

10<sup>th</sup> March 2007

Hi Guys, This is a series of discussions I had on a forum recently.

Posted: Wed Mar 07, 2007 3:50 am Post subject

Brothers and sisters,

Our goal is to live a Life unto Christ Jesus.

My intention is not to draw people to a website. It's difficult to post 8 pages of scripture unto a forum. And I'm not sure you have attachments on this. You may block the links as you wish, that's okay.

I haven't said anyone can get to the Father by any other means, except through Christ Jesus.

I haven't said the guilty will not go unpunished.

What I do ask is: what is the purpose of judgment?

There are aeons ahead of us, so it's not just these 70-120 years on earth that will determine our final outcome.

The church is a first-fruits - others will follow after. That's why He chooses us now.

1Co 15:24 Then cometh the end, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power.

1Co 15:25 For he must reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet.

1Co 15:26 The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death.

1Co 15:27 For he hath put all things under his feet. But when he saith all things are put under him, it is manifest that he is excepted, which did put all things under him.

1Co 15:28 And when all things shall be subdued unto him, then shall the Son also himself be subject unto him that put all things under him, that God may be all in all.

Jesus said to us, 'If we being evil know how to good gifts to our children, how much more shall your heavenly Father give to him who asks him'.

If we as earthly parents know that endless punishment of our children is not the right thing to do, it is hard for us to accuse God of the same.

What I am saying is most of the current tradition was promulgated by St. Augustine in the early centuries.

Traditions are always hard to break, no matter the amount of data.

Here are the 1st 3 pages of what I linked to previously (as I only did it for the forum members to have another look.) It won't appear correctly here with the superscripts and bold etc.... That's why I link to a pdf file, not my website

God bless.

Tony

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Occurrences of Aion & Aionios in the New Testament.  
6th March 2007.

For those on the forum who may want to dig a little more.  
You might also like to check Young's Literal Translation, Concordant Literal Version, Rotherham Emphasized Bible, Emphatic Diaglott New Testament.

Aion : Greek for "Age" (Equivalent to the Hebrew "Olam") Strong's No. 165  
Aionios (Adjective to Aion): "of the Age" Strong's No. 166

[It carries the thought of a varied time period, known only to God. Remember that God is the Creator of time, so is above time.

The "Life of the Age" is a Person –Jesus Christ (John 17:3, 1John5:11,20).  
A big mouse and a big mansion are not the same "big". It is the very Life of the "Age"(Christ's reign on earth in the future) reigning in our bodies now. There are other words that carry the thought of timelessness, incorruptibility, but "Aion" isn't it.

"Aidios" is one such word – which means "everduring, imperceptible". Strong's No. 126 -- Rom 1:20 For1063 the3588 invisible things517 of him846 from575 the creation2937 of the world2889 are clearly seen,2529 being understood3539 by the3588 things that are 4161 made, even(5037, 3739) his848 eternal126 power1411 and2532 Godhead;2305 so that they846 are1511 without excuse:379.]

"For-ever" as translated in KJV should really be "into-Age", as it is 2 words, as noted in the literal translations cited above. Eis(1519, "into" or "of") Aion(165, "age").

KJV translation of Aion, aionios: World, Ever, Evermore, Course, Eternal, Everlasting, 128 occurrences (Blue Underlined)

Posted: Wed Mar 07, 2007 4:35 am Post subject:

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Tony writes,

**Quote:**

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The church is a first-fruits - others will follow after. That's why He chooses us now.

God created hell for the devil and his angels (Matt 25:41). Those that have chosen to follow Satan's deceptions will also join him there. (Rev 20:10, 15)

Yes, there is eternity ahead of us, but the outcome is determined now for those who are in Christ Jesus (2 Cor 6:2). There is no Scriptural basis for saying our outcome will be determined later in the aeons to come.

The Church is not the firstfruits. Jesus Himself, as He was resurrected, was the firstfruits for those who would follow Him.

**1 Cor 15:20 But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept.**

**21 For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead.**

**22 For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.**

**23 But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming.**

Your salvation theology can in no way be characterized as being fundamentally Scriptural or Christian.

Posted: Wed Mar 07, 2007 9:16 am Post subject:

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Hi Everyone,

Rom 8:23 And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body.

1Co 15:20 But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept.

Jas 1:18 Of his own will begat he us with the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.

Rev 14:4 These are they which were not defiled with women; for they are virgins. These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth. These were redeemed from among men, being the firstfruits unto God and to the Lamb.

How many is ALL?

If ALL died in Adam, who are the ALL to be made alive in Christ?

Are they a different group?

In response to the question about repentance because of "torture" in hell:  
In our natural understanding of this word - prisoners are hardly reformed by torture. They may do lipservice and just re-offend again and end up in prison.

The greek word for "torment" is Basanizo - a touchstone.

Php 2:10 That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth;

Php 2:11 And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

1Co 12:3 Wherefore I give you to understand, that no man speaking by the Spirit of God calleth Jesus accursed: and that no man can say that Jesus is the Lord, but by the Holy Ghost.

I don't understand why you say the salvation theology is not Christian?

Sure the fire was created for the devil and his angels.

But who will have the victory in the end?

Satan: with his 98% of humanity or

Jesus Christ: King of Kings and Lord of Lords, with whom nothing is impossible.

Anyway, we will continue to live our lives unto Our Lord now. We are working now unto Him, and will continue to work in the ages to come. The crowns of glory await. Amen.

Stay blessed,

Tony

Posted: Wed Mar 07, 2007 10:08 am Post subject:

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There have always been 3 Salvation views in Christianity:

1. Universalism -- Christ will save everyone eventually, by the same means He has always saved: Conviction & Repentance and acceptance of His Sacrifice for us.
2. Calvinism -- Christ will only save an elect-few, which He has pre-ordained to be saved. Everyone else is pre-ordained to eternal torture.
3. Arminianism -- Christ will save you, as long as you confess Him in this life time alone. You have all the power to be saved. It is your choice alone, and God's hands are "tied" once you cross-over.

Universalism was historically the majority view for the first few early centuries. Then Arminianism and Calvinism have "battled" for attention. Most in Christianity today currently accept Arminianism.

You might like the online book on this history [www.hopebeyondhell.net](http://www.hopebeyondhell.net)

Stay blessed today.

Tony

Posted: Thu Mar 08, 2007 4:36 am Post subject:

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Tony writes,

**Quote:**

How many is ALL?

If ALL died in Adam, who are the ALL to be made alive in Christ?

Are they a diferent group?

The "ALL to be made alive in Christ" are those "who ARE Christ's at His coming.

**1 Cor 15:**

**22 For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ all will be made alive.**

**23 But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, after that those who are Christ's at His coming.**

There are no Scriptural guarantees that Universalism - Christ will save everyone eventually - is God's truth.

Posted: Thu Mar 08, 2007 5:02 am Post subject:

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Hi,

Then I suppose the 'ALL' that died in Adam does not mean the whole world. So some did not

die in Adam but remain free from his sin, and thus do not need the saving grace of Christ Jesus.

I won't labor the point any more.

God's Sovereign Power to redeem fallen man will win out in the end. This doesn't prevent us from coming to Him, but rather endears us to the Unfailing Love of Our King for everyone.

The quote on 'Christ's at His coming':

Does time end at the second coming of Christ? Is there not a Millennial reign etc.. after this.

Is All rule and authority completely put down when He comes the 2nd time. Does not satan still get released after the 1000 years?

God will become 'ALL in ALL', that is everything to everyone that receives Him (1 Cor 15 verse 28 😊). The key is the 'receiving' and God's Power to perform what He wills for man (1Tim2:4).

'If I be lifted up I will draw all men unto me' John 12:32

Please take a look at that book (hopebeyondhell) if you are open to knowing the Power of Redemption - a full redemption by Him Who came to seek and save those who are lost and Who will not fail in HIS mission

Stay blessed.

Tony

P.S. Sorry the number eight keeps coming as a smiley face, probably my IE7 browser!

Posted: Thu Mar 08, 2007 9:23 am Post subject:

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**tony wrote:**

P.S. Sorry the number eight keeps coming as a smiley face, probably my IE7 browser!

Just hit "space" before you put the "close" bracket.

Posted: Thu Mar 08, 2007 10:36 am Post subject:

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Thanks Shalom!

Didn't know that.

Tips of the trade, I guess.

God bless.

Tony

Posted: Thu Mar 08, 2007 12:02 pm Post subject:

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You are welcome.

I have 1 question for you.

If what you say is true, that in the end every man and woman is saved, then why did Jesus command his disciples to "go and preach unto the nations?"

Posted: Thu Mar 08, 2007 5:41 pm Post subject:

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Hi Shalom,

Because the means has not changed.

I know some people receive Christ with dramatic interventions e.g Apostle Paul but this scripture remains true, 'faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the word of God':

Rom 10:8 But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach;

Rom 10:9 That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.

Rom 10:10 For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

Rom 10:11 For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed.

Rom 10:12 For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him.

Rom 10:13 For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

Rom 10:14 How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?

Rom 10:15 And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!

Rom 10:16 But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Esaias saith, Lord, who hath believed our report?

Rom 10:17 So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

Remember that those who are dead must be judged as men in the flesh (i.e. as if alive).

1Pe 4:6 For for this cause was the gospel preached also to them that are dead, that they might be judged according to men in the flesh, but live according to God in the spirit.

I think this is the process of the judgment of the 2nd resurrection

Rev 20:5 But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection.

Rev 20:6 Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years.

We who have received Christ now, plus the saints who have passed on partake of the first resurrection and reign with Him a 1000 years.

It is a glorious hope we wait for: The Redemption of our bodies, and to see Him as He is!

Rom 8:23 And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body.

1Jn 3:2 Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.

1Jn 3:3 And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure.

I only know bits and pieces, but that's why we are a Body - each member contributing as the Lord shows each one a little bit of the puzzle.

Stay blessed,

Tony

Posted: Thu Mar 08, 2007 10:30 pm Post subject:

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When one considers the words of Jesus, one must consider the whole counsel of His word, especially Matt 25,

***40 "The King will answer and say to them, `Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did it to one of these brothers of Mine, even the least of them, you did it to Me.'***

***41 "Then He will also say to those on His left, `Depart from Me, accursed ones, into the eternal fire which has been prepared for the devil and his angels;***

***42 for I was hungry, and you gave Me nothing to eat; I was thirsty, and you gave Me nothing to drink;***

***43 I was a stranger, and you did not invite Me in; naked, and you did not clothe Me; sick, and in prison, and you did not visit Me.'***

***44 "Then they themselves also will answer, `Lord, when did we see You hungry, or thirsty, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not take care of You?'***

***45 "Then He will answer them, `Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to Me.'***

***46 "These will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."***

As I said before, if "eternal punishment" does not really mean eternal punishment, then why should "eternal life" really mean eternal life?

Those that preach the doctrine of inclusion or eventual universal salvation preach a different/false gospel of Christ than the one Christ preached.

It's as simple and as difficult as that.

Posted: Thu Mar 08, 2007 11:25 pm Post subject:

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Hi,

Good point, but it's based on an assumption that both adjectives (Aionios) carry the same duration..

As I have said before: a Big mouse is not the same "big" as a Big House.

Life *is and always* has been greater than death.

The parable of the sheep and the goats Matt25:

Mat 25:32 And before him shall be gathered **all nations**: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats:

The context is the nations, not the overcoming Christians. This is the Great White throne Judgement after the 2nd Resurrection: How the nations treated Christians and their fellow human beings according to the Light they had received.

Rev 20:11 And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them.

Rev 20:12 And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works.

Rev 20:13 And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works.

Rev 20:14 And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.

Rev 20:15 And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.

Matt25:46

Everlasting punishment: Greek - Aionios(Strong's no. 166 ) Kolasis (Strong's no. 2851 )

Life Eternal: Greek - Zoe (Strong's 2222 ) Aionios (166 )

Kolasis:

Strong's definition: Penal Infliction

Thayer's definition: Correction, punishment, penalty

2nd and only other occurrence of Kolasis:

1Jn 4:18 There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath **torment**. He that feareth is not made perfect in love.

The Life of the Age is a Person -Jesus Christ, as I have stated before:

John 17:3 And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.

The Duration of that Life is based on a Person: God. So it endures from Age to Age.

The Duration of Punishment is based on a state: Sin & Death.

Rom 6:23 For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

1Co 15:25 For he must reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet.

1Co 15:26 The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death.

1Co 15:27 For he hath put all things under his feet. But when he saith all things are put under him, it is manifest that he is excepted, which did put all things under him.

1Co 15:28 And when all things shall be subdued unto him, then shall the Son also himself be subject unto him that put all things under him, that God may be all in all.

You would ask what about the smoke of their torment forever and ever? ( Rev:14:11 ) Greek: Eis Aion Aion

It is unto the Age of the Ages. Just as He is the Kings of Kings, Lord of Lords etc.. This is the Greatest of All Ages. It is the Jubilee (Remember the freedom cycles in the Old Testament. This is what that type and shadow pointed to). It is the last Age before Creation is swallowed up completely in the Eternity of God: God ALL in ALL.

So it's still a long way off. But to claim that Christ will fail to accomplish what He set out to do, does injustice to His very words:

Luk 14:28 For which of you, intending to build a tower, sitteth not down first, and counteth the cost, whether he have sufficient to finish it?

Luk 14:29 Lest haply, after he hath laid the foundation, and is not able to finish it, all that behold it begin to mock him,

Luk 14:30 Saying, This man began to build, and was not able to finish.

This is about following through to the end; as a disciple of Christ.

Did Christ lay a foundation of shedding His blood and will not be able to redeem completely those He paid for?

It was for this reason that the Jews had to be included with the gentiles, so that God would

have mercy on ALL PEOPLE TOGETHER. No longer is there a preferential nation upon the earth. All people are loved by Him equally without distinction now. Jesus Christ settled that once and for all!

It will take time. But He is God and He will do what He said He will do:

If I be lifted up I **will** draw all...' John 12:32

Rom 11:31 Even so have these also now not believed, that through your mercy they also may obtain mercy.

Rom 11:32 For God hath concluded them all in unbelief, that he might have mercy upon all.

Rom 11:33 O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out!

Amen. His Judgements are good!! May we look past what we are seeing around us and look to the King who does ALL THINGS WELL! Not at what people on earth are doing with the torture and judgements of men. Our Father is higher than all these:

Isa 55:8 For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD.

Isa 55:9 For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Isa 55:10 For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater:

Isa 55:11 So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.

Mar 7:37 And were beyond measure astonished, saying, **He hath done all things well:** he maketh both the deaf to hear, and the dumb to speak.

Will He do it for suffering humanity? You better believe it. HE WILL.

