

How to go to Hell
Eph 5:3-7
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Thesis: I want to show how a person can end up spending eternity separated from God.

- Intro:
1. There is a plan of salvation, is there a plan for damnation?
 2. How does a person miss heaven and spend eternity in hell?

I. Rejecting God

- A. A non-Christian has never gone to heaven.
 1. Despite what some have said at funerals of friends and loved ones, no sinner has ever gone to heaven and no sinner ever will.
 2. **Eph 5:3-7** – those mentioned here are the ones on the road to damnation.
 - a. Living in such ways will result not in heaven but living in eternal damnation.
- B. Being spiritual is not the same as being a NT Christian.
 1. What does it mean to be spiritual? It means focusing on relationships but not on a relationship with the God of the Bible.
 2. Interestingly we are called to be spiritual (*Gal 6:1*), but the world has redefined this idea with one more fitting of being “mystical”.
 - a. Mystical includes the following ideas – “A person who seeks by contemplation and self-surrender to obtain unity with or absorption into the Deity or the absolute, or who believes in the spiritual apprehension of truths that are beyond the intellect.”

II. Rejecting basic Bible teachings. (Obeying the gospel, but then turning from Bible truths)

- A. Rejecting the need for the Lord’s church.
 1. The growing idea that one desires Christ not the church is a selfish false religion.
 2. Only the selfish desire for such.
 - a. This is the false idea that one can be a follower of Christ while worshipping Him as you want and living as you want and it being perfectly ok with God.
- B. Rejecting the existence of & the teachings on eternal damnation.
 1. One will miss heaven when they reject Christ and His word.
 2. There are no atheists in heaven, no matter how kind or popular they may be.

III. Lessons for Us Today

- A. Being condemned to be separated from God is not difficult.
 1. The Bible is clear about the road map to hell.
 2. This is a path that includes selfishness, arrogance, idolatry, lust, and a multitude of other wicked attitudes, actions, and ways of life.
- B. Going to Heaven is the hard part (**Mt 7:21-23**).
 1. If one wants to be separated from God, then they will be.
 2. If one wants to be separated from the wicked, and dwell with God for all eternity, then His word tells us what we need to do (**Rom 1:16**).

Application & Conclusion:

1. How do you know if you are going to heaven?
2. Full Invitation

Non-Christians must:

Hear – James 1:22, Romans 10:15,17

Believe – Jn 12:44, Jn 8:24, Mt 16:16

Repent – Luke 13:2-3

Confess – John 12:42, Romans 10:9

Be Baptized – 1 Pt 3:21, Acts 22:16, Col 2:11, Mk 16:16, Rom 6:3-4

Live faithfully – John 14:15, Rev 2:10

Christians must:

Repent: Acts 17:20, Acts 8:37, Lk 13:3

Pray: James 5:16, 1 Jn 1:9