

HELL: REAL, TORMENTING & FOREVER

Matthew 13:42 "...and will cast them into the furnace of fire (Hell). There will be wailing and gnashing of teeth.

Hell is a topic joked about, alluded to and considered folklore by some. One statistic said that 60% believe in hell, and only 4% think they will go there. Christian belief is that those who have not received Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior while on this earth will spend the rest of eternity in hell.

The words in the Bible which describe hell are:

Hades/Sheol: the region of departed spirits of the lost. It is located under the earth and is a temporary place of punishment.

How hot is hell? The encyclopedia says the center of the earth is 7,300 Fahrenheit.

How many people go to hell? A 1981 missions statistic reported 80,000 unsaved people die each day. That's 3,333 every hour, meaning 55+ people go to hell every minute.

Geenna/Hinnom: the place of the future punishment; the lake of fire. This word originally related to the valley of Hinnom, south of Jerusalem, where garbage and dead animals of the city were cast out and burned; a symbol of the wicked and their future destruction.

How should you tell people about hell? With compassion. DL Moody said, "Never tell someone they are going to hell unless you have a tear in your eye."

Revelations 20:14,15 - Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire.