# WHO ARE THOSE WHO MIGHT BE GOOD CITIZENS OR CHURCH MEMBERS WHO ARE IN DANGER OF HELL?

Those who have walked down the aisle, shaken the pastors hand, been counseled, been baptized by immersion and have joined a church, whose primary goal was church membership. They never accepted Jesus as their Savior, even though questioned by their pastor. They went down the aisle because they wanted to be with their friends or to have a sense of belonging or community. This can apply to mainline denomination and non-denomination churches.

Those whose religious affiliation deny Jesus as Personal Savior such as the Jews, the Muslims, the Jehovah Witnesses and the Mormons.

Those who are only trusting in their church or denomination membership such as the Catholics, but who have not had a personal experience with Jesus.

Those who may live exemplary lives by giving generously and by living by the Golden Rule, but who do not acknowledge God, such as the atheist, the agnostics, the humanist, the materialist and the evolutionist.

#### THE KEY: only those who accept Jesus as their Savior will avoid hell.

Sadly, there will be many who will not spend eternity with God.

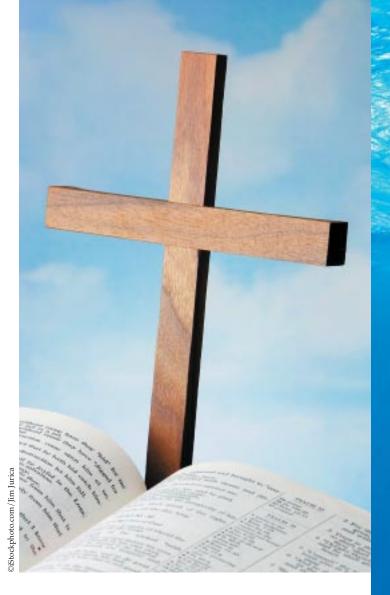
"You can enter God's Kingdom only through the narrow gate. The highway to hell is broad, and its gate is wide for the many who choose the easy way. But the gateway to life is small, and the road narrow, and only a few ever find it.'

— Matt 7:13,14

There is a way that you can be assured to find the gateway to LIFE.

'Jesus told him, I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me.'

— John 14:5



#### YOU MUST BE 'BORN AGAIN'!

But to all who believe Jesus and accepted Him, He(God) gave the right to become children of God. THEY ARE REBORN!

This is not a physical birth resulting from human passion or plan- this REBIRTH comes from God.

Jesus loves you, God wants to be involved in your life.

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We all know about being born the first time as a baby. But what about the SECOND BIRTH?

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The Bible tells us about being 'born again'.

To be born again involves faith and acceptance of Jesus Christ as your personal Savior; if you accept Him, then your name is recorded in the Book of Life.

When we do this, being born again, (the SECOND BIRTH), we avoid the SECOND DEATH.

We are assured that when we physically die, we go to be with the Lord; He will be our God and we will be his children and we will inherit all his blessings.

### WHAT HAPPENS TO THOSE WHO REJECT JESUS?

fter the FIRST DEATH, the physical one, there awaits a SECOND DEATH, the one for the soul. This death does not bring an end for the soul, it is never destroyed but experiences a lake of fire that burns with fire and sulfur, and there will be torment day and night forever and ever.

When God opens the Book of Life, anyone whose name was not found recorded will be thrown into the Lake of Fire.

God has told us, in very explicit terms what will happen if we reject the Lord Jesus; you will experience the terrible wrath of God, there will be weeping and wailing and gnashing of teeth.

The SECOND DEATH is very harsh and there is no end.

#### Every one knows they are going to die, but no one really believes it unless they

are faced with a very serious illness or accident. If we did believe it, we would do things a lot differently.

But God tells us 'It is appointed into men once to die.' There is no escape! The psalmist said:

"Lord, remind me how brief my time on earth will be. Remind me that my days are numbered, and that my life is fleeting away."

When and where and how we die is not the key issue; it is WHERE we go after death.

God has prepared two destinations. Heaven and Hell.

The thought of going to hell for eternity is so repulsive and unthinkable that some would reject God without further consideration. We do need to ask the question —

## WILL A LOVING GOD WHO CREATED MAN, SEND HIM TO HELL?

The answer can be YES, in the sense that God created man and the conditions of existence and the eventual eternal designation that he can go. The answer can also be NO. God has given man a 'free will' to make his own decisions. By rejecting Jesus Christ as his Savior, man himself makes the decision that will send him to hell.

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#### WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT HELL?

You are encouraged to examine the Bible to see what God has to say. The following references are given but you need to read the full pas-

sages.

...Fear only God, who can destroy both soul and body in hell. — Matt. 10:28b

...and they will throw them into the furnace and burn them. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

— Matt. 13:42

...there are many whose conduct shows they are really enemies of the cross of Christ. Their future is eternal destruction. — Phil. 3:18.19

...They will be punished with everlasting destruction, forever separated from the Lord...  $-2^{nd}$  Thess 1:9

...It can turn the entire course of your life into a blazing flame of destruction, for it is set on fire by hell itself.

— James 3:6b

...And don't forget the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah and their neighboring towns, which were filled with sexual immorality and every kind of sexual perversion. Those cities were destroyed by fire and are a warning of the eternal fire that will punish all who are evil.

— Jude 7

...It is poured out undiluted into God's cup of wrath. And they will be tormented with fire and burning sulfur in the presence of the holy angels and the Lamb. The smoke of their torment rises forever and ever, and they will have no relief day or night.

— Rev. 14:10,11

...And death and the grave were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death- the lake of fire. And anyone whose name was not found recorded in the Book of Life was thrown into the lake of fire.

— Rev. 20: 14,15

...or my anger will burn like an unquenchable fire because of all your sins. — Jeremiah 4:4

...Father Abraham, have some pity! Send Lazarus over here to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, because I am in anguish in these flames.

— Luke 16:24

You are encouraged to look up the Bible passages to get the full context and impact.