

**Scriptures and Doctrine :: Heaven Bound, or Hell Sent?****Heaven Bound, or Hell Sent?, on: 2005/6/13 21:49**

I know we all come from different backgrounds. But, i'd like each and everyone's thought on this.

I'm not trying to cause a riot, writing this. But instead just cause a nice 'thought provocting' topic.

John Paul II where is he going/at ??

Heaven or hell?

His works were profound, as many know, but still held to 'i put all my hope in mary' as he was quoted, and again calling her the 'queen of heaven'.

I'm not trying to say 'by grace' or 'by works'. But what is your opinion on his 'afterlife' experience.

Same goes with Mother Theresa.

Where is she at/going?

**Re: Heaven Bound, or Hell Sent?, on: 2005/6/13 22:07**

According to John 3:3 and Luke 13:3 unless a man repents from all his sin and is supernaturally born-again into the family and Kingdom of God, he will never see Heaven. No one is exempt from this. Neither pastor, nor missionary, nor pope. My hope and prayer is that John Paul and as well as Theresa were born-again believers, as well as for everyone else in the Catholic Church and any Church for that matter.

**Re: Heaven Bound, or Hell Sent? - posted by ReceivedText, on: 2005/6/14 2:26**

Just came across this article today. Thought that it would contribute a very ancient Christian opinion to this discussion:

"The Pope's Death: A Defining Moment"  
By Pastor Ralph Ovadal, April 1, 2005

"Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!" - Isaiah 5:20

As I write this, Pope John Paul II is near death. Once he draws his last breath, a Vatican official will lightly tap three times upon the deceased pontiff's forehead with a golden hammer and call his name. Upon receiving no reply, the cardinal chamberlain will remove John Paul's fisherman's ring and smash it. Thus begins the pagan Romish spectacle of choosing and crowning a new pope.

The pope's death is the dawn of a defining moment for all who claim to be born-again followers of Jesus Christ, whether they call themselves Protestant or evangelical or just plain Christian. It does not take a prophet to state that the passing of Pope John Paul II will trigger a flood of statements and discussions among Christian pro-family leaders, talk show hosts, and nationally known preachers. It also does not take a prophet to know that the dead pope will have mountains of compliments heaped upon him by many of those same individuals. Going a step further, it is safe to say that the presupposition underlying those eulogies and the recurring theme at the heart of them will be that the pope was a wonderful, godly man, a Christian who is now in heaven.

As I said, this is a defining moment. It is, in fact, an evangelistic moment catching the attention of virtually the entire world. What should any true follower of Jesus say about such a man as Pope John Paul II? What should one who has assumed a role as a shepherd of Christ's flock or a spokesman for His Church say about the pope? Plainly and simply put, they should say that John Paul II was a counterfeit, a minister of Satan (2 Corinthians 11:13-15). They should tell the truth that he was an accursed man who deceived millions. Those who cannot tell the truth should not say anything. Those ev

angelical leaders who feel so compelled to express their affection and respect for Pope John Paul II do not seem to know or care that they are at the same time showing anything but love for the Roman Catholic people whom the pope has deceived and enslaved. They are certainly not showing respect for the Word of God which the pope, that man of sin, trod underfoot and the blood of Jesus which he counted as an unholy thing.

The pope preached the false Roman Catholic gospel which features a false Christ who cannot save without the aid of priests practicing pagan rituals and penitents performing works and a pagan goddess sharing her favors. The pope blasphemed the Lord Jesus Christ as a way of life, most especially during the mass when he claimed to call down our Great High Priest from the right hand of the Majesty in heaven and turn Him into a wafer and a goblet of wine. The pope blasphemed against the Holy Spirit, claiming to displace Him as Christ's substitute and voice on this earth. The pope championed the cause of the Roman Catholic Virgin Mary goddess. He prayed to her, worshiped her, and adored her. He consecrated the nations to her. He endorsed and reveled in her demonic apparitions. He credited her with saving his life.

