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# If God Is Right, Why Are So Many Wrong?

As we continue this study of complicated questions, we now come to a question that truly bothers so many Christians. Obviously, we have seen in this study and from what the Bible teaches that God is right. Paul declared, "I know whom I believe" (2 Tim 1:12). One would think that most people would want to be right and not wrong. Yet, that is not the case. The percentage of people that follow God's way as N.T. disciples is always at the bottom of the list. Eastern religions, denominationalism has more followers than God's true way. The fastest growing religion in America is "no religion."

Jesus said in Matthew 7:13 "...for the gate is wide and the way is broad that leads to destruction, and there are many who enter through it."

- Romans 1:18-19 For the wrath of God is revealed from Heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, because that which is known about God is evident with them; for God made it evident to them.
- Romans 1:21 "For even though they knew God, they did not honor Him as God or give thanks, but they became futile in their speculations, and their foolish heart was darkened."
- Philippians 3:18-19 "For many walk, of whom I often told you, and now tell you even weeping, that they are enemies of the cross of Christ, whose end is destruction, whose god is their appetite, and whose glory is in the shame, who set their minds on earthly things."

This study looks at the "Why?" If God is right, why are so many wrong? Why are so many headed to an eternal crash? These are not just statistics, this is our friends and family. There are three central concepts that are misunderstood that help us answer this question.

## Hell is No Longer \_\_\_\_\_

The subject of Hell has disappeared from most pulpits in the country. The doctrine of annihilation and universalism have become widely accepted and popularized.

- ❑ John Lennon sang in his song, "Imagine," "...*Imagine there's no Heaven, it's easy if you try; No Hell below us, above us only sky*". That is annihilation. We simply cease to exist.
- ❑ Popular books, like Rob Bell's Love Wins, teaches that in the end, God's love will melt even the hardest heart and all will be saved. Love wins in the end. All will be saved and none lost. That is Universalism.

### Five Truths About Hell (Mt 25:46)

1. Hell is \_\_\_\_\_
2. Hell is \_\_\_\_\_
3. Hell is \_\_\_\_\_
4. Hell is made for \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_ will go there

There are more than 50 references to Hell in the N.T.

## God Is As \_\_\_\_\_ of Sin As We Are

Society has renamed and relabeled sin and softened the "wrongness" of it. Culture has glamorized and popularized sin (Prov 24:1-2; 23:17).

- ❑ The holiness and justice of God demands accountability (Rom 14:12; 2 Cor 5:10) - Prov 2:22; 3:33
- ❑ The wages of sin is death (Rom 6:23)
- ❑ The works of the flesh are against the nature and purpose of God (Gal 5:19-21)
- ❑ God has made us to be like Him (Rom 8:29; 1 Pet 1:16)

## The Doctrine of \_\_\_\_\_ is Misunderstood

It is commonly taught that God chooses specific people who will be saved. Nothing one does can change or alter that. So, in the end, it doesn't matter how you live, God has either chosen to save you or not. This is part of the Calvinistic TULIP system referred to as "Unconditional election" and "Limited Atonement."

Eph 1:4 "Just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we would be holy and blameless before Him in love."

Col 3:12 "So, as those who have been chosen of God, holy and beloved, put on a heart of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience."

1 Peter 2:9 "But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God's own possession, so that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light."

- God chooses a "class" of people who will be saved, not specific individuals (Mark 16:15; John 3:16; 2 Pet 3:9)
- The blood of Jesus is available to all (1 John 2:2)

### A. Why are so many wrong?

1. John 3:19-21

Men love \_\_\_\_\_

Men do not want their deeds known

What is there about darkness that people love?

2. Being a Disciple of Jesus involves: (Luke 9:23)

- Denying \_\_\_\_\_

- \_\_\_\_\_

- \_\_\_\_\_ to Christ

3. Sin is fun (Heb 11:25)

What are the lies of Satan?

4. Believed a \_\_\_\_\_ (Rom 1:25)

God gave them over to: Lusts of their hearts (24)

Degrading passions (26)

Depraved mind (28)

- 2 Cor 11:3-4; 2 Tim 2:18; Titus 1:11

Knowing this, what is our role?

