

“I KNOW THAT I WILL GO TO HELL”

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I know a Christian that has fallen away and is not faithful to attend the worship services of the church. I also know another Christian who is living in an adulterous marriage. When both were asked if they knew what would happen if they died in this condition, each one said, “Yes, I know that I will go to Hell.”

I cannot imagine casually saying or thinking such a thing! I can only conclude that they have not really considered what Hell will be like. The wrath of God and eternal destruction is no small thing. Knowing the terror of the Lord, we need to have an intense fear of such a place. Here’s a reminder of God’s description of Hell:

Outer darkness with weeping and gnashing of teeth (Matthew 25:30)

Everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels (Matthew 25:41)

Where their worm does not die and the fire is not quenched (Mark 9:44)

Everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord (2 Thessalonians 1:9)

Lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death (Revelation 21:8)

Tormented day and night forever and ever (Revelation 20:10)

After meditating on these horrifying images, any sane, rational person would not want to entertain the slightest thought of going to such a place. We need to repent of sin, seek God’s forgiveness, and do whatever is necessary to please God. Jesus told of plucking an eye out or cutting a hand off, that such extreme “surgery” would be better than being cast into hell (Matt. 5:29-30)! When washed in the blood of Jesus and saved by the grace of God we can boldly say...

“I will go to HEAVEN!”

God “is longsuffering toward us, not willing that anyone should perish but that all should come to repentance” (2 Peter 3:9)