

ScriptureGram

A brief word from God's Word

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Subject: Can We Sit Back & Remain Silent?

I recently had an opportunity to share, with a relatively new acquaintance, that the Bible tells us of God's plan to ultimately save ALL mankind. I received the following note:

"I give thanks to God that our paths crossed, and for your courage to seek, find and share. I have never been able to accept everlasting damnation and through 'Hope' and your work I can now believe **fully** in God's Word."

I believe there are many folks who have spent their entire lives within the traditional church, yet who CANNOT believe the teachings that God is willing, to cast into a burning torment forever those who do not place their faith in Jesus Christ in this lifetime. These people sit in the pews feeling they have few alternatives.

Perhaps they sit and listen quietly, knowing that the teachings they hear concerning hell cannot be so, and hoping the preachers and teachers are right about other biblical matters.

Perhaps they speak up and challenge the teachings concerning hell, and are asked to leave the church. (And yes I have met a number of people in this situation.

Perhaps they feel so uncomfortable in the church due to these errant Bible teachings that they just leave.

Perhaps some even turn away from God, since the teachings of the church are so obviously illogical and incorrect.

And some may lose their faith in the Bible, feeling that it cannot be fully trusted as God's Word when it contains such a horrendous doctrine as eternal torment.

We who have studied God's Word and who have been able to escape the "shackles" of the traditional church must share the truth as we have opportunities. Yes we may sometimes be rejected ... sometimes scoffed at ... sometimes criticized ... sometimes cast out; but as Christ's Ambassadors we must share that which He has revealed to us!

Too many within the traditional church and within the world have lost faith in God, or in His Word, because of the errors within the church's teachings. Can we simply sit back and

remain silent as God is portrayed as one who is all loving and all powerful, yet willing to cast into eternal torment with no hope for repentance and restoration those who died in unbelief? Can we sit back when the falsehoods preached in the traditional church drive people away from God, and from His Word?

“Yet all is of God, Who conciliates us to Himself through Christ, and is giving us the dispensation of the conciliation, how that God was in Christ, conciliating the world to Himself, not reckoning their offenses to them, and placing in us the word of the conciliation. For Christ, then, are we ambassadors, as of God entreating through us. We are beseeching for Christ’s sake, ‘Be conciliated to God!’ For the One not knowing sin, He makes to be a sin offering for our sakes that we may be becoming God’s righteousness in Him.”
(2 Corinthians 5:18-21)

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