

## ALTERNATIVE THEORIES TO THE AFTERLIFE Part III

Reference: miscellaneous Scripture

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Historical evangelical Christianity teaches that at the precise micro moment someone dies, his soulish essence and personhood evacuates his material being and he goes on to continue to be himself somewhere else: in eternal conscious happiness in heaven or in eternal conscious torment in hell.

This multi-part message addresses some after death alternatives to that traditional evangelical position.

### ONE...purgatory

### TWO...Christian universalism

### THREE...annihilation sometimes called conditional immortality and

Definition: Annihilation is the doctrine that teaches hell incinerates someone into \_\_\_\_\_.

Robert Peterson has argued that there are at least ten texts of Scripture that address hell in explicit language: **Isaiah 66:22-24; Daniel 12:2,3; Matthew 18:6-9; 25:31-46; Mark 9:42-48; II Thessalonians 1:6-10; Jude 7,13; Revelation 14:9-11; 20:10, 14-15**

Three things that characterize the final state of the damned:

- \_\_\_\_\_ separation
- \_\_\_\_\_ experience
- just \_\_\_\_\_

The New Testament uses three basic Greek words for hell:

- \_\_\_\_\_  
Reference: **II Peter 2:4**  
Definition: a special compartment created to punish certain fallen angels (\_\_\_\_\_)
- \_\_\_\_\_  
References: **Matthew 11:23; 16:18; Luke 10:15, 16:23; Acts 2:27, 31; I Corinthians 15:55; Revelation 1:18, 6:8, 20:13, 14**  
Definition: a special compartment containing the \_\_\_\_\_ spirits from the dead: originally consisting of both paradise and torment sections to accommodate both the righteous and unrighteous  
Reference: **Luke 16:19-23** (see screen)

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Reference: **Matthew 5:22, 29, 30; 10:28; 18:9; 23:15, 33; Mark 9:43, 45,47; Luke 12:5; James 3:6**  
Definition: a special compartment containing the combined spirits and resurrected bodies of the unrighteous from all time subjecting them to \_\_\_\_\_.

Some annihilationist's argue their case from:

Reference: **Matthew 10:28**, where Jesus said, "*And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. But rather fear Him (God) who is able to **destroy both soul and body in hell.***"

Response:

To better understand this subject let's consider two questions:

- Question: Do unregenerate unsaved people experience \_\_\_\_\_ in hell?
- Question: Do those unregenerate unsaved people suffer that torment \_\_\_\_\_?

Biblical texts that address those questions:

Reference: **Matthew 25:41 and 46**

**verse forty-one**, "*Then He (Jesus) will also say to those on the left hand, 'Depart from Me, you cursed, into the **everlasting fire** prepared for the devil and his angels:'"*

**verse forty-six**, "*And these will go away into **everlasting** (aionois) **punishment**, but the righteous into **eternal** (aionois) **life.***"

Reference: **Jude 7, 12-13 and 21** (see screen)

Reference: **Revelation 14:9-11**

**verse nine**, "*Then a third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, 'If anyone worships the beast and his image, and receives his mark on his forehead or on his hand,'"*

**verse ten**, "*he himself shall also drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out full strength into the cup of His indignation. **He shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb** (Jesus)."*

**verse eleven**, "*And **the smoke of their torment ascends forever and ever; and they have no rest day or night, who worship the beast and his image, and whoever receives the mark of his name.***"

Reference: **Revelation 20:10**, "*The devil who deceived them, was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone where the beast (the anti-Christ) and the false prophet are. **And they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.***"