

The Cross In the Road

Hand out #7

When Does Hell Occur?

Answer: At the end of the age (Matthew 13:40)

Do the fires of Hell burn forever and ever?

Answer: No, "They shall be as stubble, burning up..." (Malachi 4:1)

Does Jesus take pleasure in seeing the wicked burn?

Answer: "For I take no pleasure in the death of anyone says the Lord" (Ezekiel 18:32)

Who was hell meant for?

Answer: The devil and his angels (Matthew 25:41)

Eternal and Forever in the Bible is a phrase used to describe a long period of time

1. Lev 25:46
2. Jude 1:7

Why does God use fire to rid the world of Satan, his angels and sin?

Answer: Fire is a cleansing agent (Zachariah 13:9)

Fact: Jesus dying on the cross was symbolic of him dying the death that we all deserve.

Why did Jesus have to die on a tree?

Answer: Only by hanging on a tree would he be "accursed" from His father. (Galatians 3:13)

Jesus felt more pain emotionally than physically:

1. Jesus sweat great drops of blood (Luke 22:44)
2. Jesus asked his father why is He forsaking him? (Matthew 27:46)

Why did Jesus wear a crown of thorns and a scarlet robe?

Answer:

1. Jesus wore the crown of thorns to symbolize the curse of thorns he was removing (Genesis 3:17-18 and Matthew 27:28-30)
2. Jesus wore the scarlet robe to symbolize that he would remove the sin problem (Isaiah 1:18 and Matthew 27:28-30)

Summary: Hell is not a real place right now. Hell only occurs when Jesus comes with the New Jerusalem; because God is a consuming fire those who still have sin end up burning up (note forever). The cross was a symbol that Jesus was willing to die the eternal death for us.