

Ten Pillars of Christ Series

Pillar Eight: Hell Fire

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What does Jesus teach us about His purpose?

Joh 12:46 I am come a light into the world, that whosoever believeth on me should not abide in darkness.

Joh 12:47 And if any man hear my words, and believe not, I judge him not: for I came not to judge the world, but to save the world.

Luk 4:18 The Spirit of the Lord *is* upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised,

Luk 4:19 To preach the acceptable year of the Lord.

Mat 20:28 Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.

Joh 3:17 For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn [punish] the world; but that the world through him might be saved.

Luk 19:10 For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.

Luk 9:56 For the Son of man is not come to destroy men's lives, but to save *them*.

Jesus main purpose is to save us!

Paul who at a time had God's people thrown in prison, persecuted, and killed understood the purpose of Jesus clearly! He recognized if it was for Jesus he was a lost soul.

What does Paul say about Jesus main purpose that echo what Jesus taught?

1Ti 1:15 This *is* a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the **world to save sinners**; of whom I am chief.

1Ti 2:4 Who will have **all men to be saved**, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth.

What does Jesus want to give to everyone?

Joh 3:15 **That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life.**

Joh 3:16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

Joh 6:27 Labour not for the meat which perisheth, but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life, which the Son of man shall give unto you: for him hath God the Father sealed.

Joh 6:40 And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day.

Joh 6:47 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me hath everlasting life.

Jesus does not want anyone to perish! He wants to everyone eternal life!

What is Jesus saving us from?

Rom 6:23 For the wages of sin *is* death; but the gift of God *is* eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Mat 1:21 And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.

Jesus wants to exchange death (sin) and give us LIFE!

Joh 5:24 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.

In order for us to go from DEATH to LIFE what is Jesus pleading for us to do?

Mat 4:17 From that time Jesus began to preach, and to say, **Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.**

Luk 13:5 **I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.**

Repent = Turn FROM sin (don't repeat!)

Covert = Turn to Jesus!

Act 3:19 Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord;

Titus sums up the main purpose of Jesus and what He teaches beautifully:

Tit 2:11 For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men,

Tit 2:12 Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world;

Tit 2:13 Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;

Tit 2:14 Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.

Tit 2:15 These things speak, and exhort, and rebuke with all authority. Let no man despise thee.

Jesus came to save, not kill. Love, not hate. Liberate, not imprison. Give life, not death. Bring light, not darkness. Save us from sin, not in sin. This is available to all people. Jesus came to save sinners like you and me. He came that we might have eternal life. Bible reveals that God is love, kind, gracious, patient, longsuffering, just, and merciful.

JESUS BURNING SINNERS FOREVER IN HELL FIRE?

But what if I told you that if you do not accept Christ as your personal Savior that He will burn you burn **alive** in hell for ever and ever and ever and ever for billions and billions of years without mercy. Now, what kind of true picture of God would you have if I told you that? Would you be confused, because someone burning without mercy throughout eternity does not seem to be justice, longsuffering, patient, kind, and loving? Is God truly someone who will burn sinners for ever and ever without mercy? Does this type of cruel and unusual punishment match up with the character of God as described in the Bible?

As we just learned this not NOT the desire of Jesus He wants all to choose life. Satan is out to deceive billions of people and that He is constantly deceiving many in believing that God is a cruel judge eager to execute destruction on the wicked and eager to torture them for billions & billions of years with hell fire. Satan has created many lies on the subject of hell which has crept into many churches and popular media in order to paint the wrong image of God. Word of God and study it carefully to see if God will burn and torment those who chose not to serve Him throughout the ceaseless ages of eternity.

Does God “FORCE” obedience?

1Jn 4:16 And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him.

Love never force obedience. It will cease to be love if it is done out of force. That is why Jesus says in **Joh 14:15** *If ye love me, keep my commandments.*

Jos 24:15 And if it seem evil unto you to serve the LORD, **choose you this day** whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that *were* on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.

1Ki 18:21 And Elijah came unto all the people, and said, How long halt ye between two opinions? if the LORD *be* God, follow him: but if Baal, *then* follow him. And the people answered him not a word.

Life or Death

Deu 30:15 See, I have set before thee this day life and good, and death and evil;

Deu 30:16 In that I command thee this day to love the LORD thy God, to walk in his ways, and to keep his commandments and his statutes and his judgments, that thou mayest live and multiply: and the LORD thy God shall bless thee in the land whither thou goest to possess it.

Deu 30:17 But if thine heart turn away, so that thou wilt not hear, but shalt be drawn away, and worship other gods, and serve them;

Deu 30:18 I denounce unto you this day, that ye shall surely perish, *and that* ye shall not prolong *your* days upon the land, whither thou passest over Jordan to go to possess it.

Deu 30:19 I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, *that* I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live:

God is not a mean God waiting to execute sinners. His main character of God is love. This love is seen in the foundation of God’s government, law, and creation. **God does not force loyalty or obedience. God desires all living beings that he created, from angels to human beings, to reflect His love and serve Him voluntarily.** God is love, perfect, just, true, and right.

What is main promise of John 3:16?

Joh 3:16 *For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.*

Jesus present two choices, everlasting life or death. No inbetween. Those who live by Jesus will have everlasting life those who do not choose Jesus will have everlasting death.

NOTICE: There is NOT one scripture in the Bible in which Jesus will give the wicked everlasting life! Sin = everlasting death not life.

Jesus does not give immortality (not subject to die) to the wick, only the righteous at the second coming of Jesus.

Ezekiel 18:20 The soul that sinneth, it shall die.

Remember the dead are dead. They can love, hate, or doing anything.

Ecc 9:5 For the living know that they shall die: but the dead know not any thing, neither have they any more a reward; for the memory of them is forgotten.

Ecc 9:6 Also their love, and their hatred, and their envy, is now perished; neither have they any more a portion for ever in any *thing* that is done under the sun.

If I choose DEATH and reject LIFE can I blame Jesus?

NO! Nobodies fault, mine!

How will God eradicate or get rid of sin from this earth forever?

Psa 145:20 The LORD preserveth all them that love him: but all the wicked will he destroy.

Psa 37:38 But the transgressors shall be destroyed together: the end of the wicked shall be cut off.

Rev 21:8 (Jesus speaking) **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 (eternal death).**

Revelation 21:8 makes it clear that in the end GOD will burn up fire with sin. Those who decide to hold on to sin will burn up with it. Fire is the best purifier. In order to get rid of all infection and sin it must be burned up with fire.

Will sinners burn and be tormented with fire throughout the ceaseless ages of eternity?

Mal 4:1 For, behold, the day cometh, that shall burn as an oven; and all the proud, yea, and all that do wickedly, shall be stubble: and the day that cometh shall **burn them up**, saith the LORD of hosts, that it shall **leave them neither root nor branch.**

Mal 4:2 But unto you that fear my name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings; and ye shall go forth, and grow up as calves of the stall.

Mal 4:3 And ye shall tread down the wicked; for they shall **be ashes** under the soles of your feet in the day that I shall do *this*, saith the LORD of hosts.

Isa 47:14 Behold, they shall be as stubble; the fire shall **burn them**; they shall not deliver themselves from the power of the flame: there shall not be a coal to warm at, nor fire to sit before it.

2Pe 3:10 But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be **burned up.**

The wicked will be totally burned up or eradicated. The wicked will not be burning throughout eternity for billions and trillions of years. There is no statement in the Bible were it talks about “eternal torment.” It is not Biblical, to say that those who are lost will burn throughout eternity, to say this is saying that the wicked are immortal or have eternal life.

How will Satan and his angels be destroyed?

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:

Rev 20:10 And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet *are*, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.

Does “everlasting fire” and “torment day and night for ever and ever” mean burning throughout the ceaseless ages of eternity?

Think about it. God is not going to say I will burn them up, but then say I will burn them forever. Let's get understanding.

Did you know that Sodom and Gomorrha was burned with “eternal fire”?

Jud 1:7 Even as Sodom and Gomorrha, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh, are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire

Is Sodom and Gomorrha still burning today? No! Peter confirms this. They are ashes!

