

## General Topics :: 3 days = Infinity?

### 3 days = Infinity?, on: 2010/11/23 16:46

I'm trying to find out more about who God is and trying to dig deeper into Christianity.

How does Jesus's 3 days in hell equate for an eternity in hell for people? If Christ only had to stay in hell for 3 days, shouldn't the penalty for humans be for only 3 days in hell?

Christ had to become human for him to be the sacrifice. Because he couldn't take our place if he wasn't. But then why doesn't this apply to the time spent in hell.

Please explain. I am speaking out of confusion.

### Re: 3 days = Infinity? - posted by Areadymind (), on: 2010/11/23 17:00

This sermon might help you.

<https://www.sermonindex.net/modules/mydownloads/visit.php?lid=16868>

However, be a Berean.

### Re: 3 days = Infinity? - posted by sojourner7 (), on: 2010/11/23 17:24

GOD is just; HE offered HIS Beloved Son to atone for our sins. It was our shame and sin that hung on the cross, and GOD poured out HIS wrath against sin upon the SON whom HE dearly loved. HE had to turn HIS face away and forsake HIS SON!! Imagine the breadth, the depth, the length, the height of GOD'S great love as HIS heart was broken for us!!

### Re: 3 days = Infinity? - posted by twayneb (), on: 2010/11/23 17:29

codek: I hope this does not start a heated debate. I totally agree with the advice that you should be a Berean and study this thing out for yourself. I will give you my point of view and maybe it will help.

You will find two views of this issue. 1. Those who die without Christ will spend eternity suffering in hell. It will last forever and never end. 2. Those who die without Christ will be destroyed in hell (the lake of fire) and that is it. The predominant view seems to be burning forever. I guess I do not hold to the predominant view and for several reasons.

First I feel the Biblical support for destruction of the wicked is stronger than the support for eternal burning. Matt. 10:28, John 3:16, John 10:8, Romans 9:22, 2 Thes. 1:8-9, 2 Peter 3:7 among other verses speak of the destruction of the unrepentant pretty plainly in my opinion. There are verses that speak of "forever" and "everlasting" that are used to support eternal burning, but I think when you take the aggregate of all scripture on the topic, the conclusion you reach is that they are destroyed. Most would probably disagree with me, but I am not contentious and for good reason as I will explain.

Second, I feel it more consistent with the character and nature of God to destroy rather than to torment forever. This, I think, is probably the thought process that sparked your question.

Now, the reason I am not contentious about this point. God is a God of love and righteousness and truth. As such He is also a God of justice and judgment, for without justice in separating right from wrong and reward of right and punishment of wrong, there is no love, righteousness, or truth. In the end, even we who are bought with the blood of Jesus will look at the judgment that the unrepentant receive and say that God is just in meting out the punishment of hell. Rev. 16:7. I

don't think God would be unjust to ordain that the punishment for shunning a free gift of salvation bought with the blood of His Son to be eternal burning. The creator of the universe who gave man a free choice, and who man shunned and sinned against pays so great a price in blood that we might be saved from wrath, freed from sin, and empowered to be the sons of God and we, speaking as a lost person, reject that sacrifice and refuse to accept what was provided by grace for us. What kind of punishment are we worthy of? That is why I am not contentious. I just don't believe eternal burning is what He has ordained, but rather destruction.

**Re: - posted by Madefree (), on: 2010/11/23 17:39**

I had a similar question that I asked myself, and this is the answer I came to. (The same answer may or may not help you with your question due to the fact that mine was a different question)

The time spent in hell was not infinite. But CHRIST WAS infinite as He was God. But in being God He did not cease to be Man and in being Man He did not cease to be God. I think of it this way (and what I say means virtually nothing)

Christ = eternity

Spiritual death = eternity

**Re: - posted by MyVeryHeart (), on: 2010/11/23 17:54**

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Twayneb,

And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal. Matthew 25:46

The word for eternal and everlasting are from the same root. the greek word is Aiwn. It means eternal, without end. The punishment for the goats in this verse is forever. If they are destroyed how can they be punished forever? The word for punishment is kolasis which means "correction, punishment, penalty."

Contentious means fond of strife. Let us not be that. Please just consider this passage in light of your views. Let eternity be stamped on our eyes.

God Bless

**Re: , on: 2010/11/23 18:14**

See, this is the point. Why are there so many debates about Christianity? If this is the ULTIMATE truth, how come there are so many debates about issues like this.

Why doesn't God just come down and settle it all. I'm under incredible stress because I can't figure all of this out. But until we die, we will continually be guessing.

That is why it's so hard for me to trust God because I'm sitting here seeking after God this past year. And this was the thing that was always on my mind. I put health, job, relationships on the side just to figure this out and to this day I can't figure it out. It just seems like it's too hard to figure out.

Is God trying to confuse us? There are so many interpretations of the word and everyone has their thoughts on certain matters but why so much confusion.

I just feel that God is messing with us at times and that there is no point to all of this sometimes because there are no answers and God just sits there silent, not saying a word.

And yes people say, just read the word as an act of worship but it isn't clear most of the time. And topics like this arise out of reading the word.

The only thing that I'm clinging onto is the fact that the world is continually getting worse and I can see the events in Revelations coming about and I never thought I could've said that in my lifetime.

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It IS too hard to figure out, and especially with our own natural or unrenewed mind.

Isaiah 55:9

For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.

This is why we need the Holy Spirit to speak truth directly into our spirits, which somehow, by a miracle, God enables us to understand spiritually, and as we receive that truth in our hearts, and mediate upon it, and grapple with it in our minds, He brings us through to mental understanding of something more than we 'knew' before.

But we need to give up all thought of subjecting His wisdom and knowledge to the scrutiny of our fallen minds. That, is a lost cause!

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To be practical, you have to decide whether you are going to believe God's word. When that is settled, and your mind is fixed on getting to know Him through His word, you will find yourself gaining understanding. I say so with conviction, because of this testimony:

James 1:5 If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him. 6 But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind. 7 For let not that man suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; 8 a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.

With regard to your particular question, Paul Washer in his famous sermon The True Gospel, deals with the infinite nature and worthiness of Christ as our sacrifice. For the same reason, 3 days in 'hell' would be enough for all the people who will ever live, for whom He died.

Regarding the concept of 'everlasting' or 'eternal', Young in his literal translation of the Bible, uses the phrase 'age-during', which thereby accommodates the major eras within which God has, or will, reveal Himself to mankind.

God has not revealed much about what will happen in the next age, but He reveals Christ to us, that He may be in us, that we may prove Him faithful to all of His present revelation, and thus honestly, consciously, deliberately, choose to please Him, that we may be with in in the next age, whatever that may hold for us.

Matthew 7:17 "Even so, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. 18 "A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor a bad tree bear good fruit. 19 "Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. 20 "Therefore by their fruits you will know them. 21 "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven.

Another thing to consider, is the perspective of the person dying. To aid you in this, read Ezeziel 18. But remember this was written a long time ago. A necessary question is, whether anything has changed because of Christ's sacrifice. Without doubt, to those who believe, it has changed, because we receive the power to become sons of God. But what of those who don't believe? Is their condemnation GREATER, since Christ has come?

It is useful to remember when reading the New Testament, that the word 'reward' doesn't always mean something good

s going to happen to the person receiving it. God will treat them the way they treated Him and others, unless they repented if that was appropriate.

**Re: 3 days = Infinity? - posted by InTheLight (), on: 2010/11/23 18:44**

What makes you think that He spent three days in hell? Did Jesus have to suffer punishment for His sins in hell? What did Jesus mean when he cried from the cross, "It is finished"

In Christ,

Ron

**Re: - posted by ginnyrose (), on: 2010/11/23 18:53**

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I think you are thinking too hard, trying to figure out too many things.

I suggest you focus on the LORD Jesus, allow his spirit to live within and be open to his teaching. There are many things one does not understand but with time illumination will come. And until that happens just know that what God decides will be better than anything you or anyone else could do or figure out. Knowledge and wisdom reside in the Godhead and it will be perfect.

In the meantime, study the Scripture, asking the LORD for illumination. If you do not understand something, do not fret - I am 63 and still don't know everything, but I do not allow it to bother me at all. Ever consider how boring life would be if you could figure out everything when you wanted to?

Take care and God bless...

ginnyrose

**Re: - posted by Renoncer, on: 2010/11/23 19:09**

Just to clarify:

Jesus didn't go to hell after the cross; He suffered hell on the cross, in that hour of darkness.

Be careful of translations that translate "hades" as "hell". Jesus went down to "hades", not "hell". Hades is the realm of the dead.

Brief explanations:

- 1) To the thief on the cross, He said TODAY you will be WITH ME in paradise.
- 2) Jesus preached to the spirits who were NOW in prison, in THAT SAME STATE (departed from the body, alive in the Spirit). But, the preaching happened IN THE DAYS of Noah.
- 3) It was on the cross that Jesus was made sin for us. It was on the cross that Jesus cried out, "Why have You forsaken Me?" However, when this was over, He said, "Into Your hands I commit My spirit". The agony was over.

I just wanted to offer this clarification in order to avoid serious misunderstandings. I do not intend to argue. Test everything. Keep whatever is good, abstain from every form of evil.

Your servant in Christ,  
Renoncer

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Thanks ginnyrose. I am trying too hard. The reason that is because I don't feel I have a relationship with Christ right a lot of times. Just to clarify a bit, I'm doing all of this to try to have a RELATIONSHIP with Jesus. I'm not doing this to know everything. I just want a RELATIONSHIP with Him. I really don't want to try this hard.

I don't have a good foundation with Jesus. My foundation has been rocked so hard that now I question everything and I trust no one. I can honestly say I don't trust the Christians in my life. The Christians in my life think there is nothing wrong with what Rick Warren, and sometimes even what Joel Osteen preaches. (I'm not against these people, I pray for them, what they teach is wrong, not all of it but some of their doctrine is off.) A couple of them at church know the truth and do NOTHING about it and tell me I'm very brave and try to not associate with me because it hurts their social standing. (That's why you always judge a person's character by their actions and never their words)

Everyday I tell myself to just give up and quit and that there can't be a God because everything is so messed up. God will not allow you to be the only Christian you know.

I honestly can understand how those prophets felt when everyone was against them. I've lost all my friends because I didn't keep my mouth shut. I'm not a socially dysfunctional person but because I always try to speak truth, love, and seek justice, it really kicked me in the behind.

I want to barf everytime I go to church. Now I go and just learned to shut my mouth and go along cause I can't do anything about it anyway. People are sick of it and I get no backup from God. He doesn't say a word.

I don't want to sound like a broken record but basically

-I don't really know God.

-I'm trying to strengthen my relationship with God by doing all this (praying, reading bible (as an act of worship), fellowship, talking to God any chance I get) and nothing works. (all my efforts are to have a relationship with Him but He is very cold to me right now and pretty much all my life. That's why I was so angry with Him cause I gave up a lot and I trusted Him)

-God has to show up in my life or I'll be forever lost.

-I'm running on fumes right now and I feel God really just manipulated me and made a loser here and then He just ups and leaves.

-I can't do this much longer. It's killing me inside.

Re: 3 days = Infinity?, on: 2010/11/23 20:21

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If you reckoned yourself dead already, might that not help?

Hebrews 4:11

Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief.

Isaiah 45:11

Thus saith the LORD, the Holy One of Israel, and his Maker, Ask me of things to come concerning my sons, and concerning the work of my hands command ye me.

Genesis:32

24 And Jacob was left alone; and there wrestled a man with him until the breaking of the day... 30 And Jacob called the name of the place Peniel: for I have seen God face to face, and my life is preserved. {Peniel: that is, The face of God} 31 And as he passed over Penuel the sun rose upon him, and he halted upon his thigh.

Come, O thou Traveler unknown,  
Whom still I hold, but cannot see!  
My company before is gone,  
And I am left alone with Thee;  
With Thee all night I mean to stay,  
And wrestle till the break of day.

I need not tell Thee who I am,  
My misery and sin declare;  
Thyself hast called me by my name,  
Look on Thy hands, and read it there;  
But who, I ask Thee, who art Thou?  
Tell me Thy name, and tell me now.

Yield to me now, for I am weak,  
But confident in self-despair;  
Speak to my heart, in blessings speak,  
Be conquered by my instant prayer;  
Speak, or Thou never hence shalt move,  
And tell me if Thy Name is Love.

Â'Tis Love! Â'tis Love! Thou diedst for me!  
I hear Thy whisper in my heart;  
The morning breaks, the shadows flee,  
Pure, universal love Thou art;  
To me, to all, Thy bowels move;  
Thy nature and Thy Name is Love.

My prayer hath power with God; the grace  
Unspeakable I now receive;  
Through faith I see Thee face to face,  
I see Thee face to face, and live!  
In vain I have not wept and strove;  
Thy nature and Thy Name is Love.

I know Thee, Savior, who Thou art.  
Jesus, the feeble sinner's friend;  
Nor wilt Thou with the night depart.  
But stay and love me to the end,  
Thy mercies never shall remove;  
Thy nature and Thy Name is Love.

Contented now upon my thigh  
I halt, till life's short journey end;  
All helplessness, all weakness I  
On Thee alone for strength depend;  
Nor have I power from Thee to move:  
Thy nature, and Thy name is Love.

Lame as I am, I take the prey,  
Hell, earth, and sin, with ease overcome;  
I leap for joy, pursue my way,  
And as a bounding hart fly home,  
Through all eternity to prove  
Thy nature and Thy Name is Love.

**Re: - posted by jimp, on: 2010/11/23 20:23**

hi,judging others has an awful price. you doubt because you have set your self up as a judge and not a man of faith.joe l osteen or rick warren have no influence in your life unless you make it your business to get involved in theirs either by judging or following.let Jesus take care of everyone else and you just put your trust in Jesus alone and not worry about anyone else.you will stand before Him one day alone...joel will not be with you or rick or anyone at your church. what they do is their business and they will have to answer to God also naked and alone.Jesus came not to condemn the world but to save it and that is still the program...this includes rick and joel and codex and even me.jimp

**Re: , on: 2010/11/23 20:25**

Yes, Jesus was only made sin on the cross. "Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit" (Luke 23:46) shows that.

Codek, Madefree's post is on the right track in answering your original question. There's something about Christ being God that made his suffering on the cross eternal, and yet he still suffered as a man. Perhaps this verse sheds some light on this topic:

"How much more shall the blood of Christ, who THROUGH THE ETERNAL SPIRIT offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?" (Hebrews 9:14)

I'd also say there was something about the life of the One being offered. The cross was only the completion of what Jesus had done for 33 years- empty himself, deny himself!

"Therefore will I divide him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he hath poured out his soul unto death: and he was numbered with the transgressors; and he bare the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors." Isaiah 53:12)

"But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross ." (Phillipians 2:7-8)

Christ's life, which he offered up through the Eternal Spirit, was worth as much or more to God, as the lives of all men suffering in hell forever would be. I believe this would be the significance of the blood of Christ, as "the life is in the blood" and why redemption can only come by Christ's blood. (Ephesians 1:7)

I hope sharing this is profitable to you in some way. I noticed your latest post while writing this, and I want to encourage you that Jesus shows up and works when all hope in ourselves is lost. Don't give up on Jesus though to come through for you. Every miracle in the gospel of John illustrates this. Looking at those may be profitable to you. Praying for you.

**Re: - posted by Renoncer, on: 2010/11/23 20:44**

Codek, if you are struggling because sin and hypocrisy abound around you, take heart in the fact that God's justice will be served. However, this is only good news for those who are found in the righteousness of Christ.

O our God, will you not execute judgment on them? For we are powerless against this great horde that is coming against us. We do not know what to do, but our eyes are on you (2 Chronicles 20:12).

As for having a relationship with God, you should know that God is much closer to you than you think. Please read through

gh the Prophets (Isaiah through Malachi) and see how much He speaks about His response to evil, suffering, injustice, hypocrisy, false worship, idolatry, and every sinful thing that abounds. God is NOT SILENT on these issues. He has spoken FOR YOUR PERSONAL ENCOURAGEMENT (Romans 15:4).

He regards the prayer of the destitute and does not despise their prayer. Let this be recorded for a generation to come, so that a people yet to be created may praise the LORD (Psalms 102:17-18).

**Re: , on: 2010/11/23 21:25**

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I heard this many times but why does he wait for all hope to be lost.

Right now, I don't have that much left. Unless you want me literally sell the clothes off my back and live in the streets. I'm not homeless or anything of that sort but I did lose my job and had to move back in with the parents. My savings is gone. God doesn't want me work right now and that's why I don't have a job. So I'm waiting for Him and I'm surviving for now.

**Re: - posted by Renoncer, on: 2010/11/23 21:33**

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**Re: - posted by jimp, on: 2010/11/23 21:47**

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**Re: - posted by 4hearts, on: 2010/11/23 22:39**

What are you focused on? or who....Christ does not want your heart...he will GIVE YOU HIS.....can you die to self? You got to give it up.....2 get on. Blessing's on yah.

**Re: , on: 2010/11/23 23:05**

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There are good and true words, man. Codek, sometimes stuff looks rather hopeless. Look at king David. Promised the kingship of Israel from a young age, but he spend the next 20 plus years in misery, most of the time running for his life. Things probably looked pretty dark for him as well.

Keep on waiting and trusting in the Lord. Your time will come, if you stay faithful, and don't take your eyes off of the One through whom your salvation from this dark time will come. These words probably sound generic, but I can think of none other to give. Sometimes everything appears to go wrong before it goes right. I've tasted this myself. I hope it encourages you.



Re: , on: 2010/11/24 2:15

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no worries. well there is too kinds of judgement right. I forgot the technical terms but there is a righteous judgement when something is wrong. Just like when Nathan corrected David, the prophets corrected the people, etc. I'm sorry if my comment came off like I was judging in a way saying I'm better than anyone. I'm not better than Joel Osteen, Paul Washer or even Adolf Hitler. I'm just trying to call out what's wrong because it needs to be done. Trust me I don't like to be the one pointing it out but I do it because no one else around me will do it.

btw, you can rebuke, judge me all you want. As long it is for correction and not as a "I'm better than you contest".

That kind of judgement is welcome.

Re: , on: 2010/11/24 2:28

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Usually those words would be generic and ineffective but I think those words at this time were timely. I was about to give up again today, denounce God, pick up the remains of my shattered life and move on and try to get it back together on my own but after reading these posts I will hang on for another day

Those bible stories are true and so often we forget the hardship that Joseph, David, Abraham, Moses, Job and others went through. At church, they make being a Christian sound like there are never any problems for more than 5 seconds and that suffering means that you are a weak christian. But in actuality suffering means that you a genuine christian.

I'm sick of this. I'm 31 years old even though I sound a lot younger. My body is rejecting this suffering. I should've thought about marriage, family and the rest of what people my age thought about but God doesn't want me to do anything but just sit here and wait. I don't want to wait. (I don't want my posts to sound like I'm whining. I'm just being as honest as I can be.)

I just want to do it on my own. I can get myself out of this suffering but I feel He wants to me just sit here and wait.....  
.....wait while my life passes me by.

It's a slow, painful suicide in the eyes of non-believers.

Re: 3 days = Infinity?, on: 2010/11/24 7:07

Brother codek,

I appreciate your last post a lot. I know another 31 year old who has sacrificed everything in the hope of getting a PhD - for the last eight years - and he's just as unhappy as you are. We have had many conversations about what he has learned from the difficulties he's faced - many of which are in himself, rather than the task.

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'Remember, it is the olive that has been crushed that brings the oil that heals others.'

**Re: - posted by Renoncer, on: 2010/11/24 7:47**

Codek,

I believe God gave me a message for you. Pay careful attention:

For by a single offering He has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified. And the Holy Spirit also bears witness to us; for after saying, "This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my laws on their hearts, and write them on their minds," then He adds, "I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more." Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin. Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that He opened for us through the curtain, that is, through His flesh, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful. And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near. For if we go on sinning deliberately after receiving the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, but a fearful expectation of judgment, and a fury of fire that will consume the adversaries. Anyone who has set aside the law of Moses dies without mercy on the evidence of two or three witnesses. How much worse punishment, do you think, will be deserved by the one who has spurned the Son of God, and has profaned the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified, and has outraged the Spirit of grace? For we know Him who said, "Vengeance is mine; I will repay." And again, "The Lord will judge his people." It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God. But recall the former days when, after you were enlightened, you endured a hard struggle with sufferings, sometimes being publicly exposed to reproach and affliction, and sometimes being partners with those so treated. For you had compassion on those in prison, and you joyfully accepted the plundering of your property, since you knew that you yourselves had a better possession and an abiding one. Therefore do not throw away your confidence, which has a great reward. For you have need of endurance, so that when you have done the will of God you may receive what is promised. For, "Yet a little while, and the coming one will come and will not delay; but my righteous one shall live by faith, and if he shrinks back, my soul has no pleasure in him." But we are not of those who shrink back and are destroyed, but of those who have faith and preserve their souls.

(Hebrews 10:14-39)

The Lord bless you and keep you.

**When infinity kissed Earth., on: 2010/11/24 9:21**

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Christ was without sin, and without judgment. He was never sentenced to Hell. There never was an equation, but an overcoming of the grave, AND A SACRIFICE. He died to defeat Hell, and it, being God's judgment for sin and the sinner, had no power over Him. He's the only one who could, being all man, and all God.

For those who he chose, and who received His sacrifice, Himself; He made a path, a WAY, to eternal life and Heaven. He did not have to do this, but did so willingly.

"For thou wilt not leave my soul in hell; neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption." Psalm 16

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He led captivity captive unto Himself. He obtained the keys to Death and Hell.

JOHN 16

16. "And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd.

17. Therefore doth my Father love me, because I lay down my life, that I might take it again.

18. No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This commandment have I received of my Father.".....JESUS

WHY DID HE HAVE POWER TO TAKE IT AGAIN? Because He was without sin, and the only reason he went to hell was to triumphantly lead those in PARADISE out; of the old world; "ABRAHAM'S BOSOM" The scripture says that this was very public, and triumphant.

Here is a thought to consider about the Death, descent, and ascension of Jesus.

8. "All who dwell on the earth will worship him, whose names have not been written in the Book of Life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.

9. If anyone has an ear, let him hear."

There was infinity involved in the Crucifixion. The blood was Eternal blood. "Before the foundation of the World." This happened before Adam, before man. All of the Law of Moses, and the traditions of the old world....{ABRAHAM REFERRED TO THIS....THE SHEDDING OF BLOOD.

Remember when the bible talks about 30 minutes of silence in heaven?...and the severe darkness that came upon the cross?; so much weight of eternity that the Centurion cried out, and believed?

I believe that this is when Eternities met; the cross given to Jesus before man was, manifested in Jerusalem then..eternity, or infinity, kissed earth during that time you speak of.

Thank God it did, and Jesus for choosing to suffer and die for all in the world, and the Father for giving His only begotten Son for US! God will not leave our soul in Hell, though we so deserve it! We are covered by the BLOOD!