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WHAT YOU WILL BE DOING IN HELL #2

In our previous article we emphasized that each one of us make the choice as to our eternal destination. The life we live now will determine where we exist in eternity. We can choose heaven, or we can choose hell (Matthew 25:46; 2 Thess. 1:6-9). We saw from the Word of God that one who chooses hell over heaven will be suffering constant and never-ending punishment (Matthew 25:41, 46), separation from God and saved loved ones (2 Thess. 1:9), and eternal regret for the wrong choices made in life. What else will one be doing if he or she chooses hell over heaven?

In hell you will not be alone. You will hear the cries of agony, not only from yourself but from the millions of others who chose to exist there. Jesus taught that there would be a majority who would choose to enter the wide gate and walk the broad way that leads to destruction (Matthew 7:13-14). In hell there will be "weeping and gnashing of teeth" (Matthew 25:30), which suggests awareness of one's surroundings. In hell will you hear that weeping? Will you see the agony? Will you observe any that you loved on this earth that you influenced to be there? How will that make you feel? Will the weeping and suffering around you in hell add to your horror and despair? Of all of those who exist with you in hell not a one of them will have the power or the means to extend any comfort or relief to you or you to them.

If you choose hell, you will be in the presence of the worst of the worst. Revelation 21:8 reads, "But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death." The tragedy is that you could have chosen to be in the presence of the best of the best. But in hell you will exist alongside the most wicked and evil people who have ever lived.

If you choose hell, you will experience utter hopelessness. You will never escape, never cease to suffer, never have a fraction of a second of relief. You will suffer in a fire that shall never be quenched (Mark 9:43-48). Yes, this is what you will be doing in hell.

Jesus died to save you from the horrors of hell (John 3:16; Romans 5:8-9). We urge you to choose heaven. Obey the gospel of Christ today before it is too late (Matthew 7:21; Hebrews 5:8-9). For more information visit <http://greenplainchurchofchrist.org> or call 270-978-7569.