His Word (Jesus Christ) has gone forth -- He shall accomplish what He has pleased Him to do. His Word shall not return to Him void (without accomplishing anything). Creation shall be brought back fully to Him Who is King of Kings and Lord of Lords. The One Who made us in the first place.

Stay blessed,

Tony

Posted: Fri Mar 09, 2007 6:22 am Post subject:

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Hi John 10:10,

I guess you listen to and sing Christian songs. Have you read their lyrics?

What view do they proclaim?

Universalism, Calvinism or Arminianism?

"How Great is our God, All will see how great, how great is our God"

"I can only imagine"

Can you imagine Billions, yes *billions* of God's Creation seething in an "Eternal Hell" cursing

God continuously without remitting [and by the way it's Day and Night - so it's still a time period, Ages, not "Eternity" as we humans understand it]?

What can you "imagine" about that from the comfort-zone of the New Jerusalem? Will we be given "Eternal hearing loss" or "Second-by-second forgetfulness" when we see our friends, our neighbours, our partners, our children, our parents, suffering without end?

Is this "joy"? Is this "no more pain"?

But we shall know true "Joy" and true "no more pain" when we realize that we are a first-fruits and others follow after us.

Remember that the gates of the City are left open. Rev 21:25

Remember there is no night in the City. Rev 21:25

Remember the nations of them that are saved do bring their glory into the City. Rev 21:24

Is the Book of Life a sealed book, or are names being continuously added on? Luke 10:20. Our names/characters are being described [Greek for written -Grapho] in Heaven - We are being fashioned into His Likeness!

What about those Outside: Rev 22:15

The dogs [the term used for gentiles and also for those who "hound" God's People with fear - Greek "Kuon" Matt7:6, Luke 16:21, Phil 3:2, 2Pet 2:22 ], the sorcerers [Pharmakos - those who meddle in the spiritual health of God's people], the Whoremongers [Pornos - Those who spiritually abuse God's People], the Murderers [Phoneus - the "phony ones" that kill God's People Spiritually], the Idolaters [eidololatreis - the worshippers of another image of God - one who always needs to be appeased with killing a fellow-man or child as a sacrifice], and last but not least - The Lie-Lovers [Pseudos - having a form of righteousness but denying the power thereof 2Pet 2:17-18].

Remember these are outside the gates of the City which is open. What blocks them from entering?

The Fire of the Lamb! The Light of the City! He refuses to cleanse his way by The Blood of the Lamb shall have **no part** in this City!

We are called to be Pure and Holy in Jesus Christ. He will transform us into the image He desires of us, we will commit ourselves unto Him that we might be cleansed.

This is not "God is in you all" so you don't need to be saved (today's New Ageism, that a few do lean on). This is not "Jesus has saved you, you only need to say it, forget about all that blood-stuff".

Our God is Good. But He is also Holy. He is Righteous. He is Just. He is The Judge of all Creation. He sent His Son to Redeem all mankind: all of mankind He will get. Not 5 million, but ALL.

Where in your theology, do the 200,000 victims of the 2004 Tsunami fit in?

Where in your theology, do the children who haven't confessed Christ before they die, fit in? [And don't say "Age of Accountability". We are all accountable. 2Cor 5:10 ]

Where in your theology, do the handicapped, those in the deep Jungles, those born into a Religion and don't "know-any-better", fit in?

Let God be True, my friend, let God be True.

He will Judge wisely. He will Judge Justly. He will Judge Remedially. For He is God and there is none beside Him! 1Sam 2:2.

The Light of Christ shall be brought to everyone, in this life and after this life. May we

Christians be true Light-Bearers of Christ Jesus to the world.

Have you ever wondered why the Book of Revelations just stops so abruptly? Sufficient is what is written to understand the Plan.

Stay blessed in Christ and please ponder deeply.

Tony

Fri Mar 09, 2007 9:40 am Post subject:

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Tony,

Pure and simple, the gospel of Christ you preach is a false gospel and is not the gospel Jesus preached, nor does the true Church of the Lord Jesus Christ preach this gospel.

Jesus declared this in Luke 13

**3 "I tell you, no, but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish.  
4 "Or do you suppose that those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them were worse culprits than all the men who live in Jerusalem?  
5 "I tell you, no, but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish."**

The gospel you preach requires no repentance, no cross, no need to be saved, and no need to be "born again".

The gospel the true Church of the Lord Jesus Christ preaches is this,

John 3,

**3 Jesus answered and said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God."  
4 Nicodemus said to Him, "How can a man be born when he is old? He cannot enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born, can he?"  
5 Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.  
6 "That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.  
7 "Do not be amazed that I said to you, 'You must be born again.'**

Acts 2:38,

**Peter said to them, "Repent, and each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.**

Acts 4:11-12,

**"He is the STONE WHICH WAS REJECTED by you, THE BUILDERS, but WHICH BECAME THE CHIEF CORNER stone. And there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men by which we must be saved."**

Heb 9:27-28,

**And inasmuch as it is appointed for men to die once and after this comes judgment, so Christ also, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time for salvation without reference to sin, to those who eagerly await Him.**

Bonhoeffer, in his book "The Cost of Discipleship," said this about your gospel,

**Cheep grace is grace without discipleship, grace without the cross, and grace without**

**Jesus Christ, living and incarnate.**

Yes, God will judge wisely and justly, but He will do so based on what we do in this life, not in the life to come.

Fri Mar 09, 2007 12:51 pm Post subject:

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I see you have a problem with Christ redeeming everyone.  
That's okay.

You don't really want everyone to enter Christ's Life, but a select few.

I see you're only need for Christ is to escape hell.  
That's okay too.

The means to Him will never change. It is the cross, the cross, the cross.

Eph 2:4 But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us,  
Eph 2:5 Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;)  
Eph 2:6 And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus:  
Eph 2:7 That in the **ages to come** he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus.  
Eph 2:8 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:  
Eph 2:9 Not of works, lest any man should boast.  
Eph 2:10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

It is the Blood of the Lamb that has purchased us.

Repentance is the **only way** to Him. Becoming born-again by the incorruptible seed of Christ.

How do you call The Reconciliation of the world by the blood of Christ 'Cheap Salvation'?  
Tread softly my friend, tread softly.

Except you repent you shall likewise perish:

Why did Our Lord say that?

How is not repenting similar to dying from the falling tower of Siloam?  
How is not repenting similar to dying in a Tsunami?

To perish is to suffer loss, to be ruined. It is not burning in an "Eternal" hell  
Apollumi (Strong's 622)

Those who died in the Tsunami, lost all physically.

Those whom the tower of Siloam fell lost all physically.  
Where will *they* go to? Heaven or Hell. Jesus had not yet died.

Why did the Apostle say, 'Preserve your spirit soul and body blameless...' 1Thess 5:23

Why were some given to satan for the destruction of the flesh? 1 Cor 5:5.

You lose out by not repenting - whether spiritually or mentally or bodily.

You lose your joy. You lose true freedom in Christ - Freedom to refuse sin and walk in righteousness.

You lose His Protection and Guiding hand.

You lose His Comfort in times of distress. etc...

You seem not to understand the difference between Gehenna (The Judge's Fire - earthly or Divine) and Hades (The place of the departed without Christ Jesus).

Here are some verses with Apolulmi in it.

(Mat 2:13) And<sup>1161</sup> when they<sup>846</sup> were departed,<sup>402</sup> behold,<sup>2400</sup> the angel<sup>32</sup> of the Lord<sup>2962</sup> appeareth<sup>5316</sup> to Joseph<sup>2501</sup> in<sup>2596</sup> a dream,<sup>3677</sup> saying,<sup>3004</sup> Arise,<sup>1453</sup> and take<sup>3880</sup> the<sup>3588</sup> young child<sup>3813</sup> and<sup>2532</sup> his<sup>846</sup> mother,<sup>3384</sup> and<sup>2532</sup> flee<sup>5343</sup> into<sup>1519</sup> Egypt,<sup>125</sup> and<sup>2532</sup> be<sup>2468</sup> there<sup>1563</sup> until<sup>2193</sup> (302) I bring thee word:<sup>2036</sup> 4671 for<sup>1063</sup> Herod<sup>2264</sup> will<sup>3195</sup> seek<sup>2212</sup> the<sup>3588</sup> young child<sup>3813</sup> to **destroy**<sup>622</sup> him.<sup>846</sup>

(Mat 5:29) And<sup>1161</sup> if<sup>1487</sup> thy<sup>4675</sup> right<sup>1188</sup> eye<sup>3788</sup> offend<sup>4624</sup> thee,<sup>4571</sup> pluck it out,<sup>1807</sup> 846 and<sup>2532</sup> cast<sup>906</sup> it from<sup>575</sup> thee:<sup>4675</sup> for<sup>1063</sup> it is profitable<sup>4851</sup> for thee<sup>4671</sup> that<sup>2443</sup> one<sup>1520</sup> of thy<sup>4675</sup> members<sup>3196</sup> should **perish**,<sup>622</sup> and<sup>2532</sup> not<sup>3361</sup> that thy<sup>4675</sup> whole<sup>3650</sup> body<sup>4983</sup> should be cast<sup>906</sup> into<sup>1519</sup> hell [Gehenna].<sup>1067</sup>

(Mat 8:25) And<sup>2532</sup> his<sup>846</sup> disciples<sup>3101</sup> came<sup>4334</sup> to him and awoke<sup>1453</sup> him,<sup>846</sup> saying,<sup>3004</sup> Lord,<sup>2962</sup> save<sup>4982</sup> us:<sup>2248</sup> we **perish**.<sup>622</sup>

(Mat 9:17) Neither<sup>3761</sup> do men put<sup>906</sup> new<sup>3501</sup> wine<sup>3631</sup> into<sup>1519</sup> old<sup>3820</sup> bottles:<sup>779</sup> else<sup>1490</sup> the<sup>3588</sup> bottles<sup>779</sup> break,<sup>4486</sup> and<sup>2532</sup> the<sup>3588</sup> wine<sup>3631</sup> runneth out,<sup>1632</sup> and<sup>2532</sup> the<sup>3588</sup> bottles<sup>779</sup> **perish**:<sup>622</sup> but<sup>235</sup> they put<sup>906</sup> new<sup>3501</sup> wine<sup>3631</sup> into<sup>1519</sup> new<sup>2537</sup> bottles,<sup>779</sup> and<sup>2532</sup> both<sup>297</sup> are preserved.<sup>4933</sup>

(Luk 6:9) Then<sup>3767</sup> said<sup>2036</sup> Jesus<sup>2424</sup> unto<sup>4314</sup> them,<sup>846</sup> I will ask<sup>1905</sup> you<sup>5209</sup> one thing:<sup>5101</sup> Is it lawful<sup>1832</sup> on the<sup>3588</sup> sabbath days<sup>4521</sup> to do good,<sup>15</sup> or<sup>2228</sup> to do evil?<sup>2554</sup> to save<sup>4982</sup> life,<sup>5590</sup> or<sup>2228</sup> to **destroy**<sup>622</sup> it?

(Luk 15:4) What<sup>5101</sup> man<sup>444</sup> of<sup>1537</sup> you,<sup>5216</sup> having<sup>2192</sup> a hundred<sup>1540</sup> sheep,<sup>4263</sup> if<sup>2532</sup> he lose<sup>622</sup> one<sup>1520</sup> of<sup>1537</sup> them,<sup>846</sup> doth not<sup>3756</sup> leave<sup>2641</sup> the<sup>3588</sup> ninety and nine<sup>1768</sup> in<sup>1722</sup> the<sup>3588</sup> wilderness,<sup>2048</sup> and<sup>2532</sup> go<sup>4198</sup> after<sup>1909</sup> that which is **lost**,<sup>622</sup> until<sup>2193</sup> he find<sup>2147</sup> it?<sup>846</sup>

(Luk 15:6) And<sup>2532</sup> when he cometh<sup>2064</sup> home,<sup>3624</sup> he calleth together<sup>4779</sup> his friends<sup>5384</sup> and<sup>2532</sup> neighbors,<sup>1069</sup> saying<sup>3004</sup> unto them,<sup>846</sup> Rejoice with<sup>4796</sup> me;<sup>3427</sup> for<sup>3754</sup> I have found<sup>2147</sup> my<sup>3450</sup> sheep<sup>4263</sup> which was **lost**.<sup>622</sup>

(Luk 15:32) It<sup>1161</sup> was meet<sup>1163</sup> that we should make merry,<sup>2165</sup> and<sup>2532</sup> be glad:<sup>5463</sup> for<sup>3754</sup> this<sup>3778</sup> thy<sup>4675</sup> brother<sup>80</sup> was<sup>2258</sup> dead,<sup>3498</sup> and<sup>2532</sup> is alive again;<sup>326</sup> and<sup>2532</sup> was<sup>2258</sup> **lost**,<sup>622</sup> and<sup>2532</sup> is found.<sup>2147</sup>

(Joh 6:39) And<sup>1161</sup> this<sup>5124</sup> is<sup>2076</sup> the<sup>3588</sup> Father's<sup>3962</sup> will<sup>2307</sup> which hath sent<sup>3992</sup> me,<sup>3165</sup> that<sup>2443</sup> of all<sup>3956</sup> which<sup>3739</sup> he hath given<sup>1325</sup> me<sup>3427</sup> I should<sup>3361</sup> **lose**<sup>622</sup> nothing,<sup>1537</sup> 846 but<sup>235</sup> should raise it up again<sup>450</sup>, 846 at<sup>1722</sup> the<sup>3588</sup> last<sup>2078</sup> day.<sup>2250</sup>

(Rom 2:12) For<sup>1063</sup> as many as<sup>3745</sup> have sinned<sup>264</sup> without law<sup>460</sup> shall also<sup>2532</sup> **perish**<sup>622</sup> without law:<sup>460</sup> and<sup>2532</sup> as many as<sup>3745</sup> have sinned<sup>264</sup> in<sup>1722</sup> the law<sup>3551</sup> shall be judged<sup>2919</sup> by<sup>1223</sup> the law;<sup>3551</sup>

(2Co 4:3) But<sup>1161</sup> if<sup>1487</sup>, (2532) our<sup>2257</sup> gospel<sup>2098</sup> be<sup>2076</sup> hid,<sup>2572</sup> it is<sup>2076</sup> hid<sup>2572</sup> to<sup>1722</sup> them that are **lost**:<sup>622</sup>

(2Jn 1:8) Look to<sup>991</sup> yourselves,<sup>1438</sup> that<sup>2443</sup> we **lose**<sup>622</sup> not<sup>3361</sup> those things which<sup>3739</sup> we have wrought,<sup>2038</sup> but<sup>235</sup> that we receive<sup>618</sup> a full<sup>4134</sup> reward.<sup>3408</sup>

It is appointed unto man once to die after this the judgment, so Christ was offered once...

Can you read that again?

Christ Jesus died once. His judgement was 3 days in Hell. So those whom he died for must suffer for all Eternity?

I think the real problem is:

Maybe you think you have given up too much to serve Christ, so everyone one else is not worthy enough to receive Him too.

That's understandable. But it doesn't justify you condemning 6 billion people forever.

Do all hear of Jesus Christ before they die? In this life?  
What happens to them?  
Calvinism can't answer. Arminianism can't.

They go through the same process -- Word comes, you hear the word (and I mean really hear with **quicken**ed ears, you feel remorse and you turn to Him who died for you.

2 people die every second. According to official stats.  
Almost 120 people a minute.

Of those, how many heard the gospel?

33% are said to be "Christian" with 17% Roman Catholic, 6% Protestant.

Among these, how many are actually saved? How many have repented of their sins?

Unfortunately, you don't want to see the real Good News.  
But that's okay. You have your salvation, and I guess you are comfortable with your theology.

But, God is not done yet!

Grace continues to flow from His wounded side. His Love will redeem, no man can stop that.  
We, His Body today, are called to be co-labourers together with Him.  
There is much harvest ahead.

Stay blessed in the One who died to save All men,

Tony

Fri Mar 09, 2007 7:07 pm Post subject:

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Tony writes,

**Quote:**

I see you have a problem with Christ redeeming everyone.  
That's okay.

You don't really want everyone to enter Christ's Life, but a select few.

I see you're only need for Christ is to escape hell.  
That's okay too.

The means to Him will never change. It is the cross, the cross, the cross.

The only truth I have to deal with are the words of Jesus when He declared this in John 6.

***40 "For this is the will of My Father, that everyone who beholds the Son and believes in Him will have eternal life, and I Myself will raise him up on the last day."***

***44 "No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him; and I will raise him up on the last day."***

Jesus will redeem those the Father draws to Him.

I want all the "whosoever wills" (John 3:16) to behold the Son because that's who God is drawing to Himself.

The need I and all sinners have is to be saved by Christ.

***Rom 5:10 For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.***

We agree the means to the saving life of Christ is the cross, the cross, the cross. We will just have to disagree as to whether the cross can save sinners who leave this temporal life as sinners.

If you want to continue this discussion, please do so under the post:

**"What does the Bible say about the reconciliation of all?"**

Blessings

Posted: Sat Mar 10, 2007 4:53 am Post subject:

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No problem,

God bless,

Tony

Responding to

Fri Mar 09, 2007 9:49 am Post subject: WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT RECONCILIATION OF ALL

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WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT...

THE ULTIMATE RECONCILIATION OF ALL?

By Betty Miller [http://bible.com/bibleanswers\\_result.php?id=132](http://bible.com/bibleanswers_result.php?id=132)

Sat Mar 10, 2007 11:21 am Post subject:

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Hi Everyone,

It's always difficult to discuss properly when a wall of "false doctrine" is set up right from the very start, and dumbing-down the people that hold such things by saying "sincere" at the same time; as well as using those among them who have leanings towards Eastern world-views.

Such articles always bring tears to my eyes, because accusing the personalities of various

groups never really helps in open discussions, as many of you may know already.

Where do I start?

I guess you've seen the discussions on the thread "a glimpse of Saddam in Hell".

So in this thread I have to "defend" a position of TURA.  
I don't think I need to do that.

The extremely wicked people e.g Hitler, Saddam, are kind of always used to buttress support for torture.

What about the "good" people that don't know Christ before they die?

I am always reminded of Cornelius in Acts 10.

Sure, all good works count as nothing before Christ - Isa 64:6. Yet we see something in Acts: A man that feared God and gave much alms and prayed to God always. 10:2.  
It doesn't mention his religion.

But yet God acknowledged his works and prayers. 10:4.

What if he had died before receiving Christ?  
I know it's a hypothetical case. But there are many Cornelius's in the world today.

I am again reminded of the Great White Throne Judgement.  
Rev 20:12  
...and the dead were judged out of those things written in the books, according to their works.

Is this just a "show-trial"? The outcome already determined.  
Could some of their names actually be also in the Book of Life?

You have only 3 positions in Christianity regarding the fate of those who have died without Christ (and it gets a little more complicated for Christians if you're in the once-saved-always-saved camp or in some other one):

1. Continuous "torture". Though these do have a brief respite at the Great White Throne when they are judged.
2. Annihilation. Complete evaporation of that person from existence. A position I suspect the author of the above article holds.
3. Restoration of every member of Humanity, no matter how long it takes. Knowing that judgement has purpose, is defined, is limited.

How many amongst us like the "Death Penalty"? How many would prefer "A Life- Sentence" for someone instead? Or how many would like to see a person truly reform in prison and come out as a shining example for the other wayward ones to follow?

Are **we** "nicer" than God?

The Heavenly Father, who causes His rain to shine on the just and the unjust equally. Matt 5:45.

Does He suddenly stop when our hearts stop beating?

It is amazing we are branded as "Divisive & opposing authority".

I guess that can be said of every denomination that now exists as "mainstream" Christianity.

When Luther got the revelation "the just shall live by faith", he was similarly branded by the Catholics, then left.

When Wesley got the revelation "sanctification", he was similarly branded by the Lutherans, and the Methodists were formed.

When some got the revelation "the gifts of the Spirit are for us today", they were similarly branded, and the Pentecostals were formed.

To say that all this started with the Unitarian movement is just not true. Things turned as early as the 3rd-4th century when St. Augustine and a few others started to challenge the majority view at that time.

We seem to always refer to Gehenna fire as Christ speaking of "Eternal" Hell (Hades).

For those who may want to check the various words used for "hell" in the English translations, please go ahead and see the different Greek renderings. They mean different things. Hades is the Hebrew equivalent of Sheol. Gehenna's Hebrew Equivalent is "Valley of Tophet or Hinnom".

Gehenna is the term also used for "those who say, 'you fool' are in danger of hell (Gehenna) fire". Matt 5:22. As well as "the tongue set on fire by hell(Gehenna) fire. James 3:6.

Gehenna simply means "The Judge's fire or Judge's Judgement". It can be an Earthly Judge in the court of law or Our Heavenly Judge.

The actual context of Matt18 and Mark9 is this:

Christ says, pluck out your eye (your ideas), cut off your hand (stop those works), cut off your foot (stop that pathway you're walking in) because you will end up in prison if you don't. Whether a normal earthly prison or one beyond this life. Because you will be subject to the Court of the land.

So: stop doing that work, stop having those ideas, stop walking in that direction in life and you will stay free of prison.

Where their worm dieth not - is a reference to the worm of the hands, the worm of the feet, the worm of the eyes. It is not a reference to the entire person but to those specific areas Our Lord mentioned.

What is a worm?

It is a representation of what happens to a physical body at death. It means a "reproach".

Psa 22:6 But I am a **worm**, and no man; a reproach of men, and despised of the people.

Isa 41:14 Fear not, thou **worm** Jacob, and ye men of Israel; I will help thee, saith the LORD, and thy redeemer, the Holy One of Israel.

So back to our context of Matt18:

When someone is jailed as a rapist. He continues to bear the reproach of "rape" even when he has reformed and come out of prison. The reproach is seen in the eyes of those on the outside.

When someone is jailed as a murderer. He continues to bear the reproach of "murder" by those on the outside.

The fire produced by this is unstoppable. It can't be quenched. It takes a very long time for people to eventually stop thinking about ex-offenders in this way. There is a lot of unforgiveness in our society and it's understandable. For the atrocities are terrible. But forgiveness can **only** always come from the affected party and no one else.

I'm getting side-tracked with a topic close to heart! Let's get back.

In the Old Testament, unquenchable fire always referred to the specific Judgements of God.

Jer 7:20 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, mine anger and my fury shall be poured out upon this place, upon man, and upon beast, and upon the trees of the field, and upon the fruit of the ground; and it shall burn, and **shall not be quenched**.

Jer 17:27 But if ye will not hearken unto me to hallow the sabbath day, and not to bear a burden, even entering in at the gates of Jerusalem on the sabbath day; then will I kindle a fire in the gates thereof, and it shall devour the palaces of Jerusalem, and it **shall not be quenched**.

Eze 20:48 And all flesh shall see that I the LORD have kindled it: it **shall not be quenched**.

I think you can get the point. When the judgement has run its course, the fire stops. Fire only burns when it has something to consume. Once its starved of "oxygen" it goes out.

I'll end with this.

What happens to those who are unexpectedly cut-off on earth e.g Disasters, Sickness and never heard of Jesus?

What happens to Children who have not made a confession for Christ before they die?

What happens to those in deep jungles?

What happens to those who grow-up surrounded by Buddhism or Islam or Hinduism and never know anything different?

Is there hope for all these?

The author talked about Christ going to only the paradise section of Sheol when He went to hell.

I would disagree.

1Pe 3:18 For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit:

1Pe 3:19 By which also he went and preached unto **the spirits in prison**;

1Pe 3:20 Which sometime **were disobedient**, when once the longsuffering of God waited **in the days of Noah**, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved by water.

She also talked about the "revered" KJV Bible.

It is a beautiful piece of work. God's words of life are always breathed upon whatever translation one uses. But that doesn't mean we must not search the original Greek/Hebrew in our quest to be free from error.

Even the "Geneva" Bible(1587) was produced before the KJV (1611) and it is still around today. They are also very similar in translation styles.

We are asked to study to show ourselves approved unto God...2Tim2:15

Well, I hope this helps. I don't have many answers for you, but God does. Seek His face and see.

I'll be away for a bit as I face my studies.

Stay blessed in Christ Jesus.

Tony

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Hi Everyone,

Just to add that I do believe that Jesus is the **ONLY WAY** to Our Heavenly Father and that the means to reach Him will **ALWAYS** remain repentance and asking Him to enter one's life.

The Cross is not done away with, nor is the Holy Blood of Christ Jesus Our Saviour.

Just food for thought: What is the Purpose of Judgement that never ever ever ends?

Stay blessed.

Tony