

AFTERLIFE

MESSAGE NOTES

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The Kindness and Severity of God

Heaven and Hell exist because of who God is. He is perfectly wrathful and perfectly gracious.

1. God's attributes are perfectly **united**.

*"Hear, O Israel, the LORD our God, the LORD is one."
Deuteronomy 6:4*

2. God hates and judges all **sin** and **evil**.

"The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of men who suppress the truth by their wickedness."

Romans 1:18

3. God loves and forgives with amazing **Grace**.

"But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: while we were still sinners, Christ died for us."

Romans 5:8

Now What? Heaven and Hell exist because of who God is. He is perfectly wrathful and perfectly gracious.

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HOME GROUP NOTES

Week of April 28, 2019

We would love to have you connect with a group. Go to www.trinityonline.org under "Home Groups."



Share It

Get to know one another

What would someone say about you, 'That's how he/she rolls?'



Study the Word

Learning to know God from the Bible

This series looks at what God has revealed about what happens "After this life." This week, we will look at the character of God and how this shapes our eternal future.

What do we learn about the character of God in each of the following passages?

Psalm 5:4; 92:15; 119:37

Romans 9:14

1 John 1:5; 4:8

How does God view sin and evil?

Psalm 5:4

Isaiah 13:11; 59:2

Romans 1:18

Galatians 5:19-21; Colossians 3:5-6

What do we learn about God's plans and desires in the following verses?

Romans 5:8; 1 Timothy 2:1-4; 2 Peter 3:9



Discuss Together

Discuss how God can change our lives

Why is God's hatred of sin difficult for us to discuss? Would we want Him to be different?

1 John 4:8 declares that "God is love." Would 'God be love' if He didn't judge sin?

How is Exodus 34:6-7 a summary of God's character? How is His character connected with heaven and hell?



Time to Pray

Praying with and for one another helps us trust in God together. Please pray . . .

- For us to represent God's compassion and influence (2 Peter 3:9)
- For our nation's leaders, shapers, and churches (see 1 Timothy 2:3-4)



Apply It This Week

A challenge to apply what we are learning

Pray and share what you are learning about God's character with someone.