

The Doctrine of the Final Judgment

- 1) Satisfies our inward sense of a need for justice in the world
- 2) Enables us to forgive others freely
- 3) Provides a motive for righteous living
- 4) Compels us to evangelize

From the Gospel of Matthew

1. The punishment of hell consists of conscious suffering.
2. Hell is the ultimate destruction.
3. Hell is the ultimate banishment.
4. Hell is eternal.
5. Hell is to be avoided at all cost.

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1. Those who are without Christ are under God's wrath and can only be spared by being justified in Christ.
2. This future punishment will consist of "trouble and distress."
3. This future punishment is also portrayed as banishment from God's kingdom.
4. The intensity of the punishment will be in proportion to one's sinful behavior.

2 THESSALONIANS 1:5-10

1. God is just; sinners will face his retributive justice.
2. Hell is punishment and condemnation for those who do not obey the gospel.
3. Hell is eternal destruction.
4. Hell is exclusion and banishment from God's presence and majesty.

- Hell as Punishment
- Hell as Destruction
- Hell as Banishment