace of fire, the outer darkness] *Matthew 8:12 (also 13:42,50, 22:13, 24:51, 25:30, Luke 13:28)*And men were scorched with great heat, and blasphemed the name of God... and they repented not to give him glory... and they gnawed their tongues for pain, And blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores, and repented not of their deeds. *Revelation 16:9-11 does not refer to Hell, but does show the defiance with which condemned sinners respond to judgment.*
- 23. This is the work of God, that ye believe on him whom he hath sent John 6:29

  He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also John 14:12

  We are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works Ephesians 2:10

  Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world James 1:27

We are labourers together with God 1 Corinthians 3:9

They which have believed in God... be careful to maintain good works *Titus 3:8* Let us do good unto all men *Galatians 6:10* 

By works was faith made perfect? James 2:22

seeketh such to worship him John 4:23 (also v.24)

**24.** Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God *Matthew 4:10, quoting Deuteronomy 6:13*True worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father

If ye love me, keep my commandments John 14:15 (also v.21)

If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love John 15:10

Be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only James 1:22

This is love, that we walk after his commandments 2 John 6

Present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God Romans 12:1

**25.** [God] only shalt thou serve *Matthew 4:10, quoting Deuteronomy 6:14* 

Thou shalt have no other gods before me Exodus 20:3

No man can serve two masters Matthew 6:24

I am the way... no man cometh unto the Father, but by me John 14:6

There is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved Acts 4:12

Other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ 1 Corinthians 3:11

And what's even more outrageous: He really thinks that this is what is best for you.<sup>26</sup>

In fact, not only does he think that serving and obeying him is the perfect use for your life, he actually believes that any and every other use is a completely wasted and ruined life.<sup>27</sup>

If you follow this line of reasoning far enough you can see that what he's really insisting on is that you never, ever, do anything without asking him first, and that whatever he says, goes. Period.<sup>28</sup>

(It's starting to sound a lot like a cult, isn't it?)

**26.** Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me... and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light *Matthew 11:28-30* 

His commandments are not grievous 1 John 5:3

These things have I spoken unto you... that your joy might be full... that in me ye might have peace John 15:11, 16:33

27. Our light affliction... worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory 2 Corinthians 4:17

We labour, that... we may be accepted of him. 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 Corinthians 5:9,10 (also see Romans 14:10,12)

Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is. If any man's work abide... he shall receive a reward. If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire 1 Corinthians 3:13-15

Every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment *Matthew 12:36* 

Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting... in due season we shall reap Galatians 6:7-9

**28.** Pray without ceasing 1 Thessalonians 5:17

Man shall not live by bread al one, but by every word of God Luke 4:4 (also Matthew 4:4) quoting Deuteronomy 8:3

"My Lord and my God" John 20:28

Hath not the potter power over the clay? Romans 9:21

Thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven Matthew 6:10

Yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God *Romans* 6:13

"Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?" Acts 9:6

Now, he softens this a bit by saying that, while nothing you decide to do on your own can ever please him,<sup>29</sup> he will give you everything you need to do his work.<sup>30</sup>

But then, instead of assuring you that working for him will be fun, he promises that it will often bring you sorrow.<sup>31</sup> **29.** All our righteousnesses are as filthy rags *Isaiah* 64:6

A man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ Galatians 2:16

Thou hast neither part nor lot in this matter: for thy heart is not right in the sight of God 
Acts 8:21

God that made the world and all things therein, seeing that he is Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in temples made with hands; Neither is worshipped with men's hands, as though he needed any thing, seeing he giveth to all life, and breath, and all things *Acts 17:24-25* 

Cain brought of the fruit of the ground an offering unto the Lord... unto Cain and to his offering [the Lord] had not respect... without shedding of blood is no remission [of sin] *Genesis 4:3,5 and Hebrews* 9:22

Without me ye can do nothing John 15:5

30. If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you John 15:7

If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it John 14:14

If any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God... If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink *John 7:17,37* 

All things work together for good to them that love God... called according to his purpose... He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things? *Romans* 8:28,32

