

# Dear God... If you are loving, why would you allow people to go to hell?

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[Matt 25:31-46](#)

[Jesus said] 31 "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his throne in heavenly glory. 32 All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. 33 He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left. 34 "Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. 35 For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, 36 I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.' 37 "Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink?' 38 When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you?' 39 When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?' 40 "The King will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.' 41 "Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. 42 For I was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, 43 I was a stranger and you did not invite me in, I needed clothes and you did not clothe me, I was sick and in prison and you did not look after me.' 44 "They also will answer, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison, and did not help you?' 45 "He will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.' 46 "Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life."

Because God is loving and just...

## 1. **HE HAS WARNED US ABOUT HELL**

[Rom 3:23](#)

for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

[Rom 6:23](#)

For the wages of sin is death...

[Matt 25:32](#)

All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats.

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## 2. **HE DOESN'T WANT ANYONE TO GO TO HELL**

[2 Peter 3:9](#)

The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

Because God is loving and just...

## 3. **HE SENT JESUS TO SAVE US FROM HELL**

[Rom 6:23](#)

For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

[John 3:16-18](#)

16 "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. 17 For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. 18 Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because he has not believed in the name of God's one and only Son.

[John 14:6](#)

Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

[Acts 4:12](#) (Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit said this about Jesus)  
Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved."

[1 Peter 2:24](#)

He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed.