

WHAT YOU NEED  
TO KNOW ABOUT

HELL

(Matthew 18:1-10)



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- Believing in hell isn't as popular as it used to be.
- Over the last 20 years, the number of Americans who believe in hell has dropped from 71 percent to 62 percent. (2021 Pew Research Poll)
- The number of those who find it "difficult to reconcile the existence of a just, loving God with a doctrine that dooms billions of people to eternal punishment" is growing.

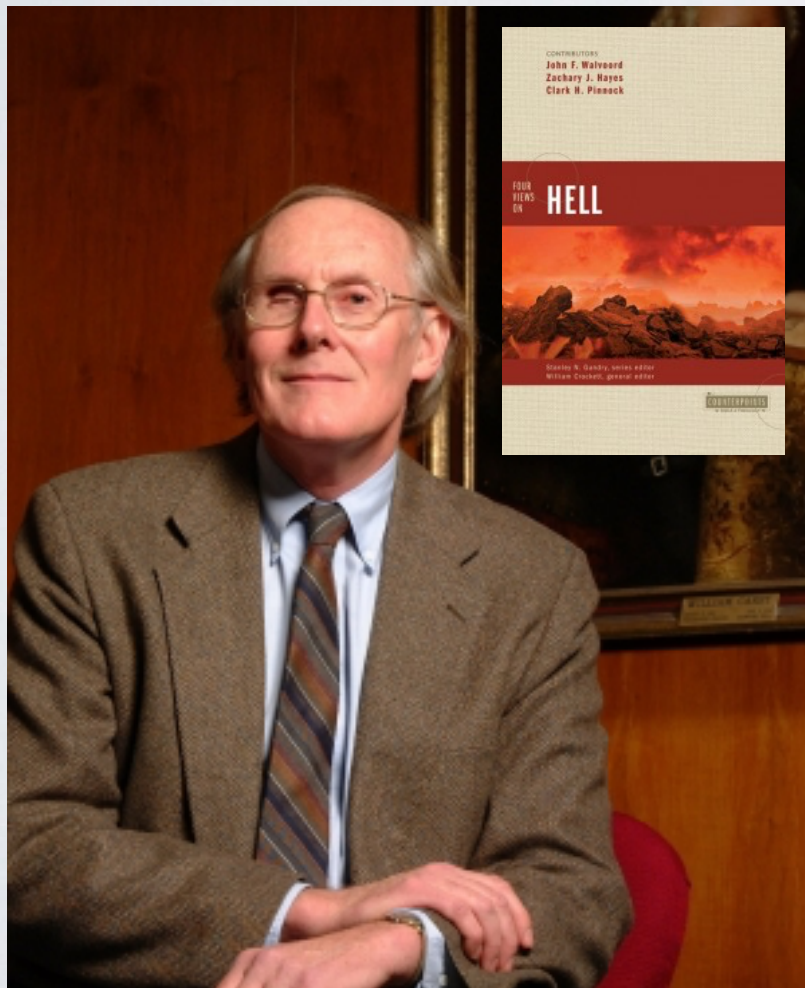


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## ***The Campaign to Eliminate Hell***



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"Everlasting torment is intolerable from a moral point of view because it makes God into a bloodthirsty monster who maintains an everlasting Auschwitz for victims whom he does not even allow to die," —

*Clark Pinnock, an influential evangelical theologian*



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“My prediction is that, even within conservative evangelical circles, the annihilation view of hell will be the dominant view in 10 or 15 years,” —

*Preston Sprinkle, who co-authored the book Erasing Hell, which, in 2011, debuted at number three on the New York Times bestseller list.*





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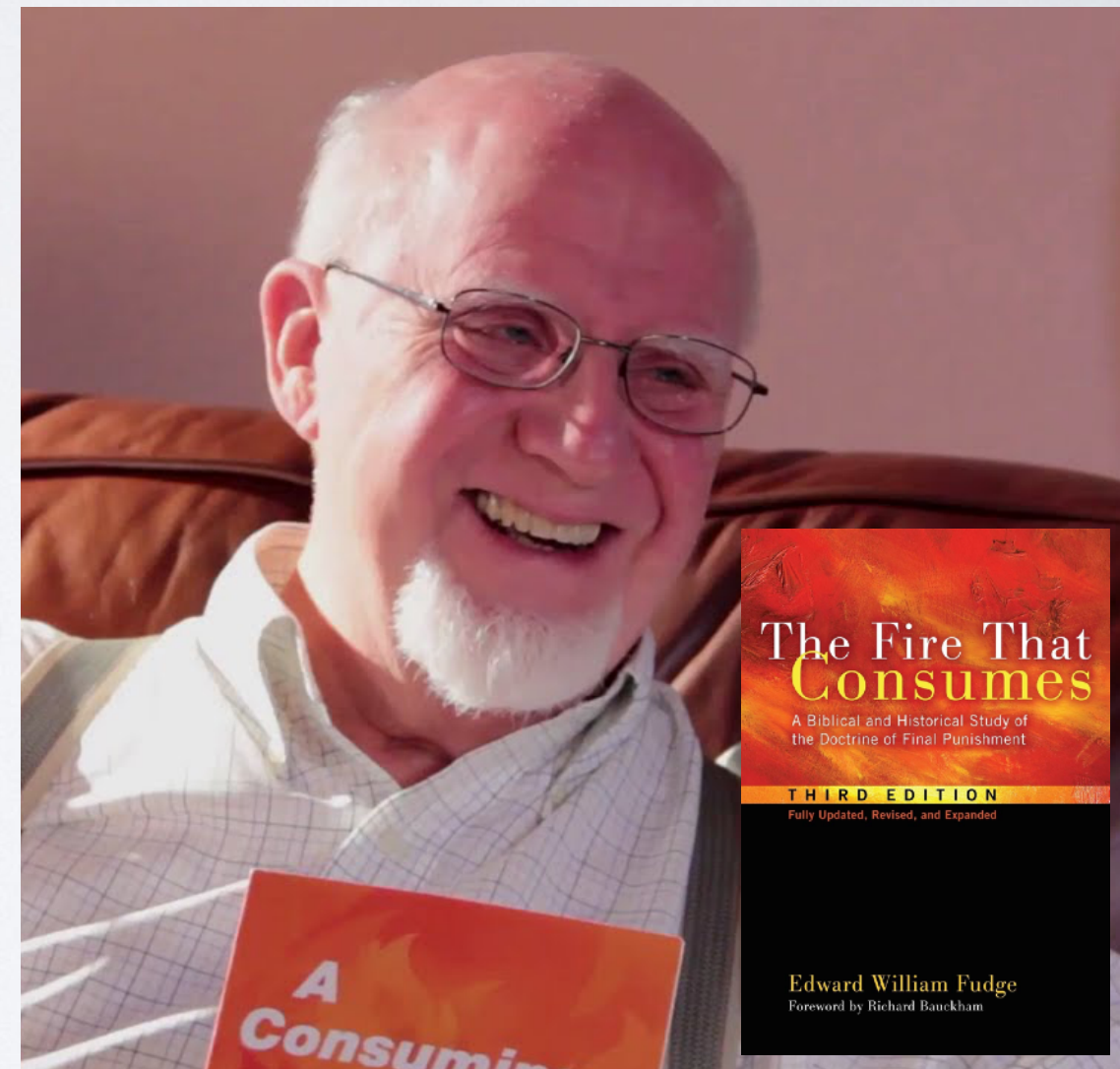
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## **ERRING BRETHREN**

Edward Fudge

“The wicked, following whatever degree and duration of pain that God may justly inflict, will finally and truly die, perish and become extinct for ever and ever”

*(The Fire That Consumes - Edward Fudge, 1982, p. 425).—*





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## **ERRING BRETHREN**

*F. Lagard Smith / John Clayton / Edward Fudge / Stephen Clark Goad*

“Jesus spoke of eternal punishment but He never hinted of continual torture of souls that live on and on in some state of anguish and torment.”

*(Goad's articles occasionally appear in Liberal Christian Journals).*





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## Searching For The Truth

Public group

STEPHEN GOAD / SFTT THURSDAY JULY @\*, 2022

### Steven Goad

**Mike Ward** Perish means perish. Death means death. Consume means consume. Destroy means destroy. God will not torture souls unendingly. This is a doctrine of demons birthed in Rome. We rejected Rome's Purgatory and Limbo, but swallowed her hell version whole.

## ERRING BRETHREN





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TRUTH IS NOT DETERMINED BY  
OUR OWN REASONING,  
FEELINGS, OR TRADITIONS!  
(Proverbs 14:12; Jeremiah 10:23;  
Colossians 2:8)

TRUTH IS DETERMINED BY  
WHAT THE SCRIPTURES TEACH  
(2 Timothy 3:16,17; Acts 17:11,12)  
THE WHOLE COUNCIL OF GOD  
MUST BE PROCLAIMED,  
INCLUDING WHAT THE  
SCRIPTURES TEACH ABOUT HELL  
(Acts 20:27; Psalm 119:160)



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## The Term “Hell” Is Found 23 Times In the KJV of the New Testament



- 3 different Greek words translated hell in the KJV:
  - ▶ **Hades** – (11) The unseen realm – realm of disembodied spirits (Ac 2:27, 31; Rev 20:13)
  - ▶ **Tartarus** – (1) chains of darkness, to be reserved for judgment (2 Pet 2:4)
  - ▶ **Gehenna** - (12) (Mt 10:28; 18:9; Mk 9:43,45,47)



