

## **An Open Letter To Non-Believers**

Dear Whoever You Are, wherever you are, (We may not know your name, but God knows you by name, and that is what is important.)

By writing this letter to you, we are endeavouring to help you find eternal life. Maybe you don't believe in heaven, God, His Son Jesus and the angels who only do good. Maybe you don't believe in hell, the devil and his demons that only do evil. Whether you believe in them or not, they are all very real. Every good thing God does; every good attribute God has, is counterfeited by evil.

Hell is the waiting place where non-believers and the fallen angels go to await the final judgement (2 Peter 2:4). The lake of fire is where hell, death, the devil, the false prophet, the beast, all the demons, fallen angels plus all human non-believers will be thrown after they are judged (Revelation 20:10 to 15). God did not create hell or the lake of fire for people, but if people reject God, He will send them there forever (Matthew 25:41 & 46). God considers all non-believers, wicked. If you do not believe in God, He calls you wicked (Genesis 6:5). You might say, "But I do believe there is a God." Sorry, that is not enough. Even the demons believe in God and they shudder in terror (James 2:19). In order to escape hell and go to heaven, everyone on earth needs to accept Jesus, embrace God the Father and live our lives according to His will. Just believing will not save you from hell. God desires more than just belief. He wants a close relationship with all of His created beings. He works in every person's life to bring us all to Him and He will not reject us until after we have died, and it will be only then, that we will see the consequences of our rejection of Him, and then it will be too late. Religion can't save you. Belonging to a church can't save you. Doing good works can't save you. Allah, Buddha, Krishna nor any other false god can save you. The one and only thing that will save you; the only way to the Father; the only way to heaven; the only way into the Kingdom of God, the only Way, Truth and Life that can save you, is to accept Jesus into your life (John 14:6).

(A little note to Christians) As born-again Christians, we are commissioned by God to try to lead as many people as possible into the Kingdom of God (Luke 17:7 to 10). We cannot sit down and have the attitude, "Well, I'm safe. Tough luck for them." So to all you Christians out there, print this letter and send it to every person you know that is not yet saved. You don't know how God will use this letter to sow 'seeds' that could lead to the salvation of a friend, family member or a stranger in the street. Time is short and we need to be busy, snatching others out of the fire (Jude 1:23).

Back to non-believers: What are the differences between heaven and hell? In heaven, there is only the Light of God Himself. A brilliant Light that is so bright and warm, there is no need of the sun (Revelation 22:5).

In hell there is only a thick, gloomy darkness (2 Peter 2:4 & 17; Jude 1:6).

In heaven there is absolute tranquillity, joy and beauty (Revelation 22:1 & 2).

In hell there is only torment (Luke 16:23 & 28).

In heaven, there is peace and perfect love that casts out all fear (1 John 4:18).

The lack of fear gives us a sound mind (2 Timothy 1:7) so the terror in hell is a fear that is so extreme it takes over the mind, and there is only vicious hatred for mankind in hell, because we were created in the living image of God (Genesis 1:27).

In heaven, there are no pain or tears (Revelation 21:4).

In hell, people scream in agony as they are attacked by huge powerful demons that have no mercy, and they tear at your flesh until your skin hangs in ribbons. These creatures toss people around like rag dolls and you feel every bit of that pain – but you can't die. In hell there is a heat so intense that no human flesh could survive (Luke 16:24). The body of flesh and bone dies and is buried. It is the human spirit that goes to hell.

In heaven there is no anguish or grief (Revelation 21:4).

In hell there is only misery, anguish, thirst, grief, regret, discomfort, distress and desperation (Luke 16:24 to 31).

In heaven, we can see, hear, smell, taste and touch, and our senses are much, much more acute, so these five senses will bring us more joy. People who may have been born blind or deaf on earth, are healed so they can see and hear in heaven. People who may have been lame, are healed and can run and dance in heaven.

In hell people have the same five senses that are more acute but there is no healing in hell, so the blind, the deaf and the lame remain that way and never know what torment is coming next. People feel the extreme heat in hell and there is no escaping it. People feel the excruciating pain of being tortured by demons, but there is no escape. They are in pits of utter darkness (Psalm 140:10). People in hell can hear the millions of other people who are already down there in hell, screaming in agony, terror and screaming for mercy from the torturers, but there is no respite – and that goes on and on and will not cease until you are risen from the dead for judgement in about 1,000 years from now. Imagine 1,000 years of nothing but torture and pain and you can't escape it. You become exhausted but you can never sleep because there is no rest or peace for the wicked (Isaiah 48:22; 57:21).

