Who Will Go To Hell?

Intro: In our day more and more people are rejecting the idea of an afterlife. They are living for the here and now, with no thought of tomorrow. There are others that believe in heaven but reject the idea of an eternal punishment called hell. However, the Bible clearly teaches there not only to be a heaven but also a hell. The Bible also teaches that the majority of people will spend eternity in that eternal torment of hell; Matthew 7:13-14 “Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: 14Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.” In this lesson think with me a few moments on who will go to hell.

I. Those Who Do Not Know God.
   A. 2 Thes. 1:8 “In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.”
   B. Man has the obligation to come to know God.
      1. God has revealed Himself.
            (1) Psa. 19:1 “The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork.”
            (2) Rom. 1:20 “For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse:”
            (3) This knowledge is incomplete.
         b. By Jesus.
            (1) Mat. 11:27 “All things are delivered unto me of my Father: and no man knoweth the Son, but the Father; neither knoweth any man the Father, save the Son, and he to whomsoever the Son will reveal him.”
            (2) John 1:18 “No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him.”
            (3) John 14:9 “Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? he that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou then, Shew us the Father?”
         c. By the words spoken and written by the apostles as guided by the Spirit.
            (1) 1 Cor. 2:7-13 “But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory: 8Which none of the princes of this world knew: for had they known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. 9But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. 10But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God. 11For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God. 12Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God. 13Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual.”
            (2) 2 Tim. 3:16-17 “All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: 17That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works.”
2. Thus, it is man's responsibility to find God.
   a. Isa. 55:6-7 “Seek ye the LORD while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near: 'Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the LORD, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.'
   b. Acts 17:27 “That they should seek the Lord, if haply they might feel after him, and find him, though he be not far from every one of us:"
   c. The condition to finding God; Deu. 4:29 "But from thence thou shalt seek the LORD thy God, thou shalt find him, if thou seek him with all thy heart and with all thy soul."
   d. There can come a time when God cannot be found; Hos. 5:6 “They shall go with their flocks and with their herds to seek the LORD; but they shall not find him; he hath withdrawn himself from them.”

II. THOSE WHO DO NOT OBEY THE GOSPEL.
   A. 2 The. 1:8 "In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ."
   B. Obedience on the part of man is necessary.
      1. Rom. 6:17-18 “But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you. 18 Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness.”
      2. 1 Pet. 1:22 “Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently:"
   C. Of what does obedience consist?
      1. Belief;
         a. Belief in God; Heb. 11:6 “But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.”
         b. Belief in Jesus as God's Son; John 6:29 "Jesus answered and said unto them, This is the work of God, that ye believe on him whom he hath sent."
         c. Belief that Jesus died for our sins:
            (1) Mark 16:15-16 “And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. 16 He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.”
            (2) 1 Cor. 15:1-4 “Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand; 2 By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain. 3 For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; 4 And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:"
      2. Repent; Acts 17:30 “And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent:"
      3. Confess; Rom. 10:10 “For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.”
      4. Be baptized; Acts 2:38 “Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.”
      5. Live faithful
         a. Mat. 10:22 “And ye shall be hated of all men for my name’s sake: but he that endureth to the end shall be saved.”
         b. Luke 9:62 “And Jesus said unto him, No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God.”
III. THOSE WHO WASTE THEIR TALENTS.

A. Mat. 25:14-30

B. God has a purpose, intent for each person.
   1. Eph. 2:10 “For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before
      ordained that we should walk in them.”
   2. 1 Pet. 4:10 “As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good
      stewards of the manifold grace of God.”

C. When we waste our abilities, we hinder the cause of Christ.
   1. 1 Cor. 12:22 “Nay, much more those members of the body, which seem to be more feeble, are necessary:”
   2. Rom. 12:4-5 “For as we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office: 
      So we, being one body in Christ, and every one members one of another.”

D. Those who hinder or destroy the cause of Christ will go to hell.

IV. MANY DIFFERENT GROUPS.

A. Rev. 21:8 “But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and
   sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: 
   which is the second death.”

B. This is not the only list of such groups that will go to hell.
   1. 1 Cor. 6:9-10 “Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with
      mankind, 10Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the
      kingdom of God.”
   2. Gal. 5:19-21 “Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, 
      uncleanness, lasciviousness, 20Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, 
      heresies, 21Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have 
      also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.”
   3. Eph. 5:3-6 “But fornication, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it not be once named among you, as 
      becometh saints; ‘Neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor jesting, which are not convenient: but rather 
      giving of thanks. 3For this ye know, that no whoremonger, nor unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an 
      idolater, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God. 4Let no man deceive you with vain 
      words: for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience.”

V. THE DEVIL AND HIS ANGELS.

A. Mat. 25:41 “Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting 
   fire, prepared for the devil and his angels:”

B. 2 Pet. 2:4 “For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into 
   chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment;”

C. False teachers are some of Satan’s angels;
   1. 2 Cor. 11:13-15 “For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles 
      of Christ. 14And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. 15Therefore it is no great 
      thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to 
      their works.”
   2. Those who believe their false teaching will be lost.
      a. Rom. 16:17-18 “Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences 
      contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them. 18For they that are such serve not our 
      Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly; and by good words and fair speeches deceive the hearts of the 
      simple.”
b. 2 Thess. 2:9-12 "Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, and with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness."

VI. THOSE WHOSE NAMES ARE NOT WRITTEN IN THE BOOK OF LIFE.

A. Rev. 20:15 "And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire."

B. To have your name in the book of life:

1. Must confess the name of Christ.
   a. Rev. 3:5 "He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels."
   b. For Jesus to confess our name we must confess His name; Mat. 10:32 "Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven."

2. We must labor in the Gospel; Phi. 4:3 "And I intreat thee also, true yokefellow, help those women which laboured with me in the gospel, with Clement also, and with other my fellowlabourers, whose names are in the book of life."

3. Must not be defiled; Rev. 21:27 "And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life."

4. It depends on our works; Rev. 20:12-15 "And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works. And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire."

Conclusion: Are you in one of these groups that will go to hell? If you are, you can change that state at this time by obeying the Gospel and God will write your name in that book of life.