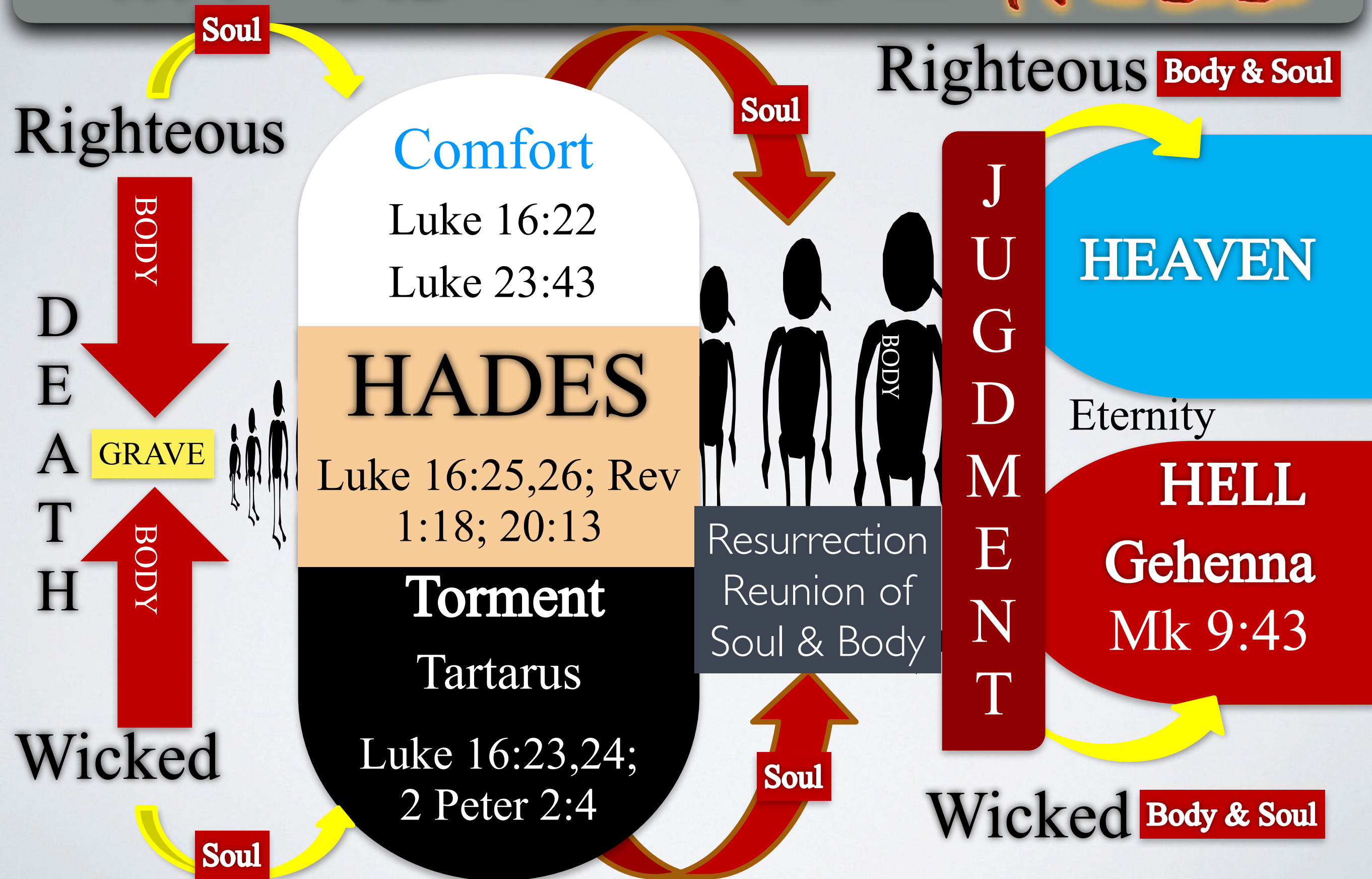
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## Matthew 18:1–10 (NKJV)

... <sup>7</sup> Woe to the world because of offenses! For offenses must come, but woe to that man by whom the offense comes! <sup>8</sup> “If your hand or foot causes you to sin, cut it off and cast *it* from you. It is better for you to enter into life lame or maimed, rather than having two hands or two feet, to be cast into the everlasting fire. <sup>9</sup> And if your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out and cast *it* from you. It is better for you to enter into life with one eye, rather than having two eyes, to be cast into hell fire. <sup>10</sup> “Take heed that you do not despise one of these little ones, for I say to you that in heaven their angels always see the face of My Father who is in heaven.



