

## The "Benefits" of Hell

**Scripture reading: Mark 9:42-43**

**Introduction – Mark 9:42-48**, according to this scripture Jesus says Hell is a real place. If Heaven exists so must Hell. We logically then by learning how each place is described should sanely arrive at an understanding that the one place no one should want to go is Hell. Each person will look at this choice and give it a high importance, medium importance or a very low importance. Some find this intrusion into their life's choices that are to be made a big bother forced upon them by multiple religious teachings and religious zealots. God loves everybody, I can't be bothered with that now, I am young and that is a long way off. So, let's do something different, a tongue in cheek approach to maybe spur some thought to encourage each of us to not set thinking about this aside. Let's look at the benefits of Hell!

### **I. We won't have to attend all the worship services of our Church, Heb 10:24-25**

A. No worship schedule to keep anymore. We won't have to get out of bed early Sunday morning and get dressed, or rush to worship from work or give up other activities we would rather be doing. Think about it no traffic, no house keeping chores to adjust to let us attend services.

B. Worship will no longer be a burden to bear. No more: "Well, I got to get up and go to church" when you really don't want to, **I John 5:3**.

C. Is that the reward we are really looking forward to?

### **II. We will not have to worship God at all.**

A. No more singing songs of praise and no more prayers to God.

1. Remember back on earth at mealtime, did we rush to eat without stopping to thank God? Don't worry; no need to think about thanking God ever again.

B. No more sermons by those preachers.

1. Length, never again complain about that 40-minute sermon that should have been maybe 15 minutes long.

2. Message, no more hearing about the plan of salvation, good morals, fellowship, worship, and God's authority for all things. No more going to hell, we are there.

3. No more having to listen to God's word, **Psalms 119:11-12**.

C. Is that the reward we can't wait to receive?

### **III. We will not have to love our neighbor as ourselves, Matt 22:39.**

A. We will have nobody to love or to love us. What a relieve I never did like being nice to those neighbors anyway.

B. Is that the reward we want for having been a good neighbor?

### **IV. We will not have to love God.**

A. No more pleas to obey God's commands.

B. No more urgings to sacrifice for God.

C. No more excuses for not studying the Bible.

D. No more appeals to walk by faith.

E. Is that the real benefit we want?

**Conclusion** - There are no benefits in hell. We will receive a just judgment. The choice is ours, and so will be the reward or the punishment, **Gal 5:7-8**. Just a few thoughts to help us choose.