

Direction or Rejection. Luke 10:12-16

God is so He does not want anyone to go to Hell

Satan go to Hell. Matthew 25:41
 Sinners go to Hell. 2 Peter 3:9
What about 'backsliders'?
 Demas, having loved this world... 2 Tim.4:10
 Because you have been raised with Christ... Colossians 3:1-4
 You have abandoned your priority love... Revelation 2:4-5
 Be without being arrogant.

God is so He must send sinners to Hell

God justice. Psalm 89:13-14
 God justice. Genesis 18:25
 God justice. Revelation 20:10,15
How can I be happy in Heaven if my loved one is in Hell?
 God Himself will wipe away every tear. Revelation 21:3-4
 For now... But then... 1 Corinthians 13:12-13
 Be without being aggressive.

God is so He reduces punishment in Hell

Mercy offers an to justice. Romans 3:23, 6:23
 Mercy justice. Luke 10:12,14
Is Hell really all that bad?
 All have sinned and fall short. Romans 3:23, 6:23
 The one who delivered Me to you has the greater sin. John 19:11
 We who teach will be judged with greater strictness. James 3:1
 The punishment must fit the crime, eg. Exodus 21:16, 22:1
 The one who knew... did not know... Luke 12:47-48
 You delight to show mercy. Micah 7:18
 Be without being subtle.

God is so He saves sinners from Hell

..... is God's gift. Ephesians 2:7-9
 can be saved. 1 John 2:1-2

..... everyone will be saved. Luke 10:16
How do I cope with rejection?
 In this world you will have trouble, but... John 16:33
 Do not be afraid because... Isaiah 41:10
 Be without being patronising.

My prayer priorities for this week, beginning 17 November 2019

Thought starters for personal reflection or group study

1. Write a short list of the characteristics or virtues of God that you appreciate the most.
2. Love and Grace seem to be the opposite of Justice and Judgement. Why are they actually compatible, even necessary for each other?
3. How can a loving God send anyone to Hell?
4. What are some differences between the un-churched, the pre-churched, the at-churched, the church, and the de-churched? What might motivate someone to move from one category into another?
5. How is it possible, and practical, to be confident without being arrogant; assertive without being aggressive; gentle without being subtle; and generous without being patronising?
6. Is God also in Hell? If He is there, would the people in Hell be aware of His presence? If they are aware, would that knowledge make them feel better or worse?

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