



## **The Grace Divergence Part 3: “Hell” of a Problem**

In *The Grace Divergence Part 2*, I called out a prominent false doctrine called *Inclusionism* and the consequences for believing it.

In our modern pop culture, having everyone included by force is an advancing ideology that is causing destruction in every aspect of modern living. For instance, in politics, governments are pushing for globalization, causing up-rise and mass disturbances. In foreign affairs, illegal immigration is invading citizens of sovereign nations, causing looting, trafficking, and severe insecurity. In society, socialism is on the rise, causing mass food shortages, poverty, and the forfeit of liberty. In communities, the politicians are forcing everyone to acquire the LGBT lifestyle in the name of acceptance, causing lewdness and immorality and the increase of dysfunctional families.

In the Church, the heresy of Inclusionism has crept in and caused unfruitfulness for those that believe its heresy. But in order for Inclusionism to have a fighting chance to sway the multitudes, it must first deny the existence of Hell. Once Hell is removed from the picture, it then creates a vacuum that only the Inclusionism doctrine can logically replace, “Hell doesn’t exist because God saved everyone in Christ.”

Yes, ladies and gentlemen, Hell is a Biblical truth that cannot be denied.

Don’t misunderstand me; believers in Christ are called to preach only the good news – the Gospel of Grace. (Apostle Paul never mentions *Hell* in his letters.) Since we have no business preaching the bad news, it doesn’t mean that we should deny the reality of the bad news.

It’s because of the reality of the bad news that Christ came to provide the good news.

### **Luke 5:31**

Jesus answered them, “Healthy people don’t need a doctor—sick people do.

Jesus said it like this: if those that are sick deny the reality of sickness, then they will never meet the Doctor to make them well. Let’s think of Sin, Satan, Judgement, and Hell with that same analogy. If there was no Sin, Satan, Judgement, and Hell, then why need good news?

Sin, Satan, Judgement, and especially Hell are true. The only antidote is Jesus Christ.

However, those of the Grace Divergence that deny Hell think that they are making the good news “more attractive” in the name of love. Unknowingly, they are adding to the good news. And we know that Jesus plus something equals nothing.

## ***-What is Hell ?***

Based on all the accounts of the word translated into *Hell* both in the Old and New Testament, we can observe the following:

- Hell is a place created to punish Satan, his fallen angels, and followers (Antichrist & False Prophet) for all eternity.
- Hell is a place of judgment for people who have rejected Jesus as their Savior.
- Hell is a place of separation from God relationally where there is pain and anguish.

The words translated into *Hell* in the original Greek (*Hades, Tartarus, Gehenna*) are mentioned 23 times in the New Testament. These are mostly mentioned by Jesus Christ Himself (the God who is love) and the apostle John (the apostle of love). It is also mentioned once by the apostle James in a figurative sense in his epistle.

Now, the Grace Divergence argues that the original word *Gehenna* is just an actual physical, secluded place in Israel. The other argument states that the word *Hades* is just mere poetry or figurative language. The last main argument states that *Tartarus* is mere imagery of Greek mythology for angels. At the end, they all conclude that Hell is not an actual spiritual place of eternal torment. But nothing can be further from the truth.

Let's see what the early Church believed about Hell:

- “Those that corrupt families shall not inherit the kingdom of God. If, then, those who do this as respects the flesh have suffered death, how much more shall this be the case with anyone who corrupts by wicked doctrine the faith of God, for which Jesus Christ was crucified! Such a one becoming defiled [in this way], shall go away into everlasting fire, and so shall every one that hearkens unto him.” – **Ignatius of Antioch (110 A.D.)**

Ignatius was a direct disciple of the Apostle John, and succeeded the Apostle Peter as the Bishop of Antioch. While his writings are neither canonical nor authoritative, they do help us to understand what those closest to the apostles first believed about Hell.

## ***-Who goes to Hell ?***

Non-believers elect to do so with their own free-will by going against Christ and rejecting His finished work. Rejecting Jesus as the Christ is the only sin that will send anybody to Hell.

### **John 3:18**

There is no judgment against anyone who believes in him. But anyone who does not believe in him has already been judged for not believing in God's one and only Son.

The good news is God doesn't want anybody to go to Hell. God provided His Son Jesus so that we may form a family with Him forever. Believer in Christ, you are secure in Christ.

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