

Why would a loving God create Hell?

Many non-Christians state that one of the reasons they reject Christianity is the existence of hell. They have trouble accepting the description of God as being loving yet creating a place of eternal torment.

1. What is the purpose of hell?

Deuteronomy **32:21-22**
Matthew **5:21-22**

Isaiah **5:11-15**; 14:12-15

Hell is a place for the eternally condemned. It was created to house the guilty for as long as their soul endures. Since the soul is eternal, so is hell.

2. What character of God would require a place like hell?

Psalms 9:16-17
Exodus 34:7
Leviticus **19:2-4**

Habakkuk **1:12-13**
Numbers **14:18**

God is perfectly holy and righteous. He must condemn the guilty and judge each man according to his deeds. The man that has sinned against God is guilty and justly deserving of condemnation and hell.

3. What character of men would require a place like hell?

Matthew **23:31-35**
Revelation 20:12-15
Genesis **1:26-27**

2 Peter 2:1-6
Romans 3:23; **6:12-14**

Men are by nature sinful and wicked before God. Since man was created in the image and likeness of God, he will exist forever. Because of the perfect righteous nature of God, He cannot allow sin to go unpunished.

4. Who is responsible for someone being in hell?

Revelation **20:12-15**
Deuteronomy **30:19-20**

Matthew **10:32-33**

Each individual person is solely responsible for their pathway into hell. Since every person has individually sinned against God, God must condemn every person to hell. While some people try to blame God, God is not responsible for man's descent into hell.

5. What can be done to escape the reality of hell?

Matthew **16:17-19**
Acts **16:30-31**

Romans 4:21-25

In order to escape the condemnation of hell, it is required for a person to submit himself to God through faith in Jesus Christ. Apart from faith in Jesus, there is no hope of escaping judgment.