According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness 2 Peter 1:3

God... worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure *Philippians 2:13* 

**31.** Ye shall weep and lament... and ye shall be sorrowful *John 16:20, also v.22* We must through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of God *Acts 14:22* 

Instead of guaranteeing good health, he warns of pain and suffering.<sup>32</sup>

Instead of prosperity, he offers poverty.<sup>33</sup>

**32.** They will deliver you up to the councils, and they will scourge you *Matthew 10:17* 

They [shall] deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you Matthew 24:9

They have persecuted me, they will also persecute you John 15:20

The time cometh, that whosoever killeth you will think that he doeth God service John 16:2

We are troubled on every side... perplexed... Persecuted... cast down... Always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus... For we which live are always delivered unto death for Jesus' sake 2 Corinthians 4:8-11

In afflictions, in necessities, in distresses, In stripes, in imprisonments, in tumults, in labours, in watchings, in fastings... unknown... dying

2 Corinthians 6:4,5,9

In labours... stripes [whippings]... prisons... deaths... beaten with rods... stoned... in journeyings... in perils of waters... of robbers... in perils by mine own countrymen... by the heathen... in the city... in the wilderness... in the sea... among false brethren... in weariness and painfulness, in watchings 2 Corinthians 11:23-27

Others had trial of cruel mockings and scourgings... of bonds and imprisonment: They were stoned... sawn asunder... tempted... slain with the sword *Hehrews 11*:36-37

All that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution 2 Timothy 3:12 For thy sake we are killed all the day long Romans 8:36 quoting Psalm 44:22

For thy sake we are killed all the day long *Romans 8:36 quoting Psalm 44:22*33. The foxes have holes, and the birds of the air have nests; but the Son of man hath

not where to lay his head Matthew 8:20, also Luke 9:58

We both hunger, and thirst, and are naked, and are buffeted, and have no certain dwelling place  $\ 1\ Corinthians\ 4:11$ 

In hunger and thirst, in fastings...in cold and nakedness 2 Corinthians 11:27 Poor... having nothing 2 Corinthians 6:10

They wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins; being destitute, afflicted, tormented... they wandered in deserts, and in mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth. Hebrews 11:37-38

Having food and raiment let us be therewith content 1 Timothy 6:8

And rather than prestige, working for him will likely make you very unpopular.

In fact, most people will really hate you.<sup>34</sup>

What he seems to be saying, then, is this:

"Hand your whole life over to me to spend my way and, trust me, you'll be happier for reasons that make no sense to you now." 35

Now, despite the incredible audacity of this proposal, you have to admit that at first glance it does have a strange sort of appeal.

After all, it would mean no more worrying.36

No more having to make decisions all on your own.<sup>37</sup>

No more wondering if you are getting your fair share out of life.<sup>38</sup>

And on and on:

**34.** Ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake *Matthew 10:22, also 24:9, Mark 13:13, Luke 21:17* 

Marvel not... if the world hate you 1 John 3:13

The world... hated me before it hated you. If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you *John 15:18-19* 

We are despised... reviled... defamed 1 Corinthians 4:10,12-13

**35.** They departed... rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for his name *Acts* 5:41

As Sorrowful, yet always rejoicing... as having nothing, and yet possessing all things 2 Corinthians 6:10

Rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy 1 Peter 4:13 The peace of God... passeth all understanding Philippians 4:7

36. Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment? Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they?... And why take ye thought for raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin:... if God so clothe the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you ...? Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed?... for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things. But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. Take therefore no thought for the morrow Matthew 6:25-34

Be careful for nothing Philippians 4:6

**37.** If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally... and it shall be given him *James 1:5* 

Ye have an unction from the Holy One, and ye know all things 1 John 2:20

**38.** Whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also. And if any man will... take away thy coat, let him have thy cloak also. And whosoever shall compel thee to go a mile, go with him twain. Give to him that asketh thee, and from him that would borrow of thee turn not thou away *Matthew* 5:39-42 Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right? *Genesis* 18:25

No more fear of failure.39

For that matter, no more fear of anything.<sup>40</sup>

(This is exactly the sort of thing that makes cults so attractive to some people.)