2Pe 2:6 And turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrha **into ashes** condemned *them* with an overthrow, making *them* an ensample unto those that after should live ungodly;

“Everlasting fire” or eternal fire is the “eternal” or “lasting” RESULTS. It is the last fire in which NO hope of those burn in it ever living again. Eternal fire does not mean it is burning forever, but that it will eventually go out, but all that burned will be forever gone.

For example: After a forest fire, trees eventually grow back. That is not eternal life. The difference with eternal fire SIN and the WICK will never come back.

Can anybody put “everlasting fire” out?

Isa 1:28 And the destruction of the transgressors and of the sinners *shall be* together, and they that forsake the LORD shall be consumed.

Isa 1:29 For they shall be ashamed of the oaks which ye have desired, and ye shall be confounded for the gardens that ye have chosen.

Isa 1:30 For ye shall be as an oak whose leaf fadeth, and as a garden that hath no water.

Isa 1:31 And the strong shall be as tow, and the maker of it as a spark, and they shall both burn together, and **none shall quench them.**

Jer 7:18 The children gather wood, and the fathers kindle the fire, and the women knead *their* dough, to make cakes to the queen of heaven, and to pour out drink offerings unto other gods, that they may provoke me to anger.

Jer 7:19 Do they provoke me to anger? saith the LORD: *do they* not *provoke* themselves to the confusion of their own faces?

Jer 7:20 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, mine anger and my fury shall be poured out upon this place, upon man, and upon beast, and upon the trees of the field, and upon the fruit of the ground; and it shall burn, and shall not be quenched.

This everlasting fire is unquenchable. Nobody can put it out!

What does Revelation 20:10 mean when it says “torment day and night for ever and ever”?

Rev 20:10 And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet *are*, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.

In this context those burn will at least burn for a day and night, but the forever means a specific period of time until their fire goes out.

What did Jonah say when he was in the belly of the fish?

Jon 2:6 I went down to the bottoms of the mountains; the earth with her bars *was* about me **for ever**: yet hast thou brought up my life from corruption, O LORD my God.

Is Jonah still in the belly of the fish today, “for ever”? NO! It felt like forever but it was a definite period of time, until he was vomited up by the fish.

Have you ever used “for ever” to indicate a specific period of time meaning longer than usual?

For instance, have you ever been in a very long line at the grocery store and you where in a hurry? Have you ever said, “This line is just too long, it going to take me “for ever” to get out of here?” The line will most definitely slow you down if you are in a hurry, but we all know that the line is not going to last throughout the ceaseless ages of eternity, right?

So Revelation 20:10 is clear that the wicked and Satan will burn and it will most definitely be painful, but they will burn until all the wicked, Satan, and any traces of sin become ashes – completely burned up, never to live again. So teaching that people will burn in hell for ever throughout the ceaseless ages of eternity and be eternally tormented is not Biblical when you compare scripture with scripture.. The false teaching of eternal torment has caused many to distance themselves from God or not to believe in Him. this type of teaching was invented by Satan to misrepresent the character of God. It is slander upon a loving God who desires all to be saved.

Since we know that the Bible teaches that the wick will not burn throughout eternity, how long will the wicked suffer in hell fire?

Rev 22:12 (Jesus speaking) **And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be.**

Rev 20:12 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.

Rev 20:13 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.

Rev 20:14 And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.

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

(Jesus teaching)

Luk 12:42 And the Lord said, **Who then is that faithful and wise steward, whom his lord shall make ruler over his household, to give them their portion of meat in due season?**

Luk 12:43 **Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing.**

Luk 12:44 **Of a truth I say unto you, that he will make him ruler over all that he hath.**

Luk 12:45 **But and if that servant say in his heart, My lord delayeth his coming; and shall begin to beat the menservants and maidens, and to eat and drink, and to be drunken;**

Luk 12:46 **The lord of that servant will come in a day when he looketh not for him, and at an hour when he is not aware, and will cut him in sunder, and will appoint him his portion with the unbelievers.**

Luk 12:47 **And that servant, which knew his lord's will, and prepared not himself, neither did according to his will, shall be beaten with many stripes.**

Luk 12:48 **But he that knew not, and did commit things worthy of stripes, shall be beaten with few stripes. For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required; and to whom men have committed much, of him they will ask the more.**

For those like pastors and leader who know more will burn more or more intense!

