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**2 Thess. 1:6-10**

*Eternal Hell*

Intro

 Who is the primary author of this teaching in the NT?

**A. DESCRIPTIONS OF HELL (2 Thess. 1:6-9).**

1. repay with affliction (2 Thess. 1:6).

 2. dealing out retribution (2 Thess. 1:8).

 3. penalty of eternal destruction (2 Thess. 1:9).

 4. away from the presence of the Lord (2 Thess. 1:9).

**B. DENIALS OF HELL.**

 1. Universalism - everyone goes to heaven.

 CON: Mt. 25:46; Rev. 20:15, etc; Heb. 9:27

 2. Annihilationism - Death brings non-existence to unbelievers.

 CON:

 a. The word “destruction” does not mean to cease to exist. 1 Cor. 5:5; 1 Tim. 6:9.

 b. The word “eternal” does not imply annihilation. Mt 25:46; Mk. 9:43.

 c. eternal sin or unpardonable sin. Mk. 3:29.

 d. eternal conscious suffering. Mt. 25:41; Rev. 20:10, 15; Lk. 16:19-31

 3. Life after death experiences.

**C. DEGREES OF PUNISHMENT IN HELL**

 Jn. 19:11; Mt. 11:22-24; Lk. 12:47-48; 20:46-47.

**D. WHY IS HELL IMPORTANT?**

 1. It reflects the character of God.

 2. Gospel and evangelism must include this doctrine.

 3. Sanctifying for believers.

Conclusion

*Things to ponder: Why is it difficult for us to believe in hell? Why is it difficult for us to include the idea of hell in sharing our faith with others? What sanctifying effects should the doctrine of hell have on the redeemed?*