

HELL IS FOR REAL

These types of messages are not typically preached at Church but need to be. We have lost the reverential fear of the Lord which is the beginning of wisdom and knowledge of the Holy One of Israel to whom every human being will have to give an account on Judgment Day.

We will all die a physical death and then face Judgment. And, many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake in either the first or second resurrection, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt (Daniel 12:2).

Revelation 20:6 says, *"Blessed and holy is he who has part in the FIRST RESURRECTION. Over such the SECOND DEATH has NO power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him a thousand years."* (NKJV) (emphasis added).

Unfortunately, those who are resurrected to everlasting contempt will be thrown into the lake of fire, with the devil, who "deceived" them along with the beast and the false prophet.

And, those who are cast into the lake of fire and brimstone will be tormented day and night forever and ever (Revelation 20:10). This is the second death based on Revelation 20:14 which says, *"Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death."* (NKJV)

I can only speak for myself, but I would not want even my worst enemy to experience this torment as they are separated from their Creator for all eternity.

In fact, our heavenly Father desires that no one experiences the second death. His will is for every man to repent and come to the saving knowledge of His only begotten Son, Jesus Christ.

We are told in John 3:16, *"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life."* (NKJV)

Yet believing in Jesus Christ is just the beginning of our salvation which is a life-long process. We must also work out our own salvation with fear and trembling and overcome (conquer, prevail, get the victory) until the very end.

We will do this as we submit to the sanctification process of the Holy Spirit. This involves us learning to crucify our flesh and picking up our cross daily. We must PUT ON the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts (Romans 13:14).

Granted this is easier said than done and there is not one of us who does not fall short of the glory of God's grace, and we all have areas in our life that God's Holy Spirit is dealing with us about and will continue to do so until we take our last breath.

This is what the sanctification process is all about. We can place our faith and our trust for our spiritual well-being in Jesus who began a great work in us who will be faithful to complete it as long as we abide in Him and He abides in us. For without Him we can do nothing.

I do not believe that those of us who profess to be Christians would be practicing these things on a consistent basis once we became saved if we really knew the meaning and significance of these abominations to the Lord and we truly believe that He means what He says according to His "eternal" Word.

As you read Galatians 5:19–21, ask the Holy Spirit to examine your heart and reveal to you if you are practicing any of these works of the flesh.

Also, we need to keep in mind that these "works of the flesh" have both a spiritual and physical connotation. One example which comes to mind is adultery. If a man or a woman lusts after someone, who is not their spouse in their heart Jesus says that we are already guilty of committing adultery with them even though we may not have committed the physical act. This would also include those who view pornography as well.

Whereas, the "spiritual" connotation of committing adultery is for us to have false idols or gods in our lives that we chase after or put before the God we serve which is in violation of the first three commandments of the Ten Commandments.

In addition, if the Holy Spirit convicts you of practicing anything on this list, repent and confess your sin to God and ask Him for His forgiveness. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you OVERCOME these sins. Then we must be determined to stop committing them by becoming driven by eternity rather than the temporal things of this world which shall pass away.

Galatians 5:19–21, says the following:

“Now the **WORKS OF THE FLESH** are evident, which are: **ADULTERY**⁽¹⁸⁾ ⁽¹⁹⁾ [G3430: **moicheia**: adultery; G3431: **moicheuō**: to commit adultery with, have unlawful intercourse with another’s wife; A Hebrew idiom, the word is used of those who at a woman’s solicitation are drawn away to idolatry, i.e., to the eating of things sacrificed to idols; debauchery], **FORNICATION**⁽²⁰⁾ [G4202: **porneia**: consensual illicit sexual intercourse between two persons not married to each other; adultery, fornication, homosexuality, lesbianism, intercourse with animals, incest, etc.; sexual intercourse with close relatives based on Lev. 18; sexual intercourse with a divorced man or woman based on based on Mark 10:11–12; metaphorically the worship of idols 2a) of the defilement of idolatry, as incurred by eating the sacrifices offered to idols], **UNCLEANNES**⁽²¹⁾ [G167: **akatharsia**: uncleanness in either a physical or in a moral sense: the impurity of lustful, luxurious, profligate (recklessly extravagant or wasteful in the use of resources) living; of impure motives], **LEWDNESS**⁽²²⁾ [G766: **aselgeia**: syn. **lasciviousness**; unbridled lust, excess, **LICENTIOUSNESS**: lacking legal or moral restraints; especially : disregarding sexual restraints; marked by disregard for strict rules of correctness; **WANTONNESS**: wandering or roving in gaiety or sport; moving or flying loosely; wandering from moral rectitude, licentious; dissolute; indulging in sensuality without restraint; as men grown wanton by prosperity; luxuriant; overgrown; extravagant; **SHAMELESSNESS**: feeling no shame; impervious to disgrace; **INSOLENCE**: deviating from that which is customary; **haughty** and **contemptuous** or **brutal in behavior** or **language, overbearing** and **domineering, grossly rude** or **disrespectful**], **IDOLATRY**⁽²³⁾ ⁽²⁴⁾ [G1495: **eidōlatreia**: *image worship* (literally or figuratively): - idolatry. 1) the worship of false gods, idolatry 1a) of the formal sacrificial feasts held in honour of false gods (look up the origins of Christmas and Easter and you will know these man made holidays were originally for the occult worship of false gods); 1b) of avarice, as a worship of Mammon; G1497: **eidōlon**: an *image* (that is, for worship); by implication a heathen *god*, or (plural) the *worship* of such], **SORCERY**⁽²⁵⁾ ⁽²⁶⁾ [(syn. witchcraft) G5331: **pharmakeia**: *medication* (“pharmacy”), that is, (by extension) *magic* (literal or figurative); poisoning, sorcery, magical arts, often found in connection with idolatry and fostered by it; G5332: **pharmakeus**: (a *drug*, that is, spell giving *potion*); a *druggist* (“pharmacist”) or *poisoner*, that is, (by extension) a *magician*], **HATRED**⁽²⁷⁾ ⁽²⁸⁾ [G2189: **echthra**: *hostility*; by implication a reason for *opposition*: enmity, hatred; G2190: **echthros**: (to *hate*); *hateful* (passively *odious*, or actively *hostile*); usually as a noun, an *adversary* (especially *Satan*): - enemy, foe], **CONTENTIONS**⁽²⁹⁾ [G2054: **eris**: a *quarrel*, that is, (by implication) *wrangling*: debate, strife], **JEALOUSIES**⁽³⁰⁾ [G2205: **zēlos**: properly *heat*, that is, (figuratively) “*zeal*” (in a favorable sense, *ardor*; in an unfavorable one, *jealousy*, as of a husband [figuratively of God], or an enemy, *malice*): emulation, envy (-ing), fervent mind, indignation, jealousy, zeal; the fierceness of indignation; an envious and contentious rivalry], **OUTBURSTS OF WRATH**⁽³¹⁾ [G2372: **thumos**: *passion* (as if

breathing hard): - fierceness, indignation, wrath. passion, angry, heat, as in boiling up and soon subsiding again], **SELISH AMBITIONS** ⁽³²⁾ [(syn. strife) **G2052: eritheia: intrigue**, that is, (by implication) *faction*: - contention (-ious), strife], **DISSENSIONS** ⁽³³⁾ [**G1370: dichostasia: disunion**, that is, (figuratively) division, sedition], **HERESIES** ⁽³⁴⁾ [**G139: hairesis**: A *choice*, that is, (specifically) a *party* or (abstractly) *disunion*; a body of men following their own tenets (sect or party); of the Sadducees; of the Pharisees; of the Christians; dissensions arising from diversity of *opinions* and *aims*], **ENVY** ⁽³⁵⁾ [**G5355: phthonos**: *ill will* (as *detraction*), that is, *jealousy* (*spite*)], **MURDERS** ⁽³⁶⁾ [**G5408: phonos**: (to *slay*); *murder*; slaughter], **DRUNKENNESS** ⁽³⁷⁾ [**G3178: methē**: an *intoxicant*, that is, (by implication) *intoxication*], **REVELRIES** ⁽³⁸⁾ [**G2970: kōmos**: a *carousal* (as if a *letting loose*): - reveling, rioting. It can also mean nocturnal and riotous procession of half drunken and frolicsome fellows who after supper parade through the streets with torches and music in honour of Bacchus or some other deity, and sing and play before houses of male and female friends; hence used generally of feasts and drinking parties that are protracted till late at night and indulge in revelry] and **THE LIKE**; of which I TELL YOU BEFOREHAND, just as I also told you in time past, that those WHO PRACTICE such things will **not INHERIT the KINGDOM OF GOD.**" (Gal. 5:19–21, NKJV) (emphasis added).

We must always remember that the battle for our soul begins in our minds and our hearts before we will act on these works of the flesh and do them. This is why we must take every thought captive to the obedience of Christ and bring down these strongholds in our minds and in our lives which continue to exalt themselves above the wisdom and knowledge of God's Word.

Equally important is this fact. We must always walk in humility and confess our sins to our heavenly Father with a repentant heart and always have a submissive and teachable spirit before our righteous, just, God!

And, if we are faithful to do this on a daily basis because we fear the Lord, then as we ask Him for His forgiveness when we fall short and miss the standard that He has clearly established according to His ETERNAL Word which does not change, He will forgive us as long as we do not harbor unforgiveness for others in our heart.

Then we must turn from these sins or "works of the flesh" which so easily besets us and stop sinning!

The bottom line is this: We must seek God while there is still time to repent so we can be set free from "indwelling" sin. As the apostle Paul says in Romans 8:1, "*There is therefore now no condemnation to*

those who are in Christ Jesus, who do NOT walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit."
(NKJV)

It is time that we examine our "fruit" and if we are walking according to the Spirit rather than our flesh we will exhibit the following fruit based on Galatians 5:22, which says, *"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such, there is no law."* (NKJV)

Are we bearing the "proper" fruit and walking according to the Spirit rather than the flesh? If not, now is the time to repent and make an immediate course correction before it is too late for all eternity.

The Old Testament uses the word "grave" or "hell" respectively in the KJV which is the same word for "Sheol" two examples can be found in Genesis 37:35 and Job 14:13.

H7585

שׂוֹל שׂוֹל

she'ol she'ol

sheh-ole', sheh-ole'

From H7592; hades or the world of the dead (as if a subterranean retreat), including its accessories and inmates: - grave, hell, pit.

In the New Testament, the word "Hades" is:

G86

ᾅδης

hadēs

hah'-dace

From G1 (as a negative particle) and G1492; properly unseen, that is, "Hades" or the place (state) of departed souls: - grave, hell.

SAME MEANING DIFFERENT WORD

In the New Testament the word "hell" that Yeshua used in Matthew 5:30; Matthew 10:8 and Matthew 18:9 is:

G1067

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γέεννα

geenna

gheh'-en-nah

Of Hebrew origin ([H1516] and [H2011]); valley of (the son of) Hinnom; gehenna (or Ge-Hinnom), a valley of Jerusalem, used (figuratively) as a name for the place (or state) of everlasting punishment: - hell.

In the Old Testament following are all the Scriptures referencing Hinnom, a valley of Jerusalem, used (figuratively) as a name for the place (or state) of everlasting punishment; hell. Pay special attention to Jeremiah 7:32 below.

Joshua 15:8

And the border went up by the Valley of the Son of Hinnom to the southern slope of the Jebusite city (which is Jerusalem). The border went up to the top of the mountain that lies before the Valley of Hinnom westward, which is at the end of the Valley of Rephaim northward.

Joshua 18:16

Then the border came down to the end of the mountain that lies before the Valley of the Son of Hinnom, which is in the Valley of the Rephaim on the north, descended to the Valley of Hinnom, to the side of the Jebusite city on the south, and descended to En Rogel.

2 Kings 23:10

And he defiled Topheth, which is in the Valley of the Son of Hinnom, that no man might make his son or his daughter pass through the fire to Molech.

2 Chronicles 28:3

He burned incense in the Valley of the Son of Hinnom, and burned his children in the fire, according to the abominations of the nations whom the LORD had cast out before the children of Israel.

