

So, he called to him, ‘Father Abraham, have pity on me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, because I am in agony in this fire.’²⁵ “But Abraham replied, ‘Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, while Lazarus received bad things, but now he is comforted here and you are in agony.’²⁶ And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been set in place, so that those who want to go from here to you cannot, nor can anyone cross over from there to us.’

Luke 16:24-26

➤ Hell is everlasting.

He will punish those who do not know God and do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus.⁹ They will be punished with everlasting destruction and shut out from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of his might. 2 Thessalonians 1:8-9.

And the devil, who deceived them, was thrown into the lake of burning sulfur, where the beast and the false prophet had been thrown. They will be tormented day and night for ever and ever.

Revelation 20:10

Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. The lake of fire is the second death.¹⁵ Anyone whose name was not found written in the book of life was thrown into the lake of fire.

Revelation 20:14-15

All who have sinned will be in hell. Revelation 21:8.

➤ Hell is endless.

Jesus was serious about hell. He mentioned hell more than he mentioned heaven.

“Do not be amazed at this, for a time is coming when all who are in their graves will hear his voice²⁹ and come out—those who have done what is good will rise to live, and those who have done what is evil will rise to be condemned. John 5:28-29.

Judgement and Hell

Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it. The earth and the heavens fled from his presence, and there was no place for them.¹² And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Another book was opened, which is the book of life. The dead were judged according to what they had done as recorded in the books.¹³ The sea gave up the dead that were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead that were in them, and each person was judged according to what they had done.¹⁴ Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. The lake of fire is the second death.¹⁵ Anyone whose name was not found written in the book of life was thrown into the lake of fire.

Revelation 20:11- 15.

❖ *False teachings that do not line up with scripture.*

1. **Conditional Immortality** - is built on the false teaching that all who do not receive everlasting life will die as the animals and be annihilated or wiped out of existence.

Conditional Immortality teaches that immortality is conditional upon receiving the gift of everlasting life.

2. **Universalism** – teaches the idea of **universal redemption**.

This false teaching declares “that all roads lead to God” that all religions are going up the same mountain but on different sides – and all of us will get to the same place – and all of us will be with God.

One scripture reference used by “Universal Christians” to prove that Christ died for all people alike is Colossians 1:28.

“We preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus.”
Colossians 1:28.

They proclaim that all human beings will be presented perfect in Jesus Christ by this text.

But the Apostle could not have meant that he expected every man that ever came into the world to be made perfect in Christ.

The words “every man” could only refer to those to whom Paul is addressing his letter to:

**“To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus.”
Colossians 1:2.**

Universalism does not deny that all people are lost by sin, but it teaches that all people will finally be saved and enter into everlasting life.

Universalism is a false teaching because it chooses to ignore the Biblical teaching that salvation and everlasting life are only given to those who have accepted Jesus Christ as their savior in this life.

3. Restoration Theory - does not deny that all people are lost, but that sometime, somewhere, all creation (including Satan and the fallen angels) will be restored or reconciled to God.

Two scripture texts they use to form the foundation of their false teaching.

The 1st scripture they like to use are the words of Jesus:

“And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto Me.” John 12:32.

But, verse 31, just before verse 32, Jesus says:

“Now is the time for judgment on this world; now the prince of this world will be driven out. John 12:31

Jesus never meant that all men finally shall be saved by His crucifixion.

One commentary explains what “The Gospel of John” is saying: *“The similarity of other scriptures shows plainly that the only reasonable explanation is, that Christ’s crucifixion would have a ‘drawing’ influence on men of all nations, Gentiles as well as Jews.”*

Jesus will draw people to Him from every nation, tribe, tongue, creed and background. **Not that** every single human being will be drawn to Christ and saved.

The 2nd scripture is Philippians 2:10-11.

**“... that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,¹¹ and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”
Philippians 2:10-11**

These verses are not saying everyone will be saved.

What these verses are saying is that all of creation will bow before Christ.

Satan and his demons will bow - but they will not be restored.

One commentary said: *“The last judgement in the Bible will be that of the unsaved dead who will stand before the Great White Throne in living, resurrected bodies to receive their final sentence of doom and be cast into the lake of fire.”*

The Great White Throne Judgement will not be a judgement to see if sinners are lost, they are already lost.

“... whoever does not believe stands condemned already because he has not believed in the name of God’s on and only Son. John 3:18.

**In the past God overlooked such ignorance, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent.³¹ For he has set a day when he will judge the world with justice by the man he has appointed. He has given proof of this to everyone by raising him from the dead.”
Acts 17:30-31.**

4. Arguing Against Hell from the viewpoint of the Love of God.

Progressive asks “how can God, who is a loving God – also condemn people to punishment, suffering, and especially, how can a loving God let suffering go on for eternity?”

“How is it possible that God could love someone and then also place them in this terrible place we call hell?”

The biblical answer is that:

- Hell is the natural and inevitable consequence of sin.
- Hell is the punishment of God that He has promised in His Word.
- Hell is not something man made up or wrote into the Bible.

What do we know about this place called hell from the bible?

- Hell is a Literal Place.
- Hell is a place of Future Punishment.
- Hell is painful.