Mat 11:20 Then began he to upbraid the cities wherein most of his mighty works were done, because they repented not:

Mat 11:21 Woe unto thee, Chorazin! woe unto thee, Bethsaida! for if the mighty works, which were done in you, had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes.

Mat 11:22 But I say unto you, It shall be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon at the day of judgment, than for you.

Mat 11:23 And thou, Capernaum, which art exalted unto heaven, shalt be brought down to hell: for if the mighty works, which have been done in thee, had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day.

Mat 11:24 But I say unto you, That it shall be more tolerable for the land of Sodom in the day of judgment, than for thee.

2Co 5:10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things *done* in *his* body, according to that he hath done, **whether it be good or bad.**

According to Revelation 20:12 – 15 referring to the wicked, they are “judged every man according to their works.” This judgment is the executive phase in which a punishment is issued. The Bible is clear that their judgment is based on their works. It is evident the some will burn longer or more intense than others based on their works. For example, people who commit a felony have to do prison time. They all go to prison, but some are sentenced to prison longer than others based on the type and act of the crime. Do you think God would be a just God if a person who stole a candy bar will burn throughout eternity with the person who was a mass murderer? The Bible does not let us know how long a person will burn, but it informs us that the wicked will be punished according to their deeds. This means that some will receive greater punishment than others especially Satan and his angels.

When will hellfire and brimstone of destruction and eradication of sin take place?

Mat 13:40 As therefore the tares are gathered and burned in the fire; so shall it be in the end of this world.

Mat 13:41 The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity;

Mat 13:42 And shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth.

Order of Events (Main: Revelation 20:1 - 15)

- 1) Second coming of Jesus
- 2) Righteous (Sleeping / living) meet the Lord in the air
- 3) Wicked killed from the brightness of the second coming of Jesus (like dug on the earth – feast for birds)
- 4) Satan and his demons bound on dark earth for 1000 years like a dark pit
- 5) (At same time) Righteous in Heaven For 1000 years
- 6) After 1000 years New Jerusalem Comes to earth from Heaven with Jesus leading
- 7) Jesus raises the wicked dead in preparation to receive their punishment (hell fire)
- 8) Wicked see all they lost. Life flash before eyes.
- 9) Every knee bow and confess that Jesus is Lord
- 10) Satan rally wicked to take over the heavenly city new Jerusalem
- 11) Hell Fire - Jesus rains fire and brimstone.. the wicked, Satan, and demons BURNED UP!

Hell is not some place deep down in the earth in which people are burning forever and that the devil with a pitch fork is in charge of it. That is a man made story, it is not Biblical.

Since we know that the wicked dead are not in a hole somewhere burning, where are the wicked [sinners] that are currently dead?

2Pe 2:9 The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished:

2Pe 3:7 But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, **reserved** unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men.

Job 21:30 That the wicked is reserved to the day of destruction? they shall be brought forth to the day of wrath.

Job 21:32 Yet shall he be brought to the grave, and shall remain in the tomb.

Joh 5:28 Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice,

Joh 5:29 And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation.

Dan 12:2 And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame *and* everlasting contempt.

Base on all the scriptures the unjust [wicked] dead or alive will receive their punishment at an appointed time. They do not receive their punishment as soon as they die. They are not currently burning some place in which many call "hell." Again that is totally fictional, not Biblical.

How will God feel when He has to destroy the wicked [sinners]? Is this act foreign to Him?

Eze 33:11 Say unto them, *As* I live, saith the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked; but that the wicked turn from his way and live: turn ye, turn ye from your evil ways; for why will ye die, O house of Israel?

Isa 28:21 For the LORD shall rise up as *in* mount Perazim, he shall be wroth as *in* the valley of Gibeon, that he may do his work, his strange work; and bring to pass his act, his strange act.