But think again.

It also means no more personal ambition.<sup>41</sup>

No more pride in your accomplishments.<sup>42</sup>

And no more feeling good about yourself when you do something "good".<sup>43</sup>

- **39.** I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me *Phillipians 4:13* We are more than conquerors through him that loved us *Romans 8:37*
- **40.** God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind 2 *Timothy 1:7*

There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear 1 John 4:18

Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth John 14:27

When they deliver you up, take no thought how or what ye shall speak: for it shall be given you Matthew 10:19 (also Mark 13:11, Luke 12:11-12)

If God be for us, who can be against us? Romans 8:31

**41.** Not my will, but thine, be done *Luke 22:42 (also Matthew 26:39, Mark 14:36)*Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth... Take... no thought for the

morrow *Matthew* 6:19,34

No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier 2 *Timothy* 2:4

Seek those things which are above... Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth *Colossians 3:1-2* 

Whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant *Matthew 20:27 (also Mark 9:35; 10:44)* 

**42.** The good that I would, I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do... with the flesh [I serve] the law of sin *Romans* 7:19.25

Are ye so foolish? having begun in the Spirit, are ye now made perfect by the flesh? *Galatians 3:3* 

Whosoever shall exalt himself shall be abased; and he that shall humble himself shall be exalted *Matthew 23:12* 

Every one that is proud in heart is an abomination to the LORD *Proverbs* 16:5 (also 21:4, Psalms 101:5, etc.)

43. Many that were rich cast in much. And... a certain poor widow... threw in two mites... this poor widow hath cast more in, than all they which have cast into the treasury: For all they did cast in of their abundance; but she of her want did cast in all that she had, even all her living Mark 12:41-44 (also Luke 21:1-4)

Whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all James 2:10 (also see Galatians 3:10)

In fact it means no more feeling good about yourself at all because, remember, the person who would be running your life thinks your *self* is completely bad.<sup>44</sup>

And so we have come back to your decision to go to Hell\*.

It actually seems much clearer now, doesn't it?

Live as You want,45

**44.** The publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, God be merciful to me a sinner *Luke 18:13* I am carnal, sold under sin... In me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing... O wretched man that I am! *Romans 7:14,18,24* 

I am vile Job 40:4

I abhor myself, and repent in dust and ashes Job 42:6

Woe is me! for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips Isaiah 6:5

**45.** We have turned every one to his own way *Isaiah 53:6* 

Every man did that which was right in his own eyes Judges 17:6 (also 21:25)

We all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind Ephesians 2:3

Men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud... disobedient to parents... trucebreakers... [unrestrained]... Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God

2 Timothy 3:2-4 (see also Romans 1:29-31)

Ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts James 4:3

Serving divers lusts and pleasures Titus 3:3

Enjoy[ing] the pleasures of sin for a season Hebrews 11:25

Whosoever... will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God James 4:4

He that loveth his life shall lose it ... John 12:25

Who made thee a ruler and a judge over us Acts 7:27, quoting Exodus 2:14
We will not have this man to reign over us Luke 19:14

or be Someone Else's servant 46

Believe in Yourself.<sup>47</sup>

or believe in Someone Else. 48

Trust Yourself. knowing Your motives <sup>49</sup> and limitations... <sup>50</sup> **46.** A servant [Greek: δουλοξ = slave] of Jesus Christ

Romans 1:1. Titus 1:1. James 1:1. 2 Peter 1:1. Jude 1. Revelation 1:1

Ye are not your own... For ye are bought with a price 1 Corinthians 6:19-20

Make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof Romans 13:14 Submit yourselves... to God James 4:7

Lord, what wilt thou have me to do? Acts 9:6

Whether we live, we live unto the Lord Romans 14:8

Follow me *Matthew 4:19 (also 8:22, 9:9, 16:24, John 21:19,22, etc.)* 

If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily Luke 9:23

I am crucified with Christ... the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God Galations 2:20

... he that hateth his life in this world shall keep it unto life eternal John 12:25

47. I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God... I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High, Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell Isaiah 14:13-15

Let us make us a name Genesis 11:4

All that the LORD hath spoken we will do

Exodus 19:8 (also 24:3,7, Deuteronomy 5:27, Joshua 1:16, etc.)

