

GOD DOES NOT CONDEMN YOU TO HELL!

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I have often wondered why a holy God puts up with all the sin, evil and blatant blasphemy displayed upon this wicked earth. Why doesn't He just wipe the slate of humanity from the four corners of our planet and be done with it.

Then again, if God were going to do this, wouldn't He have done so during the early stages of human existence? He had every right to vaporize Adam and Eve after their original sin committed in the Garden of Eden. Why didn't God end it all when mankind attempted to build the tower of Babel and usurp God's authority? Moreover, God could have allowed the great flood of Noah's time to drown every breathing thing including Noah, his family and all the animals aboard the ark, but He didn't. The Bible is filled with stories of the rebellious escapades of human beings, but through it all God has allowed us to continue.

Why has God been so kind and gracious to His creation? I think we can find the answer to that question in II Peter 3:9, *"The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance."*

The reason God has displayed extreme and unrivaled patience toward mankind is because He doesn't want a single individual to perish. The very nature of God is benevolent, He sincerely desires every man, woman and child to experience eternal happiness through His Son, Jesus Christ.

If you are an unbeliever without Christ, God is longsuffering toward you. Over and over He extends additional offers of grace – daily opportunities to repent of sins and receive mercy through the blood of the Lamb.

Think about this; God does not condemn and commission anyone to eternal retribution in hell. The unrepentant sinner is condemned ALREADY because he has failed to appropriate the sacrificial atoning blood of God's Lamb as redemption for their sins. In essence, the sinner refusing God's gift of salvation is what ultimately sends them there. My friend, if you are without Christ, YOU have condemned YOURSELF and have chosen to spend eternity apart from God! So when you stand before the Almighty Judge of the universe, your earthly decision for, or against Jesus Christ will either grant you access into Heaven, or incarceration in hell – the choice is decided entirely by you!

So the all-important question every individual must ask themselves is this: what will I do with Jesus. Will I reject him and spend eternity in the lake of fire, or will I accept Him and enter into the joys of Heaven. It's very simple – there are only two choices. I hope everyone reading this will make the right choice.

The Bible says anyone choosing to reject Jesus Christ for the remission of their sins is a fool! You may not have another opportunity to choose Jesus. You see, our lives are like a vapor, here one minute, gone the next. Don't gamble your eternal destination another second!

Dear Lord, please help each person reading this message to make the right choice and choose Christ as Savior. Open and speak to each heart that your word will not return void.

In Jesus name, your son, Pastor Greg.

If there is someone reading this message that lacks a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, I hope you will simply bow your head and by faith, ask Jesus to come into your heart, forgive you of your sins, and make Him the Lord and Savior of your life. I guarantee God will hear and answer your simply prayer – He promised this in His Word.