

**A World Without Hell?  
The Dark Side of God's Love**  
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**A World Without Hell Sounds NICE... BUT...**

*There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and lived in luxury every day. At his gate was laid a beggar named Lazarus, covered with sores and longing to eat what fell from the rich man's table. Even the dogs came and licked his sores.*

*The time came when the beggar died and the angels carried him to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried.  
Luke 16:21-22*

**But a World Without Hell Would Also Be...**

- **A World without JUSTICE...**

*Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels... Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life.'  
Matthew 25:*

- **God Sees Not Only What We ARE... But What We Will BECOME.**

*And he has given him authority to judge because he is the Son of Man. Do not be amazed at this, for a time is coming when all who are in their graves will hear his voice and come out—those who have done good will rise to live, and those who have done evil will rise to be condemned. John 5:27-29*

- **True FAITH Affects Real LIFE!**

- **A World without FREEDOM...**

*In hell, where he was in torment, he looked up and saw Abraham far away, with Lazarus by his side. 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.' 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.' Luke 16:23-25*

- **We CHOOSE How We BUILD Our Lives**

- **A World Without VALUES...**

*And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who want to go from here to you cannot, nor can anyone cross over from there to us.' He answered, 'Then I beg you, father, send Lazarus to my father's house, for I have five brothers. Let him warn them, so that they will not also come to this place of torment.' Luke 16:26-28*

- **Gehenna: The GARBAGE Heap of Eternity...**

*And if your eye causes you to stumble, pluck it out. It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell, where 'their worm does not die, and the fire is not quenched.' Mark 9:47-48*

**God Doesn't Send People to Hell... He RESCUES People FROM It!**

*For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. John 3:16-17*