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## Is hell fair?

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### Is it fair to punish people \_\_\_\_\_ for their sins on earth?

When we ask, "Is it fair that God do..." we are subtly putting ourselves in the place of determining what is right and wrong. Part of our problem is we don't see how bad sin is. Yet when we see the way that God treats our sin – eternity in hell or the death of His Son – we begin to realize that sin is a much bigger deal than we realized.

### Is it fair to punish people who have never \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus?

No one is sent to hell for not having accepted Jesus if they have never heard of Jesus; they are sent to hell for their sins against a holy Creator. Romans 1 reminds us that the natural man has a knowledge of God but that he rejects that knowledge and replaces it with a lie.

## Where do we go from here?

### We Need to Make \_\_\_\_\_ Our Salvation

The first question that should be answered is whether we ourselves are sure we know where we are going. This doesn't mean that if someone has trusted Christ and are living for Him they should be doubting their salvation, but it does mean that if there are any questions they should be addressed. Too many have had questions about eternity that they put off until a later time, only for that time never to come.

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Salvation is a question of whether you will accept Jesus or whether you will continue to cling on to something else instead. But we need to warn people that the stakes for that choice are indeed heaven and hell. Jesus didn't back away from warning about fear. Paul did not back away. John did not back away, neither did Peter, and neither should we.

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