

Lesson Four

Are you Afraid?

Perfect Love Casts Out All Fear

Further Discussion:

Many people in our culture today say that God is love. They claim that a loving God could never send people to hell. Therefore, they believe that hell does not really exist.

The Bible does not support this idea, though. The Bible teaches us that we do need to fear hell and judgment if we have not found cleansing from sin through Jesus Christ's sacrifice for us on the cross. If we have accepted Jesus as our Savior, then we do not need to fear judgment.

Read Matthew 10:28. Who should we fear? Why? _____

Read Matthew 12:36. What kinds of things will people be judged for? _____

Read Matthew 13:41-42. Who will be thrown into hell? _____

Read John 3:36. What encouragement do you see in this verse? _____

What warning do you see? _____

Read 1 John 4:15-21. If we are abiding in God's love, what can we have on the day of judgment (vs. 17)? _____

What does perfect love eliminate (vs. 18)? _____

Think about it: If God were only defined by love, if there were no hell, and if all people were welcomed into heaven, could we still call God a just God? Why or why not?

God offers salvation to all people. Anyone who admits that they are sinners and who places their faith in Jesus Christ as their Savior, rather than their own works, can be saved. Why do some people resist this good news? Could it be that they are only willing to accept salvation on their own terms, not God's?



Love the
Lord your God
with all your
heart and
with all your
soul and
with all your
mind.

Matthew 22:37