2 Chronicles 33:6

Also he caused his sons to pass through the fire in the Valley of the Son of Hinnom; he practiced soothsaying, used witchcraft and sorcery, and consulted mediums and spiritists. He did much evil in the sight of the LORD, to provoke Him to anger.

Jeremiah 7:31

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And they have built the high places of Tophet, which is in the Valley of the Son of Hinnom, to burn their sons and their daughters in the fire, which I did not command, nor did it come into My heart.

Jeremiah 7:32

“Therefore behold, the days are coming,” says the LORD, “when it will no more be called Tophet, or the Valley of the Son of Hinnom, but the Valley of Slaughter; for they will bury in Tophet until there is no room.

Jeremiah 19:6

therefore behold, the days are coming,” says the LORD, “that this place shall no more be called Tophet or the Valley of the Son of Hinnom, but the Valley of Slaughter.

Jeremiah 32:35

And they built the high places of Baal which are in the Valley of the Son of Hinnom, to cause their sons and their daughters to pass through the fire to Molech, which I did not command them, nor did it come into My mind that they should do this abomination, to cause Judah to sin.’

So, here we have at the very end of the Bible John telling us that "death" and "Hades" the place for departed souls is finally cast into the lake of fire. This is because death is the final enemy to be defeated. Also, Revelation 20:13, says, *“The sea gave up the dead who were in it, and Death and Hades delivered up the dead who were in them. And they were judged, each one according to his works.”* (NKJV)

Revelation 20:14, says, *“Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.”* (NKJV)

Hell or Hades as used in this Scripture is Strong’s G86 ᾗδης hadēs (pronounced hah’-dace) which is from G1 (as a negative particle) and G1492; properly unseen, that is, “Hades” or the place (state) of departed souls: - grave, hell.

So, a person with an inquiring mind should ask this question: If Hades the place for the departed souls is finally cast into the lake of fire after the second coming of Jesus occurs then can we presume that it is no longer being used for the place of the departed souls? The Book of Enoch talks about this.

Hell as used by Jesus in Matthew 10:28 according to Strong’s G1067 γέεννα geenna (pronounced gheh’-en-nah) Of Hebrew origin ([H1516] and [H2011]); valley of (the son of) Hinnom; gehenna (or Ge-

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Hinnom), a valley of Jerusalem, used (figuratively) as a name for the place (or state) of everlasting punishment: - hell. God's Word must be our final authority.

Revelation 20:10, says, *"The devil, who deceived them, was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone where the beast and the false prophet are. And they will be tormented day and night forever and ever."* (NKJV)

Revelation 14:11, says, *"And the smoke of their torment ascends forever and ever; and they have no rest day or night, who worship the beast and his image, and whoever receives the mark of his name."* (NKJV)

This is talking about the **second** resurrection. Revelation 20:5, says, *"But the rest of the dead did not live again until the thousand years were finished."* (NKJV)

Daniel 12:2, says, *"And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, Some to everlasting life, Some to shame and everlasting contempt."* (NKJV)

Those who are raised in the **first** resurrection the **second** death has NO power over. What is the second death? Revelation 20:14, *"Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death."* (NKJV)

Revelation 20:5 is talking about the **second** resurrection which says, *"But the rest of the dead did not live again until the thousand years were finished."* (NKJV)

Revelation 20:6 is talking about the **first** resurrection of the dead in Christ and this Scripture says, *"Blessed and holy is he who has part in the first resurrection. Over such the second death has no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him a thousand years."* (NKJV)

Jesus talks about the **first** resurrection of the dead in Christ. This is based on Luke 20:34-36, when He says the following: Jesus answered and said to them, *"The sons of this age marry and are given in marriage. But those who are COUNTED WORTHY to attain that age, and the resurrection from the dead, neither marry nor are given in marriage; NOR CAN THEY DIE ANYMORE, for they are equal to the angels and are sons of God, being sons of the resurrection."* (NKJV) (emphasis added).

Will we be "COUNTED WORTHY" to be part of the **first** resurrection?