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Questions for Deeper Discussion

What In Hell Is Hell?
2Thessalonians 2:1-12 (especially vs. 6-9)

Before hearing this message, what were your perceptions of hell? How were they formed?

Today, God is perceived as having a “soft heart” toward all humans, so the outworking of that assumption is that he really won’t send anyone to hell. **How is it that we have come to perceive God as an “old softy?”**

1. Hell cannot be understood apart from God’s justice. God’s love is not mushy, but one attribute always balanced by His other attributes of justice and holiness. Vs. 6 “He will pay back trouble to those who trouble you...”
2. Hell cannot be dismissed as a myth. It is not a halfway house, a stop over for a “second chance.” Hell is Hell
 - It is a place of perpetual punishment, vs. 9 “will be punished”
For those who “do not know God”
For those who “do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus”
 - It is a place of “everlasting destruction,” vs. 9 An experience of everlasting loss.
 - It is a place “shut out from the presence of the Lord and the majesty of his power,” vs. 9 Banished from all that God is.
What does the presence of the Lord provide for us? (light, love, joy, etc.)
What are the opposites now seen as descriptive of hell?

What we must not miss is that God has **not** made hell for humans. Matthew 25:41; 1Timothy 2:3-4; 2Peter 3:9. Man goes there because he will not accept the offering of God’s grace.

How can we let this message help to create a passion in us to share Christ with those around us?

- Make a list of those you are not sure are heaven bound.
- Pray for these people every day.
- Have others who will covenant with you to pray for these people.
- Take the opportunities God gives you to share your faith.