The respite will be very short-lived, because straight after you are judged by Jesus and condemned by your own words, spoken by you, while you were on earth (Matthew 12:36 & 37), then you will be thrown into the lake of fire to be tortured forever and ever and ever and ever and from there, there will be no end. Blasphemy is a terrible insult to God, and He will use your own words of blasphemy to condemn you. Do you use the Lord's name in vain? Do you use His wonderful name as an expletive? Maybe you had better ask His forgiveness. Most people know hell exists, but they have no concept of how terrible it is and hell is only the first step. The lake of fire comes after that and it is worse. 'Upon the wicked, He will rain burning coals, fire, brimstone, and a dreadful scorching wind shall be their lot' (Psalm 11:6).

All this is absolutely and horribly real. It is the truth, and we want to warn you of the eternity you will face if you continue to reject God. He sent Jesus to this earth to open the way of salvation. The only way to escape hell and then the lake of fire, is to accept Jesus while you are on this earth. If you die before accepting Jesus, then you will go down to hell. The lake of fire is called the second death (Revelation 21:8). If you want to escape this terrible end to your life, then you will have to accept Jesus and then the second death will never harm you (Revelation 2:11; 20:6). Jesus said we must be born-again (John 3:3 to 7). The word 'Salvation' means to be saved from hell.

We need to fear – that is to have a deep respect; an awe of God, because He is the only one who can throw both body and soul into hell (Matthew 10:28; Luke 12:5). 'How much worse punishment do you suppose they will be judged to deserve, who has spurned and trampled underfoot the Son of God, Who has given His blood ... For we know God Who said, "Vengeance is Mine and I will repay." It is a fearful and terrible thing to incur divine wrath and fall into the hands of the living God' (Hebrews 10:29 to 31).

If you reject Jesus, God's Son, that will bring God's wrath. Please accept God into your life before it is too late. For your own sake, don't incur His wrath. We never know how we will die, where we will die, when we will die, nor at what age – only God knows. We don't want you to end up in hell. God is not willing that you end up there either (2 Peter 3:9). He sent Jesus so we wouldn't end up in hell. It is all a matter of choice. If you want to escape hell, then you need to choose to follow God. If you choose to go your own way and not follow God, then you are sealing your own fate. Jesus said, "Whosoever will, let him come" (Revelation 22:17). So please come to Jesus, be born-again, be saved and be accepted into heaven. It is not hard to be saved. In fact it is so simple, people have stumbled over the simplicity of salvation. We are showing you the five easy steps to take, so you can spend eternity in heaven with God, Jesus, angels and the millions of people who have accepted the truth.

Step (1): Ask God to help you. You might need help to believe. You might need help to pray. If you don't believe, then ask Him to help you believe. If you don't know how to pray, ask Him to show you what to say. Jesus said to pray something like this:

"Our Father, Who is in heaven. Holy is Your name. Your Kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Thank You for my daily bread. Forgive my sins as I forgive those who have sinned against me. Don't let me be led into temptation, but deliver me from the evil one. Amen" (Matthew 6:9; Luke 11:2). If this prayer is too hard to remember, then try this one; "God help me, please. I need Your help." Anyone who calls out to God from the heart, will be saved (Joel 2:32; Acts 2:21; Romans 10:13).

Step (2): Ask Him to forgive you for all your sins (1 John 1:9), but you also need to forgive anyone who has done the wrong thing by you, no matter who it was or what they did. If you won't forgive them, neither will God forgive you (Matthew 18:21 to 35). Right now, you need to realise this: There is no sin you have ever committed that is too 'bad' for God to forgive. He loves you and wants you to be in heaven, so He will forgive you. Don't ever think He can't forgive some nasty sin you've done. He sent Jesus for that reason, so accept that He wants to forgive you and He will forgive you. Once you are forgiven, you will immediately feel peaceful and calm and His love will reach deep down into your soul. It is a wonderful feeling. Try praying this; "God. I've done all these bad things. I need You to forgive me. Help me to forgive people who have hurt me. Thank You, God."

Step (3): Once you have asked God to forgive you, which is called repentance, then you need to start attending church. Ask God to help you find the church that is right for you. The Bible tells us we have to 'fellowship' with other believers. That is to keep our new walk with God going strong. If we don't attend church, then we may slip back again and away from God. After being born-again, you must never let go of God and slip back into sin. If you do, your eternal penalty will be much worse than if you had never known God (2 Peter 2:20 & 21).

Step (4): Be baptised in water. You may not fully understand the spiritual symbolism in the act of baptism, but that doesn't matter. What is really important, is the baptism itself. Jesus was baptised and the Bible tells us to repent and be baptised (Matthew 28:19; Mark 1:5 & 9; Luke 3:21; Acts 2:38; 8:12) Those who refuse are actually being disobedient, so go ahead, be baptised and watch your life change.

Step (5): Be baptised in the Holy Spirit and grow in God (Mark 1:8; Acts 1:5). Read your Bible every day, pray every day, sing to God, worship Him, learn to love Him, attend church, listen to Christian music and continually mix with other Christians.

If this letter literally scares the hell out of you, then that's good – we have achieved our aim. Welcome to eternal life!

Amen and God bless you.

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