



Thru God's Eye: Life in the REAL World

Does Love Really Win? Heaven, Hell and the End of Life As We Know It

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Why Talk About Heaven and Hell?

1) Reality of Heaven and Hell

- **Eternity:**

- OT Concept
- NT Concept
- NT Phrase
- Culture Note

- **Eternal Life:**

[Jn 3:16](#) "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have **eternal life**."

[Jn 3:36](#) Whoever believes in the Son has **eternal life**; whoever does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God remains on him.

[Jn 5:24](#) Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has **eternal life**. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life.

[Jn 6:27](#) Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures to **eternal life**, which the Son of Man will give to you. For on him God the Father has set his seal."

[Jn 6:40](#) For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have **eternal life**, and I will raise him up on the last day."

[Jn 6:47](#) Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes has **eternal life**.

[Jn 6:54](#) Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood has **eternal life**, and I will raise him up on the last day.

[Jn 10:28](#) I give them **eternal life**, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand.

[Jn 17:3](#) And this is **eternal life**, that they know you the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.

- **Who Get's Eternal Life:**

- **Heaven**
 - Word Heaven:
 - Descriptions of Heaven:
- **Hell**
 - Word Hell:
 - Descriptions of Hell:
- **Literal or Figurative:** *(Are the descriptions literal or figurative? Are the places literal or figurative?)*
- **Summary and Implications:**

2) What About the Pygmies in Africa? or the Newborn Baby?

- **Example: Questions at Drexel**
- **No One is Innocent** (Romans 3:23, 6:23)
- **God is both Merciful and Just** (Exodus 34:6-8)
- **Jesus is the Only Way to God** (Acts 4:12)
- **Mysteries, Miracles, and Trust**

3) Is God a Torturer?

- **Example: “Love Wins” by Rob Bell**
- **Creating People for Destruction** (Romans 9)
- **Redemption of the Remnant** (OT Israel, II Cor. 5:10)
- **Broad and Narrow Paths** (Matthew 7:13-15)

4) Do We Need to Apologize for Hell?

- **Example: Emerging Church Comments**
- **Avoiding the Topic of Hell** (Matthew 5:29-30, 10:28)
- **Avoiding the Reality of Hell**

4) Conclusion: The Offer of Heaven!

II Corinthians 6:1-2 As God’s fellow workers we urge you not to receive God’s grace in vain. For he says, “In the time of my favor I heard you, and in the day of salvation I helped you.” I tell you, now is the time of God’s favor, now is the day of salvation.

John 3:16 “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. “

NEXT WEEK: let’s get practical! “Opening Eyes: Helping Others Discover Life in the Real World!”



October / November Calendar

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
30 6:30 Crossroads Does Love Win? Heaven, Hell and the End of Life as We Know it.	31* 6:00 Sports Basketball in Grace Gym	1 <i>*Application for BFC 2012 Mexico Mission due Oct. 31</i>	2	3 8:00 Bible Study "Weird" - Relationships	4 9:00 IS Bowling	5
6 10 am Celebration Worship & Lunch 6:30 Crossroads Opening Eyes: Helping Others Discover Life in the REAL World	7 6:00 Sports Basketball in Grace Gym	8	9	10 8:00 Bible Study "Weird" - Sexuality	11 ** BFC Tanzania Banquet	12 ** Q.Town Conf. on Reformed Theology
13 9 am Missions Worship & Café' 6:30 Crossroads ** Missions Night - Warners (Mongolia), Josh Mills, Skype with Andrew & Jess	14 6:00 Sports Basketball in Grace Gym	15	16 Missions: 5:30 – meal 7 - program	17 No Bible Study Missions week	18 Missions: 7 - program	19 Missions: 8:30 – prayer breakfast 5 – dinner & missions fest.
20 6:00 International Student Thanksgiving Dinner at Widener	21 6:00 Sports Basketball in Grace Gym	22	23	24 No Bible Study Thanksgiving	25	26

Upcoming Events

Friday November 4 at 9:00 pm - Midnight

Go with Widener International Students Bowling (\$10)
Drivers Needed – see Mark Bickel

Sunday, November 20 at 6:00 pm @ Widener

International Student Thanksgiving
Cooks and set-up people needed, see Emily

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Mark Your Calendars

February 10-12, 2012

Crossroads Winter Retreat

June 8-10, 2012

BFC Young Adults Retreat

Other Events of Interest

**** BFC Tanzania Project Banquet:** Friday
night Nov. 11, Cedar Crest BFC, Allentown

**** Quakertown Regional Conference on Reformed Theology: Our Great God**
– Fri. night Nov. 11 and Sat. Nov. 12

**** Mark Bickel is attending both events**