**48.** God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble *James 4:6* 

Ye ought to say, If the Lord will, we shall live, and do this, or that James 4:15

Have faith in God Mark 11:22

To him that worketh not, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness Romans 4:5

Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved Acts 16:31

- **49.** The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked *Jeremiah 17:9* Out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies Matthew 15:19
- **50.** Which of you by taking thought can add one cubit unto his stature? Matthew 6:27, also Luke 12:25

Thou canst not make one hair white or black Matthew 5:36

Ye know not what shall be on the morrow James 4:14

Cursed be the man that trusteth in man Jeremiah 17:5

... or trust Him,<sup>51</sup>

knowing His.52

By the way, we mentioned earlier that, if there was no other way, He was even prepared to die to keep you out of Hell\*:

- **51.** Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths *Proverbs 3:5-6* Blessed are all they that put their trust in him *Psalm 2:12*
- **52.** As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts *Isaiah 55:9*

God... cannot lie Titus 1:2, also Hebrews 6:18

Is any thing too hard for the LORD? Genesis 18:14

Thou hast made the heaven and the earth by thy great power... there is nothing too hard for thee *Jeremiah* 32:17

With God nothing shall be impossible Luke 1:37, also Matthew 19:26

Him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think  $\it Ephesians~3:20$ 

There was no other way...

The Lord God commanded the man [Adam], saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat... [or] thou shalt surely die... When the woman [Eve] saw that the tree was good for food... pleasant to the eyes, and... desired to make one wise<sup>i</sup>, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat... And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons... the Lord God [made] coats of skins, and clothed them<sup>ii</sup>. And... lest [man]... eat... also of the tree of life... and live forever [degenerating]... the Lord God sent [Adam and Eve] forth from the garden... and [they] died Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-24, and 5:5

It came to pass... that the wickedness of man was great... every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually... The earth also was corrupt... and filled with violence... all flesh had corrupted his way... But Noah... a just man and perfect in his generations... [who] walked with God... found grace... And God said unto Noah, The end of all flesh is come before me... I will... bring a flood of waters upon the earth to destroy all flesh... But with thee will I establish my covenant; and thou shalt come into the ark... And the Lord shut [Noah and his family] in [the ark]... And all flesh... that moved upon the earth... died... and Noah only remained alive, and they that were with him in the ark

\*\*Genesis 6:1,5 - 7:23\*\*

God... said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth... [but] they said... let us build us a city and a tower, whose top may reach unto heaven; and let us make us a name, lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth... So the Lord scattered them abroad from thence upon the face of all the earth

Genesis 9:1 and 11:1-9

[The Lord] gave unto Moses... two tables of testimony, tables of stone, written with the finger of God... But when the people saw that Moses delayed... [they] said unto [Aaron]... make us gods... And they... rejoiced in the works of their own hands... And the Lord said unto Moses... thy people... have corrupted themselves... as soon as [Moses] saw the calf, and the dancing... he cast the tables out of his hands, and brake them

Exodus 31:18 - 32:19 with Acts 7:41

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Compare 1 John 2:16 and Matthew 4:3, 6, 8-9: "lust of the flesh... lust of the eyes... pride of life" <sup>16</sup>Compare Hebrews 9:22 and Matthew 22:11-12: "without shedding of blood is no remission"

... and He did.

(Now that's strange: cult leaders don't give up their own lives to save their followers.)

[The seed of the woman] shall bruise [the serpent's] head... A virgin shall conceive... And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins... When the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law Genesis 3:15: Isaiah 7:14: Matthew 1:21: Galatians 4:4

The waters shall no more become a flood to destroy all flesh... But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word... reserved unto fire... I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved... and shall not come into condemnation but is passed from death unto life... For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ

Genesis 9:15: 2 Peter 3:7: John 10:9: 5:24: 1 Thessalonians 5:9

God will provide himself a lamb for a[n]... offering... Take to them every man a lamb... Your lamb shall be without blemish... The whole assembly... shall kill it in the evening... and when I see the blood, I will pass over you... Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world

Genesis 22:8; Exodus 12:3,5,6,13; John 1:29, 36

He hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows... he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed... the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all... he was cut off out of the land of the living: for the transgression of my people was he stricken... he hath poured out his soul unto death: and he was numbered with the transgressors; and he bare the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors... Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners... gave himself a ransom for all... He hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him... Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God... Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us... No man taketh [my life] from me, but I lay it down of myself

Isaiah 53:4-6, 8,12; 1 Timothy 1:15, 2:6; 2 Corinthians 5:21; 1 Peter 3:18; 1 John 3:16; John 10:18, also v. 11,15

He said, **It is finished**: and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost *John 19:30* 

(And no cult leader ever rose from the dead.)

Ye seek Jesus of Nazareth, which was crucified: **he is risen**; he is not here: behold the place where they laid him. Now when **Jesus was risen** early the first day of the week, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene... Afterward he appeared unto the eleven... and upbraided them with their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they believed not them which had seen him after **he was risen** *Mark 16:6,9,14 (also Matthew 28:6-7)* 

... the third time that Jesus showed himself to his disciples, after... he was **risen** from the dead John 21:14

This Jesus hath God raised up, whereof we all are witnesses Acts 2:32

[Ye] killed the Prince of life, whom God hath **raised from the dead**; whereof we are witnesses *Acts 3:15* 

With great power gave the apostles witness of the **resurrection of the Lord Jesus** *Acts* 4:33

And we are witnesses of all things which he did both in the land of the Jews, and in Jerusalem; whom they slew and hanged on a tree: Him God **raised up** the third day, and showed him openly... unto witnesses chosen before of God, even to us, who did eat and drink with him after **he rose from the dead** *Acts* 10:39-41

He hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained; whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath **raised him from the dead** *Acts 17:31* 

The gospel of God (which he had promised afore by his prophets in the holy scriptures) Concerning his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, which was made of the seed of David according to the flesh; And declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the **resurrection from the dead** Romans 1:1-4

Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures... was buried, and... **rose again** the third day according to the scriptures... he was seen of Cephas, then of the twelve: After that, he was seen of above five hundred brethren at once; of whom the greater part remain unto this present... After that, he was seen of James; then of all the apostles. And last of all he was seen of me also *1 Corinthians 15:3-8* 

We have not followed cunningly devised fables... but were eyewitnesses of his majesty 2 Peter 1:16 (also see Acts 22:15)

Also: Matthew 20:19, Mark 8:31, Luke 24:6, Acts 4:10; 13:30-37, Romans 4:24; 6:4-9; 7:4; 8:11,34; 10:9, 1 Corinthians 15:20-23, Galatians 1:1, Ephesians 1:20, Colossians 2:12, 1 Thessalonians 1:10, 2 Timothy 2:8, 1 Peter 1:3,21, Revelation 1:5; 2:8

You really can go to Hell\* if You want it badly enough.

But You will have to withstand God, who has done everything possible to stop You.

If taking control of Your own life is more important to You than anything else, then You have 'the right stuff', and You are well on Your way.

But if you are one of those people who is *willing* to surrender to the One who died for you, to put your whole future in the hands of Another, then there is not much hope of you making it to Hell\*. In fact, if that is how little it matters to you to be your own boss – to be the master of your own life – then the only way you are going to get to Hell\* is ...

We thought it was important for you to have all the facts so you could make the choice that's right for you.

After all, this may be your last chance.

Prepare to meet thy God Amos 4:12
Seek ye the LORD while he may be found Isaiah 55:6
This night thy soul shall be required of thee Luke 12:20
The night is far spent Romans 13:12

Now is the accepted time... now is the day of salvation 2 Corinthians 6:2

## And forever never ends.

Depart from me, ye cursed, into **everlasting fire.**.. these shall go away into **everlasting punishment**: but the righteous into life eternal *Matthew 25:41.46* 

Into hell, into the **fire that never shall be quenched** *Mark* 9:43-48

The smoke of their torment ascendeth up **for ever and ever**: and they have **no rest day nor night** *Revelation* 14:11

[Whosoever was not found written in the book of life] was cast into the lake of fire... and shall be **tormented day and night for ever and ever** Revelation 20:15, 10

[Some] of them... shall awake... to shame and **everlasting contempt** *Daniel 12:2* 

Them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ... shall be punished with **everlasting destruction** *2 Thessalonians 1:8-9* 

... by putting off your decision.

Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish Luke 13:3,5

Behold, I will plead with thee: Jeremiah 2:35 (For all have sinned) Romans 3:23 I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing; Deuteronomy 30:19 Choose you this day whom ye will serve; Joshua 24-15 Repent, and turn yourselves from all your transgressions; so iniquity shall not be your ruin. Ezekiel 18:30 Come unto me. all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Matthew 11.28 Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool. Isaiah 1-18 If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead. thou shalt be saved. Romans 10.9 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Ephesians 2:8 Not by works of righteousness which we have done, Titus 3:5 (for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified) Galatians 2:16 but according to his mercy he saved us, Titus 3:5

lest any man should boast. Ephesians 2:9 For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. Romans 6:23 For God so loved the world. that he gave his only begotten Son, John 3:16 to be the propitiation for our sins, 1 John 4:10 that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world: but that the world through him might be saved. He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. And this is the condemnation. that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. John 3:16-19

How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation?

Hebrews 2:3

## If we sin willfully

[by refusing to accept God's freely offered gift of salvation] after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, [that Jesus died on the cross as the full payment for our sins] there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins. But a certain fearful looking for of judgment and fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversaries. He that despised Moses' law died without mercy under two or three witnesses: Of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God. and hath counted the blood of the covenant. wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace.

Hebrews 10:26-29

Be ye not deceived; God is not mocked

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"Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men" 2 Corinthians 5:11

Galatians 6:7

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## HELL\* BOUND?

Here are a few things you should know before you leave:

Official Name The Lake of Fire\*1

**Population** (2002) 0 (massive immigration predicted to be in

the billions set for some time after 3009.)2

**Government** Anarchy. (Satan, the god of this world<sup>3</sup> will

be a mere resident.4)

**Climate** Extremely hot and arid<sup>5</sup>

**Religion** Pluralistic. (All religious traditions well

represented in a rich and diverse mosaic emphasizing various aspects and degrees

of Auto-Soterism.)6

**Native population** Fallen angels, also known as demons (*devils*)<sup>7</sup>

Natural Resources Sulfur (brimstone)8

**Employment** Weeping, Gnashing Teeth<sup>9</sup>

Unemployment rate0.0 %10RecreationNone10HolidaysNone10CharitiesNone11

**Emigration** 0 (Exit visas unattainable)<sup>12</sup>

Future Prospects NONE 12

**1** Revelation 20:10,14,15 **2** Revelation 20:2-15 **3** 2 Corinthians 4:4 **4** Revelation 20:10 **5** Luke 16:24

**6** Proverbs 14:12 **7** Matthew 25:41, 2 Peter 2:4, Jude 1:6 **8** Revelation 14:10; 19:20; 20:10; 21:8

**9** Matthew 8:12; 22:13; 24:51; 25:30, Luke 13:28 **10** Revelation 14:11; 20:10 **11** Revelation 21:8 **12** Daniel 12:2; Matthew 25:41.46; Mark 9:43-48, 2 Thessalonians 1:8-9; Revelation 14:11; 20:10

\* Hell here refers to the final and eternal abode of the lost, as in Matthew 5:22; 18:9; Mark 9:43-45; Luke 12:5