God has NO PLEASURE in destroying the wicked. Imagine God turning His face anyway from the awful scene in which He has to destroy so many people that He so desperately tried to save, but they made a choice to love sin. Luke 9:56 says that God the Father sent Jesus to this earth not to destroy mankind but to save them. The destruction of the wicked is a strange act to God. Matter fact, Hell fire, total destruction of the wick is the strangest act of God.

After the earth is eradicated from sin by fire, what promises are in store for earth and God's people?

Isa 65:17 For, behold, I create new heavens and a new earth: and the former shall not be remembered, nor come into mind.

Rev 21:3 And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God *is* with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, *and be* their God.

Rev 21:4 And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.

AMEN!!!!

Time is VERY SHORT and Jesus Coming is repaidly fulfilling, ARE YOU READY?

BIG BIG NEWS THIS WEEK... Fulfillment of Bible prophecy... all this is happening at the same time are other intense weather headlines this week along worldwide for example:

- 1) At least 23 killed in West Virginia Flooding 'complete chaos' 'Epic'
- 2) Southern California wildfire kills 2, destroys 30,000 acres
- 3) 25 Killed, Over 33,000 Displaced by Flooding in Southern China
- 4) Death Toll Rises in Indonesia Landslides, Flooding (35 plus)
- 5) China Tornado Kills 98, Injures 800
- 6) Lightning strikes kill at least 120 in India
- 7) Death toll from Southwest heat wave rises
- 8) Movement on a vast scale detected near San Andreas fault

Also this week one year after Gay marriage was legalized in America:

Obama names first national monument to LGBT rights: Stonewall a gay bar where the LGBTQ movement got fired up in 1969 after a police raid. Protest broke out.. movement.. That's big. But what happen yesterday is VERY VERY BIG!!

Daniel 2

- 1- Head of Gold = Babylon
- 2- Arms and Breast of Silver = Medes and Persian
- 3-Belly and Thighs of Brass = Greece
- 4-Leg of Iron = Pagan Rome
- 5-Feet of part iron and clay = Divided Europe

Who rose out of Divided Europe? Papal Rome!

What is a main prophetic character about divided Europe since its beginning?

Dan 2:41 And whereas thou sawest the **feet and toes, part of potters' clay, and part of iron**, the **kingdom shall be divided**; but there shall be in it of the strength of the iron, forasmuch as thou sawest the iron mixed with miry clay.

Feet and toes = Part iron and clay.

What is will happen to Europe in the end of time “toes” right before the coming of Jesus?

Dan 2:42 And *as* the **toes of the feet** *were* part of iron, and part of clay, *so* the kingdom shall be partly strong, and partly broken.

Focus in verse 42 is mainly the “toes of the feet” VERY end of time!

What is going to happen?

Dan 2:43 And whereas thou sawest iron mixed with miry clay, **they shall mingle (join) themselves with the seed of men: but they shall not cleave (stick) one to another**, even as iron is not mixed with clay.

In the past centuries up to world war II dictators such as Napoleon and Hitler tried to unify Europe by force, but it failed.

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Satan thought that he would defy Bible prophecy with the creation of the European Union (EU) that unifies many European countries. They thought joining other EU states would make Europe united and strong economically. No more border between border countries. One currency.

Started after WWII to avoid a WWIII. Powerhouse Europe nations such as France, England (UK), and Germany. After USSR dissolved many former USSR countries joined. In total 28!

EU – Building designed like the unfinished tower of Babel.. A symbol of defiance! Like the original Babel. In the front a woman riding a beast!

BUT yesterday... the prophecy was complete fulfilled. With great surprise, one of the great powerhouse England voted to leave the EU by its citizens 52% of the vote! This was major. As a result stock price fall great all over the world. England lost over \$300 dollars / pounds from economy. The world is in a frenzy!

Prophecy continues...

[Dan 2:44](#) And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, *but* it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever.

The EU crumbling is a fulfillment of prophecy... in the days of these king(dom)s while EU is crumbling... God will set up His everlasting kingdom!

It will NOT be long! Jesus is coming again!!!!!!