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## The Prophets Taught Hell Is Real



**Isaiah 66:24 (NKJV)**  
24 “And they shall go forth and look Upon the corpses of the men Who have transgressed against Me. For their worm does not die, And their fire is not quenched. They shall be an abhorrence to all flesh.”



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



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## THE LORD TAUGHT THAT HELL IS REAL



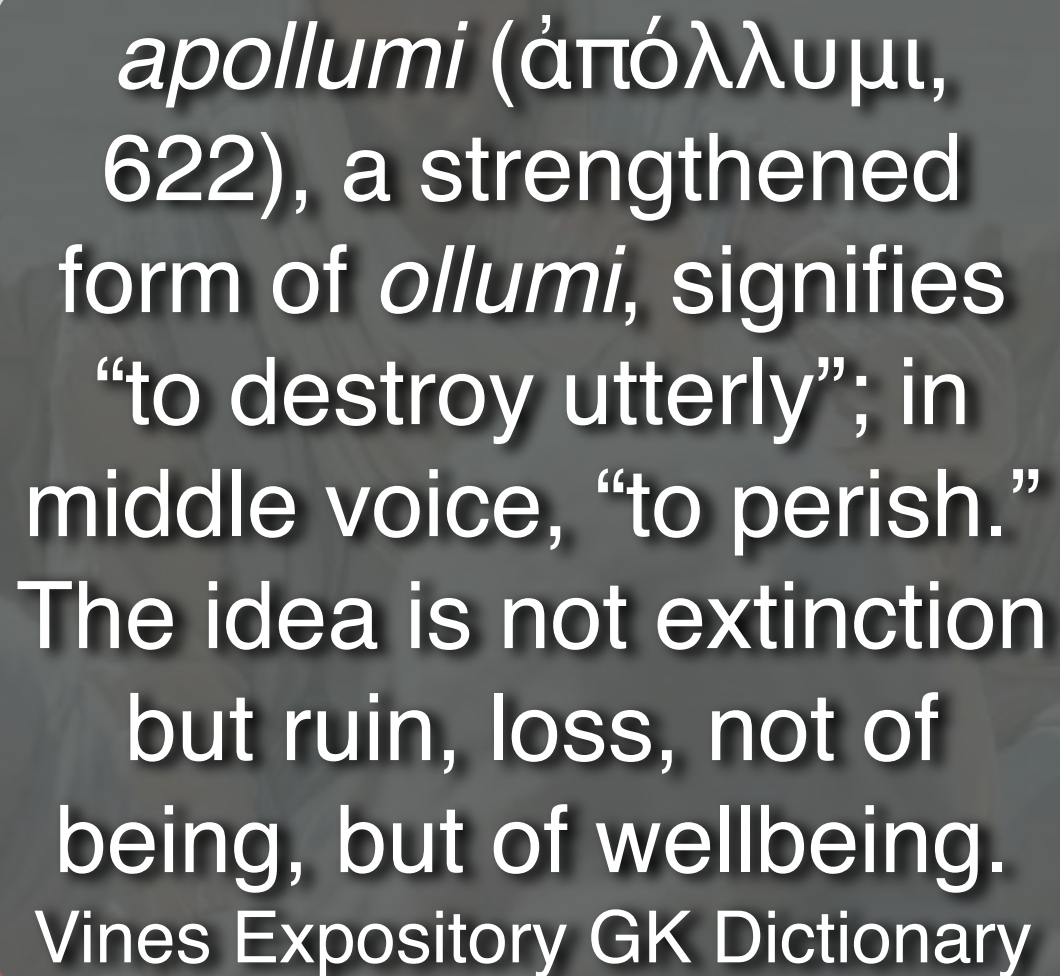
### **Matthew 5:22 (NKJV)**

<sup>22</sup> But I say to you that whoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment. And whoever says to his brother, ‘Raca!’ shall be in danger of the council. But whoever says, ‘You fool!’ shall be in danger of hell fire.



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### Matthew 5:29–30 (NKJV)

<sup>29</sup> If your right eye causes you to sin, pluck it out and cast *it* from you; for it is more profitable for you that one of your members perish, than for your whole body to be cast into hell.

<sup>30</sup> And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and cast *it* from you; for it is more profitable for you that one of your members perish, than for your whole body to be cast into hell.

