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What Determines Your Destination?

Eternity

WHAT YOU BELIEVE ABOUT _____ AND _____ WILL DETERMINE HOW YOU _____.

The _____ Of Heaven & Hell

Heaven is created for God's CHILDREN.
Hell was created for SATAN and his ANGELS.
- Satan is not in CHARGE - he is being PUNISHED.

"Eternal" Heaven and Hell at this time are UNOCCUPIED.
How Is Hell REFERENCED?

HADES (Greek) / SHEOL (Hebrew)
- "Place Of The Dead" (Luke 16:19-31)
- ☑ Temporary Heaven - "Abraham's Side or Bosom" (until Christ's Resurrection)
  - Luke 16 - Hades/Sheol "Abraham's Side" is a place of comfort
  - Now unoccupied and in Heaven with Jesus
- ☐ Temporary Hell - "Place Of Torment" (until Judgement after Tribulation and Millennial Reign)
  - Luke 16 - torment, anguish, flames, hot, no comfort

TARTAROO (Greek)
- ☐ Abyss (Temporary place for demons until Tribulation)

GEHENNA (Greek, but originally from a Hebrew name)
- ☐ Eternal Hell (Lake Of Fire)

The _____ Of Heaven & Hell

What Is HEAVEN Like?
- New Heaven - No death, mourning, crying, pain
- Created after Millennial Reign and the Great White Throne Judgement. The old earth and heaven are destroyed by fire.
- Nations and kings give honor to God

How is the city of JERUSALEM described?
- Approximately 1,500 miles high - 1,500 miles long - 1,500 miles wide
- Made of gold and precious gems

What Is HELL Like?
- Gehenna - Eternal Hell (Lake Of Fire)
  - A Place Of WEEPING And GNASHING Of Teeth
  - A Place Of Never Ending FIRE
  - A Place Of JUDGEMENT
  - A Place That Burns With SULFUR
  - A Place Of DARKNESS (no light / sin reigns)
  - A Place Where The WORM Never Dies
  - A Place Of SEPARATION From God
  - A Place Worse Than Any PHYSICAL Infirmity

The _____ Of Heaven & Hell

How Long Will Heaven _____?

Revelation 22:1 Then the angel showed me a river with the water of life, clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb. **2** It flowed down the center of the main street. On each side of the river grew a tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, *[twelve kinds of fruit]* with a fresh crop each month. The leaves were used for medicine to heal the nations. **3** No longer

will there be a curse upon anything. For the throne of God and of the Lamb will be there, and his servants will worship him. **4** And they will see his face, and his name will be written on their foreheads. **5** And there will be no night there—no need for lamps or sun—for the Lord God will shine on them. And they will reign forever and ever. *(NLT)*

How Long Will Hell _____?

Philippians 3:18 For I have told you often before, and I say it again with tears in my eyes, that there are many whose conduct shows they are really enemies of the cross of Christ. **19** They are headed for destruction. Their god is their appetite, they brag about shameful things, and they think only about this life here on earth. **20** But we are citizens of heaven, where the Lord Jesus Christ lives. And we are eagerly waiting for him to return as our Savior. **21** He will take our weak mortal bodies and change them into glorious bodies like his own, using the same power with which he will bring everything under his control. *(NLT)*

The _____ Of Heaven & Hell

The _____/ _____ Issue

- The problem is we want _____ without _____.

Is Hell _____? How Do I Know For _____?

- If hell is not real - why the _____?

The _____ Of Heaven & Hell

- Physical: bound by time, space, matter
- Spiritual: unbound but limited
- Eternal: God - unbound and unlimited

Where Is _____ Located?

John 14:4 "And you know the way to where I am going." **5** "No, we don't know, Lord," Thomas said. "We have no idea where you are going, so how can we know the way?" **6** Jesus told him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me. **7** If you had really known me, you would know who my Father is. From now on, you do know him and have seen him!" *(NLT)*

Will we see our pets in heaven? _____

Matthew 22:30 Jesus replied, "Your mistake is that you don't know the Scriptures, and you don't know the power of God. **30** For when the dead rise, they will neither marry nor be given in marriage. In this respect they will be like the angels in heaven." *(NLT)*

If you believe in God but do not live for Him will you go to heaven? _____

James 2:17 So you see, faith by itself isn't enough. Unless it produces good deeds, it is dead and useless. **18** Now someone may argue, "Some people have faith; others have good deeds." But I say, "How can you show me your faith if you don't have good deeds? I will show you my faith by my good deeds." **19** You say you have faith, for you believe that there is one God. Good for you! Even the demons believe this, and they tremble in terror. **20** How foolish! Can't you see that faith without good deeds is useless? *(NLT)*

Matthew 3:9 "Don't just say to each other, 'We're safe, for we are descendants of Abraham.' That means nothing, for I tell you, God can create children of Abraham from these very stones. **10** Even now the ax of God's judgment is poised, ready to sever the roots of the trees. Yes, every tree that does not produce good fruit will be chopped down and thrown into the fire." *(NLT)*

If you do good things and live a good life will you go to heaven? _____

Ephesians 2:8 God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God. **9** Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it. *(NLT)*

Romans 11:6 And since it is through God's kindness, then it is not by their good works. For in that case, God's grace would not be what it really is—free and undeserved. *(NLT)*

Luke 18:19 "Why do you call me good?" Jesus asked him. "Only God is truly good." *(NLT)*

Can you still go to hell if you ask God to forgive your sins?

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Matthew 7:21 "Not everyone who calls out to me, 'Lord! Lord!' will enter the Kingdom of Heaven. Only those who actually do the will of my Father in heaven will enter. **22** On judgment day many will say to me, 'Lord! Lord! We prophesied in your name and cast out demons in your name and performed many miracles in your name.' **23** But I will reply, 'I never knew you. Get away from me, you who break God's laws.'" *(NLT)*

Matthew 25:44 "Then they will reply, 'Lord, when did we ever see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and not help you?' **45** "And he will answer, 'I tell you the truth, when you refused to help the least of these my brothers and sisters, you were refusing to help me.'" *(NLT)*

Matthew 6:14 "If you forgive those who sin against you, your heavenly Father will forgive you. **15** But if you refuse to forgive others, your Father will not forgive your sins." *(NLT)*

John 3:16 "For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life." *(NLT)*

John 3:36 "And anyone who believes in God's Son has eternal life. Anyone who doesn't obey the Son will never experience eternal life but remains under God's angry judgment." *(NLT)*

Where Is _____ Located?

How do people go to hell?

Matthew 7:13 "You can enter God's Kingdom only through the narrow gate. The highway to hell *[The road that leads to destruction.]* is broad, and its gate is wide for the many who choose that way. **14** But the gateway to life is very narrow and the road is difficult, and only a few ever find it." *(NLT)*

- All you have to do to get to hell is just be you - just do nothing / Live as you please

Matthew 10:28 "Don't be afraid of those who want to kill your body; they cannot touch your soul. Fear only God, who can destroy both soul and body in hell. *[Gehenna]*" *(NLT)*

Matthew 5:21 "You have heard that our ancestors were told, 'You must not murder. If you commit murder, you are subject to judgment.' *[Exod 20:13; Deut 5:17.]* **22** But I say, if you are even angry with someone, *[without cause]* you are subject to judgment! If you call someone an idiot, *[fool]* you are in danger of being brought before the court. And if you curse someone, *[you fool]* you are in danger of the fires of hell. *[Gehenna]*" *(NLT)*

- To wish or to want someone else to be judged and condemned to hell - you are endangering yourself to the very thing you condemn others. God doesn't want to condemn - God wants restoration. He must because of sin - He is holy.

Matthew 25:29 "To those who use well what they are given, even more will be given, and they will have an abundance. But from those who do nothing, even what little they have will be taken away. **30** Now throw this useless servant into outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'" *(NLT)*

- Failure to use what God has given you for the kingdom - "useless servant."

Matthew 6:14 "If you forgive those who sin against you, your heavenly Father will forgive you. 15 But if you refuse to forgive others, your Father will not forgive your sins." *(NLT)*

- Failure to forgive.

Revelation 3:15 "I know all the things you do, that you are neither hot nor cold. I wish that you were one or the other! **16** But since you are like lukewarm water, neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of my mouth! **17** You say, 'I am rich. I have everything I want. I don't need a thing!' And you don't realize that you are wretched and miserable and poor and blind and naked." *(NLT)*

- Failure to commit.

Hebrews 10:26 Dear friends, if we deliberately continue sinning after we have received knowledge of the truth, there is no longer any sacrifice that will cover these sins. **27** There is only the terrible expectation of God's judgment and the raging fire that will consume his enemies. *(NLT)*

- Failure to willfully live holy.

Revelation 21:8 But for the cowardly, and unbelieving *[untrustworthy]*, and abominable, and murderers, and sexually immoral persons, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, their part will be in the lake that burns with fire and *[burning sulfur]* brimstone, which is the second death." *(NASB)*

- Cowardly
  - Cowardly: δειλός; (Greek - Word [di-los']); cowardly, timid, fearful; properly, dreadful, describing a person who loses their "moral gumption (fortitude)" that is needed to follow the Lord; always used negatively in the NT and stands in contrast to the positive fear which can be expressed phóbos (reverence, respect)

- Unbelieving / Untrustworthy
  - describes someone who rejects or refuses God's inbirthings of faith

- Abominable - "detestable" / Disobedient
  - Abomination: βδέλυγμα; (Greek - bdelugma [bdel'-oog-mah]); an abominable thing, an accursed thing; reek with stench; in the O. T. often used of idols and things pertaining to idolatry, to be held in abomination by the Israelites; what emits a foul odor and hence is disgustingly abhorrent; moral horror as a stench to God (like when people refuse to hear and obey His voice).
  - Abominable: βδελύσσομαι; (Greek - bdelussomai [bdel-oos'-so]); properly, stink, become foul (abhorrent), detestable as stench; "to strongly detest something on the basis that it is abominable – 'to abhor, to abominate; also mentioned in Romans 2:22

- Murderers - unjustified, intentional homicide

- Sexually Immoral - sex outside marriage (one man/one woman)

- Sorcerers - tarot cards, horoscopes, magic, drugs ("get high")
  - Sorcerers: φάρμακος; (Greek - pharmakos [far-mak-os']); properly, a sorcerer; used of people using drugs and "religious incantations" to drug people into living by their illusions – like having magical (supernatural) powers to manipulate God into giving them more temporal possessions.

- Idolaters - idols / idol worshippers / God is not first (preeminent)

- Liars - false, deceitful, lying, untrue.

Hebrews 13:14 For this world is not our permanent home; we are looking forward to a home yet to come. *(NLT)*
1 Peter 3:18 Christ suffered *[died]* for our sins once for all time. He never sinned, but he died for sinners to bring you safely home to God. He suffered physical death, but he was raised to life in the Spirit. *(NLT)*

"Sir, I do not share your faith, but if I did, if I believe what you say you believe, then although England were covered with broken glass from coast to coast, I would crawl the length and the breadth of it on hand and knee, and think the pain worthwhile, just to save a single soul from this eternal Hell of which you speak. If I believed in this place as you say, my life would reflect it."

~ Charles Peace (to the chaplain before being hung for multiple murders on Feb 25, 1879)

Romans _____

Romans 3:23 For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard. *(NLT)*

Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord. *(NLT)*

Romans 5:8 But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners. *(NLT)*

Romans 10:9 If you openly declare that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. *(NLT)*

Romans 10:13 For "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." [Joel 2:32] *(NLT)*

Romans 5:1 Therefore, since we have been made right in God's sight by faith, we have peace with God because of what Jesus Christ our Lord has done for us. *(NLT)*

Romans 8:1 So now there is no condemnation for those who belong to Christ Jesus. *(NLT)*

Romans 8:38 And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God's love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow—not even the powers of hell can separate us from God's love. **39** No power in the sky above or in the earth below—indeed, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord. *(NLT)*