There is so much which could be said about Pope John Paul II, about his corrosive, damning influence and his pagan practices. But why belabor the point? The truth has been apparent for all to see for twenty-six years. And simply put, the pope was a pope. The nature of popes is the nature of antichrist because they are antichrist just as the Roman Catholic Church is the woman who rides the beast as described in Revelation chapter 17. That the pope and his church are evil is an understatement. The Word of God shows the pope to be an accursed man no matter what good causes he may have championed.

The tragedy which is upon us is not the death of the pope, although neither will we revel in the death nor damnation of any man. The tragedy which is upon us and which the pope's death will clearly emphasize once more is the dearth of integrity, discernment, and courage among evangelical—or should I say neo-evangelical—leaders in our nation. Remaining silent at this time, as reprehensible as that is, would be a vast improvement to the message many such leaders will feel the need to proclaim. The world's impression that Pope John Paul II was a true Christian man leading the true Christian Church, teaching the true Christian gospel will be strongly reinforced by the accolades heaped upon the pope by evangelical leaders. At the same time, the great milling mixture of sheep and goats which fill up the evangelical churches in our land will be further compromised and confused. The death of Pope John Paul II is a defining moment which will reveal the hearts of many who present themselves as born-again, blood-washed followers of Jesus Christ but by their words will reveal that they are either not His or that they should not publicly represent Him.

Reams of paper could be expended documenting the heresy of Pope John Paul II and citing the Scripture verses proving that such a man is not a Christian, not a servant of God, and will not be a citizen of heaven. But in reality, Galatians chapter one, verses eight and nine should settle that matter:

"But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed. As we said before, so say I now again, if any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed."

Pastor Ralph Ovadal  
Pilgrims Covenant Church

**Re: - posted by philologos (), on: 2005/6/14 2:58**

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**Re: - posted by DezCall (), on: 2005/6/14 3:16**

Philologos wrote:

Quote:

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That is a great question! If you have some time, I really would like to hear your thoughts about this, since I conclude from the way you ask the question that you have an opinion...

I wrote a little bit about this in another thread:

([https://www.sermonindex.net/modules/newbb/viewtopic.php?topic\\_id5863&forum35&18](https://www.sermonindex.net/modules/newbb/viewtopic.php?topic_id5863&forum35&18)) What about all the unsaved Indians?.

The following verse gave me a better inside inside in this matter:

And the rest of the people, the priests, the Levites, the porters, the singers, the Nethinims, and all they that had separated themselves from the people of the lands unto the law of God, their wives, their sons, and their daughters, every one having knowledge, and having understanding... (Nehemiah 10:28, note: my Bible translates the bolded part of verse like this: all those who had come to the year of distinction)

Those that had not come yet to the year of distinction didn't give their oath to keep the law of God and walk in His ways. They simply couldn't.

It's difficult to draw a line in this matter, saying: "until 3 years of age all children go to heaven". It differs from child to child. The one is able to understand the Gospel at the age of 5, another is able to understand it at the age of 8.

This is also a reason for me to believe that most of the people with a intellectual handicap will surely go to heaven, because some of them are not able to distinguish "good" from "evil".

In Christ,  
Paul

**Re: - posted by taco, on: 2005/6/14 5:57**

Quote:

-----And I saw the dead, the great and the small, standing before the throne; and books were opened: and another book was opened, which is 'the book' of life: and the dead were judged out of the things which were written in the books, according to their works.  
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Judgment is according to our deeds. Salvation is by Christ.

**Re: As a former Catholic..., on: 2005/6/14 8:18**

...saved by grace through faith, I'll have to stand with RT and Pastor Ovadal. It's blunt, but true.

While it is not my place or anyone else's to judge the final destination of any man, we can judge the doctrine and what is publically proclaimed.

I was born into a catholic family. My folks did without many things to send my brothers, sisters, and I all to catholic school. God bless them for the good education I got. Thank you mom and dad.

I never once heard from the catholic church, catechism, or school that I must be born again.

I won't go into the complete detail of my true conversion. I will say that in my quest for God, I met some charismatic catholics who carried bibles. I asked the why? "Soul food", was the reply. So I bought me a bible and began reading it. I came to a place where I had to decide between the Word of God and the catholic church. I could not reconcile the two. Thank God, I chose His Holy Word. Thank You Jesus. Alleluia.

I have family and acquaintances who are yet catholic. It is a comfortable religion and is very appealing to the flesh. Flesh is destined for corruption and the grave. I pray that God will somehow mercifully hear my prayers and save them all. They have some really tough choices to make.

I do not hate or despise anyone. But I simply cannot but agree with Pastor Ovadal. Truth to the exclusion of truth is an untruth. There's way too much leaven in the catholic church. Heresy is just that, no matter what kind of robe you hang on it.

So, to RT, thank you for your courage and for the fine article you shared with us. How can we say we love, if we withhold the truth that a lie may be believed by those who will perish believing it?

**Re:, on: 2005/6/14 18:33**

Yes, Yes. Truth is like Salt into a Wound at times.

And that's what this topic is for some people.

I strongly believe 'John Paul II' is in hell. And going to be thrown into the Lake of Fire.

I really liked that article.

My mom's side of the family is catholic. All it is, is a religion. No different than Judism. No emotion, no passion, No Christ communion.

My grandfather said 'im going to hell'. He said it soooo casually. Oh, how my heart breaks for him and my family. Sucked into the Lie.

Any more opinions brothers and sisters?

**Re: YIMG,, on: 2005/6/14 20:23**

Take care to salt your light with love.

**Re:, on: 2005/6/14 20:53**

No other way to give anything to anyone.

Is WITH love.

Tounges/Prophesy/Teaching/Truth etc..etc... is NOTHING without LOVE.

With love many things happen.

Any other opinions on the main topic?

**Re:, on: 2005/6/14 21:13**

How can we possibly know how a person's heart has been judged by God, especially when we have never met them? This is not a defence of Roman Catholicism, though. There are many ex-Catholics who know the Lord *because* they left the Roman church.

Here is something from Oswald Chambers which I find a useful balance on understanding. It puts an even finer point on the dynamics of faith.

Justification by Faith

"For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of His Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by His life." Romans 5:10

I am not saved by believing; I realize I am saved by believing. It is not repentance that saves me, repentance is the sign that I realize what God has done in Christ Jesus. The danger is to put the emphasis on the effect instead of on the cause. It is my obedience that puts me right with God, my consecration. Never! I am put right with God because prior to all, Christ died. When I turn to God and by belief accept what God reveals I can accept, instantly the stupendous Atonement of Jesus Christ rushes me into a right relationship with God; and by the supernatural miracle of God's grace I stand justified, not because I am sorry for my sin, not because I have repented, but because of what Jesus has done. The Spirit of God brings it with a breaking, all-over light, and I know, though I do not know how, that I am saved.

The salvation of God does not stand on human logic, it stands on the sacrificial Death of Jesus. We can be born again because of the Atonement of Our Lord. Sinful men and women can be changed into new creatures, not by their repentance or their belief, but by the marvellous work of God in Christ Jesus which is prior to all experience. The impregnable safety of justification and sanctification is God Himself. We have not to work out these things ourselves; they have been worked out by the Atonement. The supernatural becomes natural by the miracle of God; there is the realization of what Jesus Christ has already done - "It is finished."

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**Let me pose this question...(again), on: 2005/6/14 21:20**

where do you think Judas Iscariot went?

Some point out the Scripture and say he went to hell....But didnt the Lord go down to hell and preach the Gospel?

Judas betrayed the Lord, AND Peter betrayed the Lord, do you think that Judas' sin was greater than Peter's?

If so, do you believe that some sin's are worse than other's?

questions, questions questions.

**and ps, on: 2005/6/14 21:27**

why you worried about where some old dead roman papa is going?

arent you worried, arent you convicted, that there are millions upon millions of the lost walking into death without Christ, forever damned, and you are on an internet forum asking foolish questions....and turning that finger around, that I am foolish enough to respond to your trivialities!!

oh my...please don't take offense.....we should both be convicted of our unprofitably for the Kingdom!!

**Re: and ps, on: 2005/6/14 22:03**

Haha.

Pointing fingers, has 3 pointing right back at ya.

I have a huge burden for souls. I'm actually going to be witnessing in the HIGH schools and Middle schools in my COUNTY. Thats 70-80 schools. In the Tampa Bay area. (Florida) So please dont be a judge of my character.

I'm also pushing my church to be more active. And if i have to lead up something there i will, just to cause THE ENTIRE BODY to witness for Jesus.

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Judas went to hell. Suicide is a 100% to dwell in the eternal fire. The God I believe in wouldn't commend such wickedness.

Is their greater sin? Yes, type that in at any online bible concordance.

Any more opinions on this matter? (Pope/Thersea)

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**Re:, on: 2005/6/14 22:08**

Quote:

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nope, Jesus is delivering me from the bondage of "opinions". I let Him handle the business.

**Re: To all....., on: 2005/6/15 7:26**

As believers we are to judge. We judge what each other writes here. We judge what others do or don't do. We too often judge them by a much higher standard than we judge ourselves. Selah.

That said, we do not judge the heart. That privilege is God's alone. He alone decides who goes to hell and who does not. Thank God He has a much clearer vision and scope than we do.

I'm really reluctant to respond any further to the person who began this thread. There is just something there that sticks in my craw. I shall not label it. I shall just leave that alone. I shall also leave this thread alone and move on to more fruitful posts and threads. God bless you one and all.

**Re: Heaven Bound, or Hell Sent? - posted by Zaphycat (), on: 2005/6/16 11:18**

"Those that are without, God judges".

I refuse to dig him up and put him in one place or the other. I don't believe any of the doctrines of his religion were accurate, at all...

But hell is too fearful a place to wantonly throw people into. God will judge him.

One thing only is sure: I don't want to be in his place...

**Re: Let me pose this question...(again) - posted by philologos (), on: 2005/6/16 12:10**

Quote:

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No, I don't believe He did.

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Judas I is the only human being of whom it is written "Satan entered into him". Luke 22:3; John 13:27

**The wind blows where it wishes - posted by ZekeO (), on: 2005/6/16 13:52**

There is scripture that alludes to the fact that children will go to heaven, not because they have done anything but by grace. To understand my reasonings here are is a link to what John McAurthur says: <http://www.biblebb.com/files/MAC/80-242.htm>

I like his logic on the matter. I like his concept of the condition of accountability and not age of accountability.

**Is this where you are coming from? - posted by ZekeO (), on: 2005/6/16 13:58**

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**Re: Narrow road or narrow mind, you decide - posted by ZekeO (), on: 2005/6/16 14:05**

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I agree with you, must be born-again, as to the state of those two individuals, who knows what happened on their death beds. No matter how they lived there lives in apparent apostasy, who knows what happens in those final moments before a person slips into eternity.

Brave man in my book to make a judgement call on this issue. Did Hitler pass into eternity without making peace with his saviour? Who knows? There is only one to whom all judgement has been given.

**Re: The wind blows where it wishes - posted by philologos (), on: 2005/6/16 14:39**

Quote:

-----I like his logic on the matter. I like his concept of the condition of accountability and not age of accountability.

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I think this is quite a widely held view among 'non-Calvinists' too although he seems to think it is of special merit for the Calvinist theology.

To my way of thinking this is just plain accountability. God holds us accountable for what we 'know we are doing'. The prayer of the Lord Jesus is interesting in this light "Then said Jesus, Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do. And they parted his raiment, and cast lots." (Luke 23:34, KJVS) The word for 'know' here is to 'perceive'; we might translate it 'they don't 'see' what they are doing'. This seems to indicate that this prayer is based upon their 'knowing' or 'not knowing'.

This links with another recent thread and Acts 17 where God is said to 'overlook ignorance' until the word of God penetrates that context. (Acts 17:30). God's protest to Jonah is another link in this pattern; "Then said the LORD, Thou hast had pity on the gourd, for the which thou hast not laboured, neither madest it grow; which came up in a night, and perished in a night: And should not I spare Nineveh, that great city, wherein are more than sixscore thousand persons that can not discern between their right hand and their left hand; and also much cattle?" (Jonah 4:10-11, KJVS)

I don't have any doubt but that we are judged not on the basis of what we do but on the basis of what we know about what we do.

What does intrigue me with McArthur's position is the implication that every aborted baby and every severe learning-disabled person and every person who dies before the 'condition of accountability' is thereby deemed 'one of the elect'. Really?

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**Different levels? - posted by ZekeO (), on: 2005/6/16 14:48**

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If they are not one of the elect, then what are they?

**Re: Different levels? - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2005/6/16 14:56**

Sorry if this is too much off topic but I have started a 26 part series on hell on the SI blog and am also posting them in the "devotions" section of the forum. I just posted the second part:  
<http://www.xanga.com/sermonindex>

**Re: Is this where you are coming from?, on: 2005/6/16 15:35**

Quote:  
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Yes. Just because your 'down and out' doesn't give you any reason to murder yourself. Key word MURDER.

And SermonIndex really no1 is off topic. "Heaven Bound, Hell Sent"...that ranges alot. Even though i did start this thread about Pope and Thearsea.(sp)

Now, about 'children' and heaven or anyone for that matter. If you don't come to the Knowledge of Christ before you die. Your going to hell. There MIGHT be an exemption, but its something i haven't looked into. Like if the 'head of the house' is saved, the whole family could be saved. This assumption is not because of something written in Acts about 'you and your household will be saved' but something about Paul wrote..and its been a while since i read what Paul wrote..lol.

There sometimes is 'wiggle room'. But i say on this matter , 'assume the worst'. Because, we all say 'grace,grace'. But if someone doesn't receive grace, THEY ARE GETTING WHAT THEY DESERVE. And we aren't to judge that.

Also, election is those who God KNEW were going to accept Him. It's not like 'your elect, and you dont choose Jesus'. Cause thats forceful and not a Christ attribute. All those 'elect' are those who END UP accepting Christ. And those 'sinners' (those who are going to hell) are just receiving what we (elected people) deserve, but didn't because of Grace.

i hope that last paragraph wasn't tooo 'trippy'. :-P

**Re: Different levels? - posted by philologos (), on: 2005/6/16 15:49**

Quote:  
-----If they are not one of the elect, then what are they?  
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Hi ZekeO

My understanding of election has more to do with service than salvation. Israel was an elect nation. The Calvinists regard the 'elect' as a fixed number of individuals chosen for salvation before time. Although one brother in these forums has suggested I be made 'an honorary Calvinist' I have declined the honour. :-D

I think having adopted the general Calvinist position MacArthur is then forced to take this line but to me it makes it the whole pattern of election even stranger. My problem is with the idea of having to be 'one of the elect' to guarantee salvation

on.

**Re: - posted by philologos (), on: 2005/6/16 15:50**

Greg writes...

Quote:

-----Sorry if this is too much off topic...  
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Do feel free to use this website as though it were your own. 8-)

**Getting in over my head - posted by ZekeO (), on: 2005/6/16 16:59**

Quote:

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philologos wrote:

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When you first asked the question, I had no clue what you were talking about. Fortunatley I am learning the lingo of christian theology, I know that these two guys had issues in the past and their adherents have been at it ever since. :-?

When I read elect in the article, my immediate thought was not in the context of 'predestination election' but in the election of born sinners into the kingdom of God, not based upon any preordained planning on Gods part, but on his grace extended to sinful creatures incapable of choosing right from wrong.

Do you get the difference of what I am saying, not that the individual soul was elected, but the soul in that condition was. I know it seems like I'm saying the same thing, but thats how the deck of cards has fallen. Make sense?

**Re:, on: 2005/6/16 18:01**

Doesn't everyone who becomes a Christian discover afterwards that they were 'predestined' to salvation and this is something to do with God's heart that none should perish - more, that those who do not believe deselect themselves from blessing, than God has chosen not to bless them?

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Very interesting. I'll dwell on this a little.

**Re:, on: 2005/6/20 2:00**

My understanding about election is pretty much with the last two posts.

Can't all TRUE Christians look back on their lives and SEE the Hand of God upon it? It's a choice, and those who make the choice are those who are pre-destined. And i truly wouldn't try to expand that any more take it for what it is.