(Mark 9:43-47)



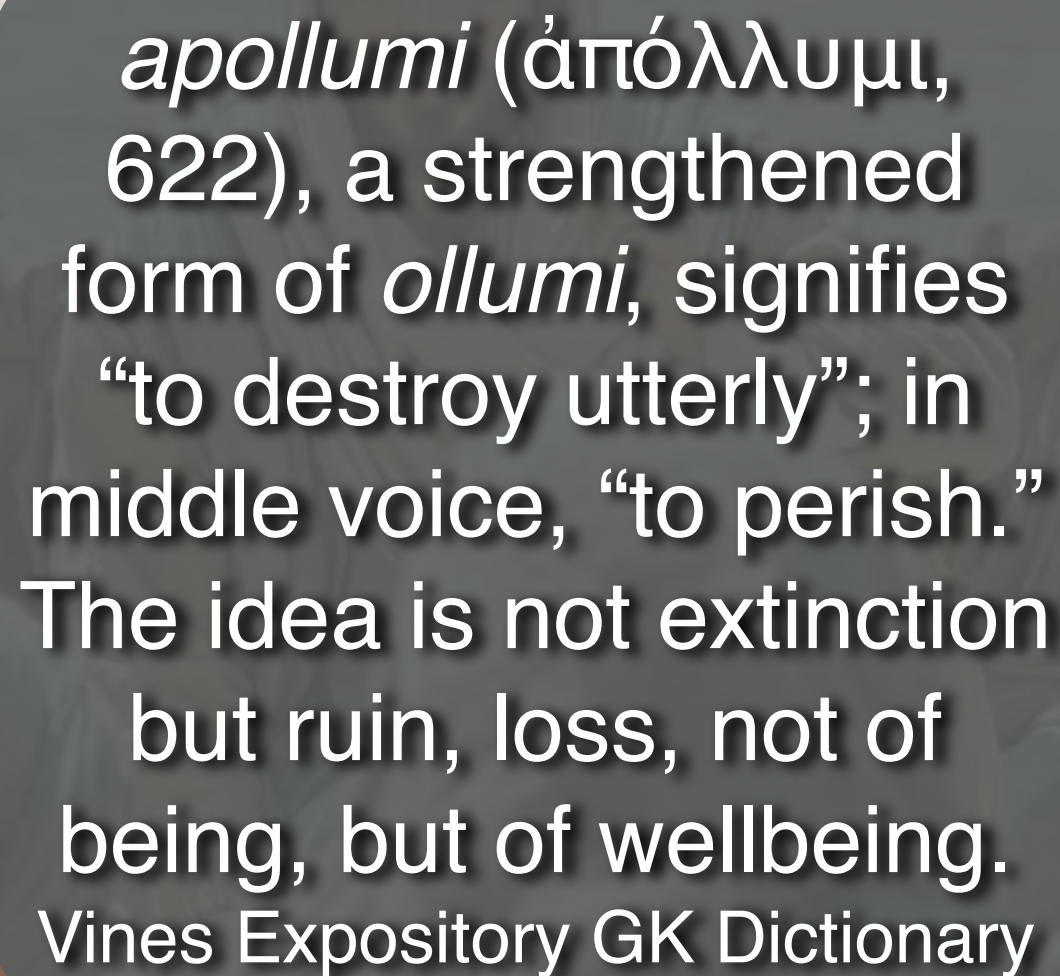
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### Matthew 10:28 (NKJV)

28 And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. But rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.

*(Luke 12:5)*



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## **Matthew 18:9 (NKJV)**

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**Matthew 23:15**  
**(NKJV)**

15 “Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you travel land and sea to win one proselyte, and when he is won, you make him twice as much a son of hell as yourselves.



