

A Sure Foundation

The beliefs that we build our lives on

WHAT IS HELL?

We don't preach fire and brimstone anymore, but that does not change the certainty of it. In Revelation we see God again and again giving the opportunity for the terror of the judgments to bring sinful mankind to a saving repentance. But the appeal of that is drastically reduced if we avoid the topic of what we are saved from. We just plain have a problem with hell. We avoid the topic, and "good" people are reluctant to even say the word. To give it thought forces us to deal with the idea that yes, our sweet, loving Father is going to allow people, people that we know and love, to spend a torturous eternity apart from Him. It kind of wrecks our teddy bear image of a God who is more for our comfort and security than to reign as lord of our life. Those who go to hell have no desire to be with God in life, so their wish is granted in death. Whatever the desire on earth will be the "gift" for eternity. Those who want to be under God's rule go to heaven to serve Him in worship forever. Heaven just isn't the place for those who want to be their own master. Satan knew what heaven was like and still didn't want to be there because he wasn't the one calling the shots and getting the glory. So, God granted his wish just as He will also give us what we choose. Whatever we choose in life is our choice for eternity. The pure in heart will see God (Matt. 5:8) because that is their single-minded desire. God will not reveal to us what we do not wish to see. Heaven is for those who adore God, and hell is for those who adore self. Do we desire to live in the light or in the dark? To know of the horror of hell is to have our choice made clear. That's why the rich man wanted to warn his brothers. That's why God gives us glimpses through Scripture. That's why, in our short lifespan, we need to not skirt the issue of hell, for it is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

"I know of no one who has overstated the terror of Hell.... We are meant to tremble and feel dread. We are meant to recoil from the reality. Not by denying it, but by fleeing from it into the arms of Jesus, who died to save us from it." John Piper

MONTH 8

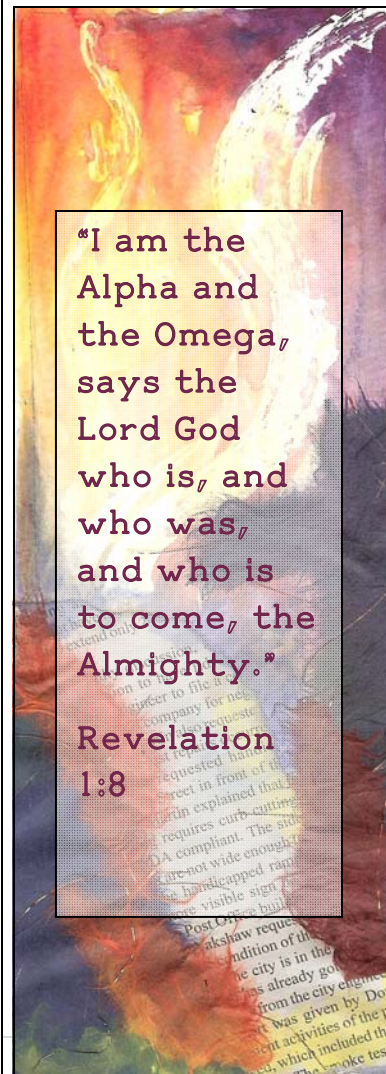
WEEK 3

READ:

Revelation 12-17

"I am the Alpha and the Omega, says the Lord God who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty."

Revelation 1:8



WHO IS SATAN?

I cringe when I see Satan made into a cartoon character or Halloween costume. We minimize his capability to deceive and destroy. We make him a joke instead of an enemy worth being wary of. That is far from the picture that Scripture paints of him!

What do we learn about Satan and what he is like from these Scriptures?

Gen. 3:1 _____
Job 1:6-12 _____
Mark 4:15 _____
Luke 10:18 _____
Luke 22:3 _____
2 Cor. 11:14 _____
2 Cor. 12:7 _____
Rev. 12:7-12 _____
Rev. 20:1-3,10 _____



WHAT IS HELL?

Who was hell prepared for? (Matthew 25:41) _____

What is hell like for the rich man in Luke 16:19-26? _____

What are sinners warned to do in Matt. 23:33 and Luke 3:7? _____

Who should be feared according to Matt. 10:28? _____

What does Zechariah 1:6 say that punishment will be based on? _____

How did Job feel about “destruction from God” in Job 31:23? _____



What do we learn about hell from these passages?

Isaiah 14:11 _____

Isaiah 38:18 _____

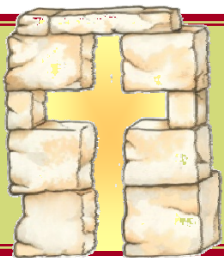
Matt. 25:30 _____

Hebrew 10:28-29 _____

Rev. 14:11 _____

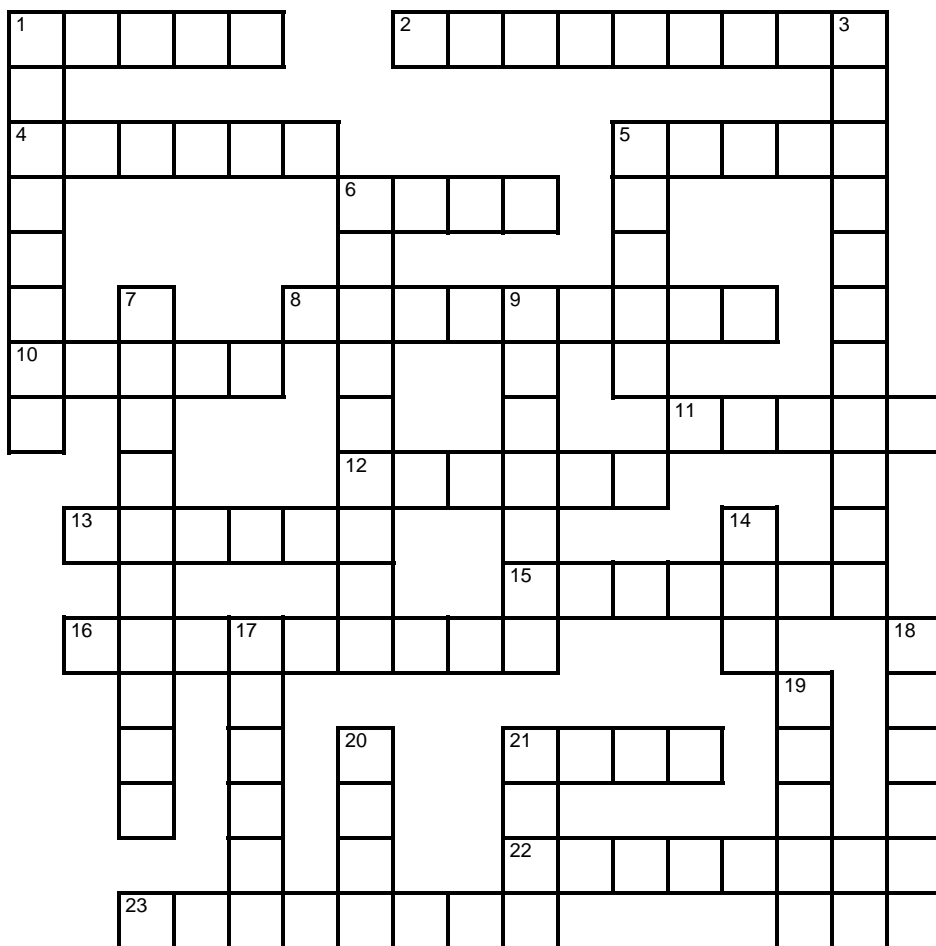
Rev. 21:8 _____

What did Jesus experience immediately following His death on the cross? _____



PUZZLE PAGE

Attributes of Hell



Across

- 1 Luke 16:23 (5)
- 2 taken on those who do not know God 2 Thess. 1:8 (9)
- 4 Isaiah 24:22 (6)
- 5 Ezek. 32:24 (5)
- 6 Deut. 32:22 (4)
- 8 a lake of this Rev. 20:10 (9)
- 10 arose from the pit Rev. 9:2 (5)
- 11 gnashing of these Matt. 13:50 (5)
- 12 the destruction of God causes this Job 31:23 (6)
- 13 nations who _____ God turned into hell Ps. 9:17 (6)
- 15 Matt. 13:50 (7)
- 16 dark forever Jude 13 (9)
- 21 doesn't die Mark 9:46 (4)
- 22 without light Ps. 88:6 (8)
- 23 Ezek. 26:20 (8)

Down

- 1 1 Thess. 4:13 (8)
- 3 punished with _____ destruction 2 Thess. 1:9 (11)
- 5 Ps. 16:10 (5)
- 6 Ps. 88:5 (9)
- 7 the pit is _____ Rev. 9:1 (10)
- 9 belong to the wicked Ps. 32:10 (7)
- 14 Job 33:24 (3)
- 17 found in hell 2 Peter 2:4(6)
- 18 unless you repent Luke 13:3 (6)
- 19 God's wrath Lam. 4:11 (5)
- 20 stench Rev. 18:2 (4)
- 21 the gate to destruction Matt. 7:13 (4)

