

# DAILY SCRIPTURE

*In our world that emphasizes tolerance (albeit very inconsistently), the idea of people being sent to an eternal hell is repugnant to many. This week our readings will take us through some key passages that show us what the Bible teaches about this doctrine.*

**MON.** Read Mark 9:42-40, Matthew 25:31-46, and Jude 8-13. What are some of the descriptions of eternal punishment found in these texts?

**TUES.** Read Revelation 11:15-19. Why do the believers give thanks? Read Revelation 14:6-20. Read Rev. 20:6—15. What descriptions of hell are given in these texts?

**WED.** Read 1 Chronicles 16:31-33, Psalm 96:11-13, and Hebrews 9:27-28. Does the Old Testament and the New Testament expect that God will ultimately judge?

**THU.** Will God's judgment be a righteous one? Read Romans 1:18 – 2:11 and Ecclesiastes 12:13-14 and decide.

**FRI.** Will God's judgment include everyone, including Christians? Read Romans 3:9-20, 1 Corinthians 3:10-15, and 2 Cor. 5:1-10 and decide.

**SAT.** Will God's judgment result in appropriately proportionate punishments and rewards? Read Luke 12:35-48, Luke 20:45-47, 1 Corinthians 3:13-15 and Luke 19:21-23.

**SUN.** Will some be surprised at the judgment's outcomes? Read Matthew 7:21-23 and Luke 16:24-31.

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BIBLICAL REASONS FOR HOPE FOR OPEN MINDED THINKERS

*“always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect”*

(from 1 Peter 3:15 ESV)

**TRINITY**  
*fellowship*

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## THE REAL & IMAGINED HYPOCRISIES OF CHRISTIANITY

USE THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS TO HELP YOU AND YOUR FAMILY/SMALL GROUP TAKE HOME TODAY'S MESSAGE

1. When someone says, "Churches are so full of hypocrites that I just can't accept what you're saying about following Jesus." How would you respond? What part of their critique could you agree with? At what points would you push back with gentleness and respect?

2. Some folks will bring up broader cases of hypocrisy found in the history of the church over the centuries as the reason they are not Christ-followers. How does this push back compare to the personal hypocrisy discussed in question 1 above?

3. Would you agree with Tim Keller's assessment that fanatical Christians (as he defines them) are really not Christian enough? What do you think the mark(s) of a true Christian really is?

4. Why is it critical to help a person get past the black eyes of Christianity (past and present) and make sure they get to dealing with Jesus Himself? How can we do that? What happens if we don't?

5. Read Acts 28:23-30. In reference to the quote from Isaiah the Old Testament prophet, what is the real reason that people won't receive the proclamation of the kingdom of God and the teaching about the Lord Jesus Christ? How should this truth impact us and the way we "do evangelism?"

6. How has this series impacted your personal level of boldness in sharing the Gospel? Decreased it? It has stayed the same? Some increase? Moderately increased? Greatly increased it? Please explain.

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