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**Matthew 23:33  
(NKJV)**

**33 Serpents, brood of  
vipers! How can you  
escape the  
condemnation of  
hell?**



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## APOSTOLIC TEACHING



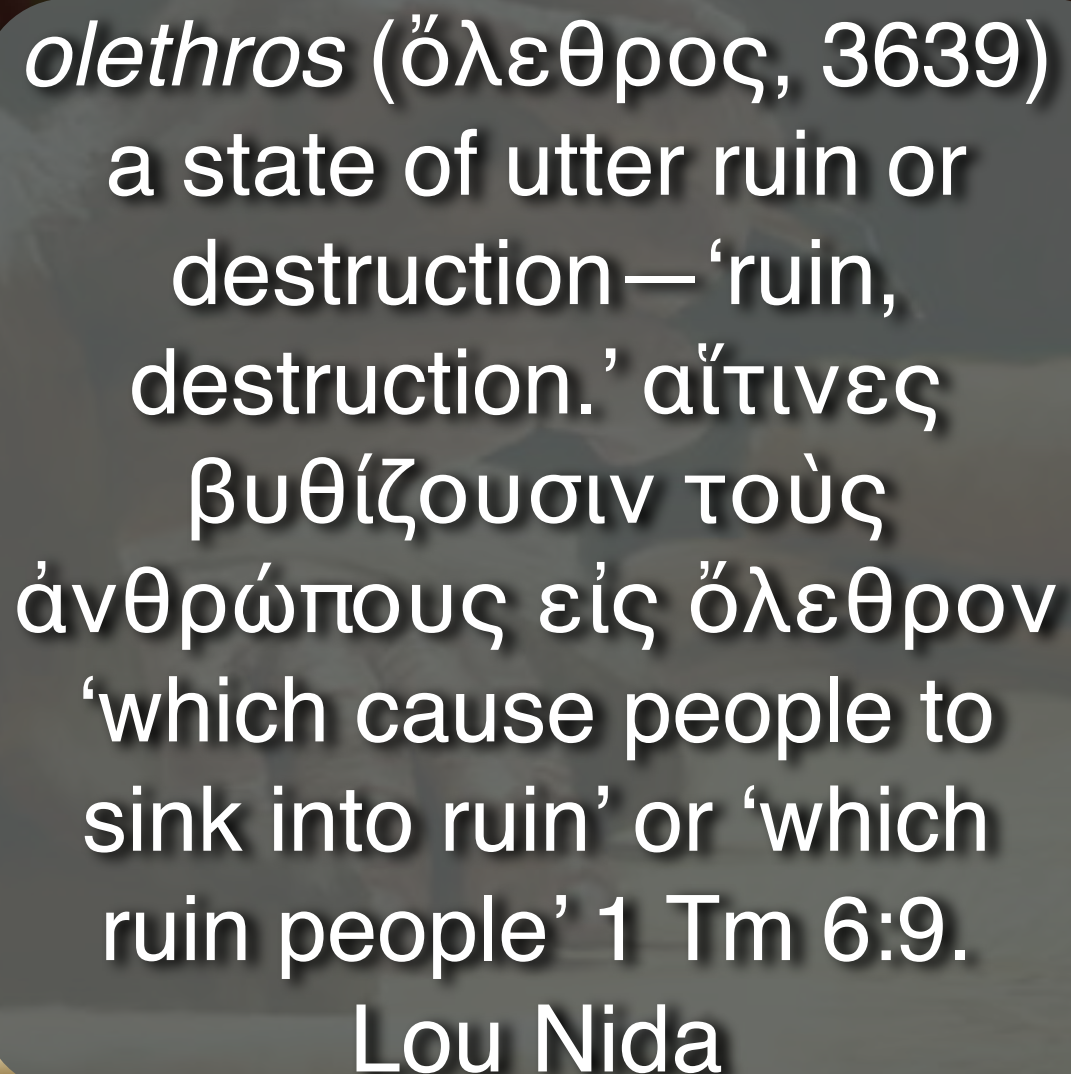
### **Romans 2:8–9 (NKJV)**

<sup>8</sup> but to those who are self-seeking and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness—  
indignation and wrath, <sup>9</sup>  
tribulation and anguish, on every soul of man who does evil, of the Jew first and also of the Greek;



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*olethros* (ὄλεθρος, 3639)  
a state of utter ruin or  
destruction—‘ruin,  
destruction.’ αἵτινες  
βυθίζουσιν τοὺς  
ἀνθρώπους εἰς ὄλεθρον  
‘which cause people to  
sink into ruin’ or ‘which  
ruin people’ 1 Tm 6:9.  
Lou Nida

**2 Thessalonians 1:7–9 (NKJV)**

<sup>8</sup> in flaming fire taking  
vengeance on those who do  
not know God, and on those  
who do not obey the gospel  
of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup>

These shall be punished  
with everlasting destruction  
from the presence of the  
Lord and from the glory of  
His power,



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**2 Peter 2:17  
(NKJV)**

**<sup>17</sup> These are wells without water, clouds carried by a tempest, for whom is reserved the blackness of darkness forever.**



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### Jude 12–13 (NKJV)

<sup>12</sup> These are spots in your love feasts, while they feast with you without fear, serving *only* themselves. *They are* clouds without water, carried about by the winds; late autumn trees without fruit, twice dead, pulled up by the roots; <sup>13</sup> raging waves of the sea, foaming up their own shame; wandering stars for whom is reserved the blackness of darkness forever.



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### **Revelation 14:10–11 (NKJV)**

<sup>10</sup> he himself shall also drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out full strength into the cup of His indignation. He shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb.



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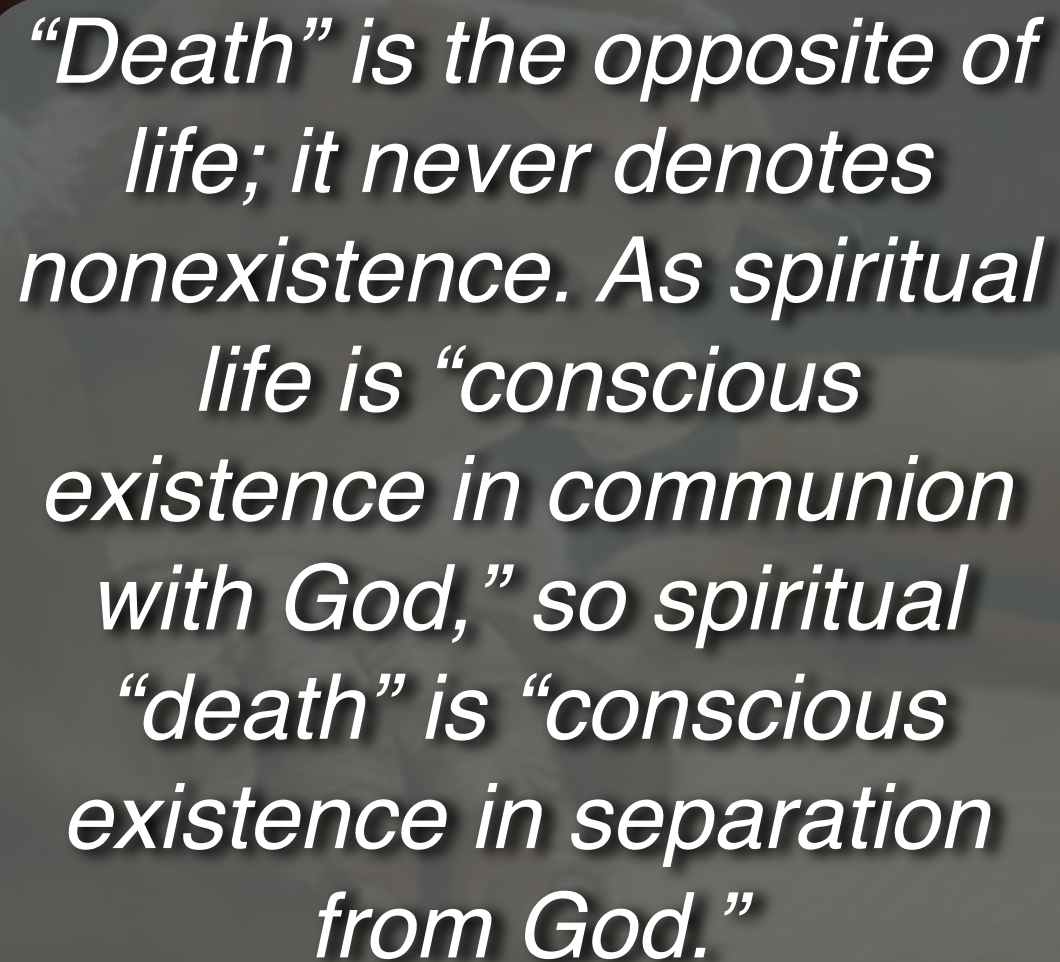
**Revelation 14:10–11 (NKJV)**

<sup>11</sup> 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.”



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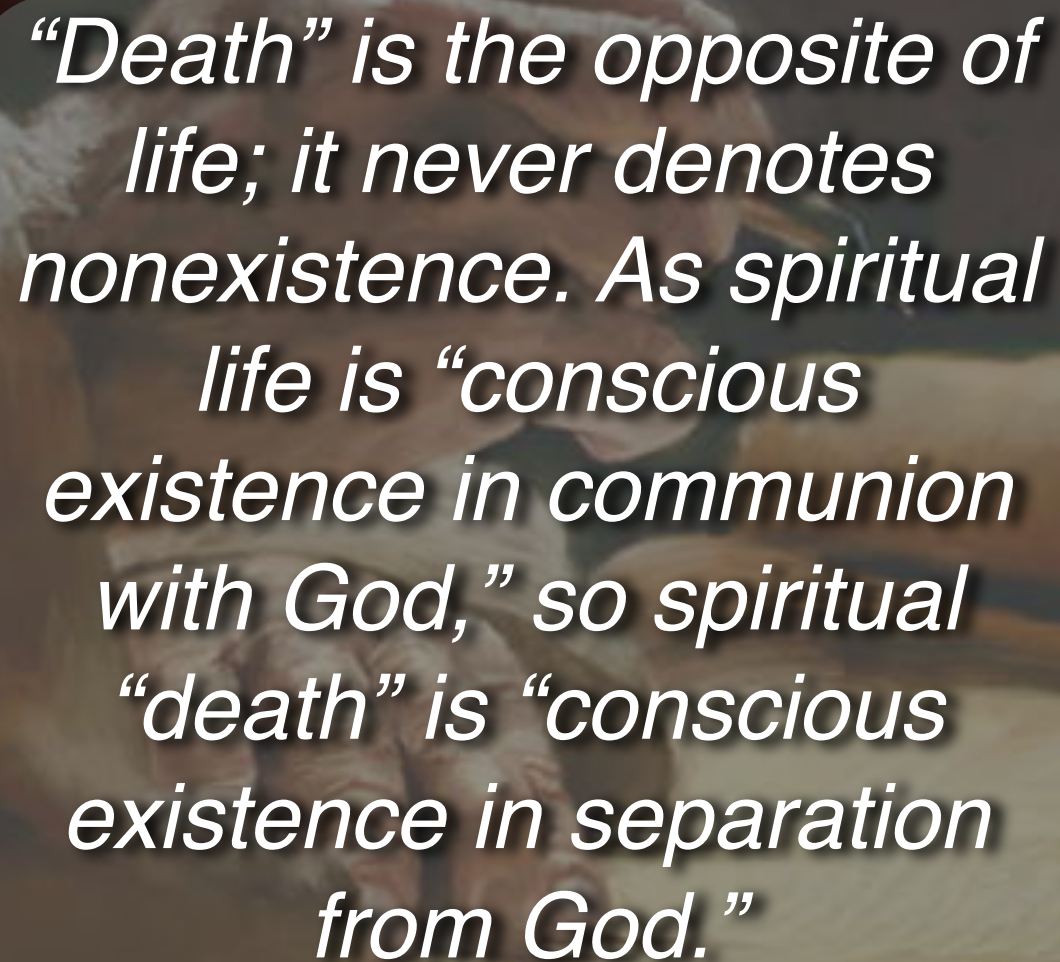
### Revelation 20:14–15 (NKJV)

<sup>14</sup> Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. <sup>15</sup> And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire.



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### Revelation 21:8 (NKJV)

<sup>8</sup> 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.”



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## A Place of Vile Companions



- **“The devil & his angels”**  
(Mt. 25:41)
- **“Unfaithful Jews”** (Mt. 8:12)
- **“The fearful and unbelieving”**  
(Rev. 21:8)
- **“Them that know not God and obey not the gospel”**  
(2 Thess. 1:8)
- **Those that “obey not the truth”**  
(Rom. 2:8)
- **“The deceived”**  
(Mt 15:14; 2 Pt. 2:18-22)



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## A Place of Unending Torment



- **“wailing & gnashing of teeth”** (Mt. 8:12)
- **“everlasting fire”**  
(Mk. 9:44, 46, 48; 25:41-46)
- **“darkness”**  
(Mt. 25:30; cf. 2 Pet. 2:4)
- **“sorer punishment”**  
(Heb. 10:28, 29; 2 Pet. 2:24)



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## A Place of No Hope



- **“Everlasting”** (Mt. 25:46; 2 Thes 1:8,9; Rev 14:11)
- **“Death”** (Rom. 6:23)
- **“Reap”** (Gal. 6:7, 8)
- **“Without mercy”**  
(Heb. 2:9)
- **“Spared not”** (2 Pet. 2:4)
- **“According to their works”** (Rom. 2:6)



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DURATION OF THE  
SOURCE OF PUNISHMENT

## **Matthew 25:41** **(NKJV)**

<sup>41</sup> “Then He will also say to those on the left hand, ‘Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels:

DURATION OF THE  
PUNISHMENT ITSELF!

## **Matthew 25:46** **(NKJV)**

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**Everlasting  
Punishment**

**HELL**

**Eternal**

**(Gk: aionios)**

What we believe about  
one, we must believe  
about the other

**Everlasting  
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MATTHEW 7:13,14  
2 CORINTHIANS 5:10

**Eternal**

HEBREWS 9:27

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**Everlasting  
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**HELL**

- No one will be in hell that does not deserve to be there.
- Heaven or hell is a choice.
- We choose the kind of vessels we will be, i.e. we fit ourselves for eternity one way or the other by the decisions we make.

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How Shall We Escape HELL?



**Everlasting  
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- **Obey the Gospel (2 Thess. 1:7-10)**
  - ▶ “Hear the word” (Rom. 10:17)
  - ▶ “Believe the truth” (Mk. 16:15, 16)
  - ▶ “Repent” (Acts 2:38)
  - ▶ “Confess Jesus” (Acts 8:37; Rom. 10:8, 9)
  - ▶ “Baptism into Christ” (Acts 2:41)
  - ▶ Patiently continue (Rom. 2:7)

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## Matthew 10:27–31 (NKJV)

<sup>27</sup> “Whatever I tell you in the dark, speak in the light; and what you hear in the ear, preach on the housetops. <sup>28</sup> And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. But rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell. <sup>29</sup> Are not two sparrows sold for a copper coin? And not one of them falls to the ground apart from your Father’s will. <sup>30</sup> But the very hairs of your head are all numbered. <sup>31</sup> Do not fear therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows.