



Dilemma: Jesus told us God is love. Jesus told us hell is real.

To reject one is to reject both

(Jesus): "The King will...say, 'Away with you, you cursed ones, into the eternal fire'... they will go away into eternal punishment" (Mt 25:41,46) "will be cast into outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth" (Mt 8:12) "the unquenchable fires of hell ...where the worm never dies and the fire never goes out" (Mk 9:43,48)

1. My Love Provides The Justice You Want

"Wake up, my God, and **bring justice!**" (Psalm 7:6)

"He (Jesus) will not crush the weakest reed or put out a flickering candle. Finally **he will cause justice to be victorious.**" (Matt 12:20)

2. My Love Took The Punishment You Deserve

"No one is good, not even one...For all have sinned... God in his gracious kindness ...**sent Jesus to take the punishment** for our sins" (Rom 3:10,24,25)

3. My Love Hates Hell and Pursues You

"says the Sovereign Lord, I **take no pleasure in the death of wicked people.** I only want them to turn from their wicked ways so they can live." (Ezekiel 33:11)

"(God) **wants everyone to be saved** and to understand the truth" (1 Timothy 2:4)

"The Lord...**does not want anyone to be destroyed**" (2 Peter 3:9)

4. My Love Allows You To Say No To Me

(Jesus) "But all who **reject me** and my message will be judged" (John 12:48)

"(Jesus) will come...bringing judgment on those... **who refuse to obey** the Good News of our Lord Jesus. They will be punished" (2 Thessalonians 1:7-9)

"But endless torture isn't fair for earthly mistakes."

5. Hell isn't a torture chamber and isn't for mistakes

Saying "No" to God means "No God." That is Hell.

"They will be...**forever separated from the Lord** and from his glorious power" (2 Thess. 1:9)

6. I will match the punishment to the crime

(Jesus)" But they shamelessly cheat widows... to cover up the kind of people they really are, they make long prayers in public. Because of this, **their punishment will be the greater**"

(Mark 12:40; also Luke 12:47,48; Matthew 11:20-24)

"Why should millions of people who haven't heard about Jesus, or can't understand it, go to hell?"

7. You Can Trust Me To Be Fair

(I am)" The God of **compassion and mercy**... filled with unfailing love" (Exodus 34:6)

"God is a judge who is **perfectly fair**" (Psalm 7:11)

God welcomes the children

"Your father in heaven doesn't want any of these little children to be lost" (Matt 18:14)

(David referring to his dead infant son) "I will go to him someday" (2 Sam. 12:23)

God reveals Himself to honest seekers

"God rewards those who sincerely seek him." (Heb. 11:6)

"When **you look for me** whole heartedly **you will find me.**" (Jeremiah. 29:13)

God considers what people know and understand

"For you **look deep within the mind and heart,** O righteous God...saving

those whose hearts are true and right. God is an honest judge."(Psalm 7:9-10)

"How can I be happy with loved ones in hell?"

8. You will agree the punishment is just

"Yes, Lord God Almighty, your **punishments are true and just**" (Rev 16:7; 15:3, 19:2)

9. Joy will swallow up sadness

"(God) will remove all of their sorrows" (Revelation 21:4)

"God, why don't you just forgive?"

10. I do, but you must accept it.