

**Hell's punishments feel offensive because we don't understand the seriousness of sin.**

## **Hell Described**

- Sheol or Hades; Tartus; Gehenna

**Will there be literal fire in hell?**

**Who is in charge of hell?**

he, too, will drink of the wine of God's fury, which has been poured full strength into the cup of his wrath. He will be tormented with burning sulfur in the presence of the holy angels and of the Lamb. Revelation 14:10 (NIV)

far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, Ephesians 1:21–22 (ESV)

**Will we be able to see people in hell?**

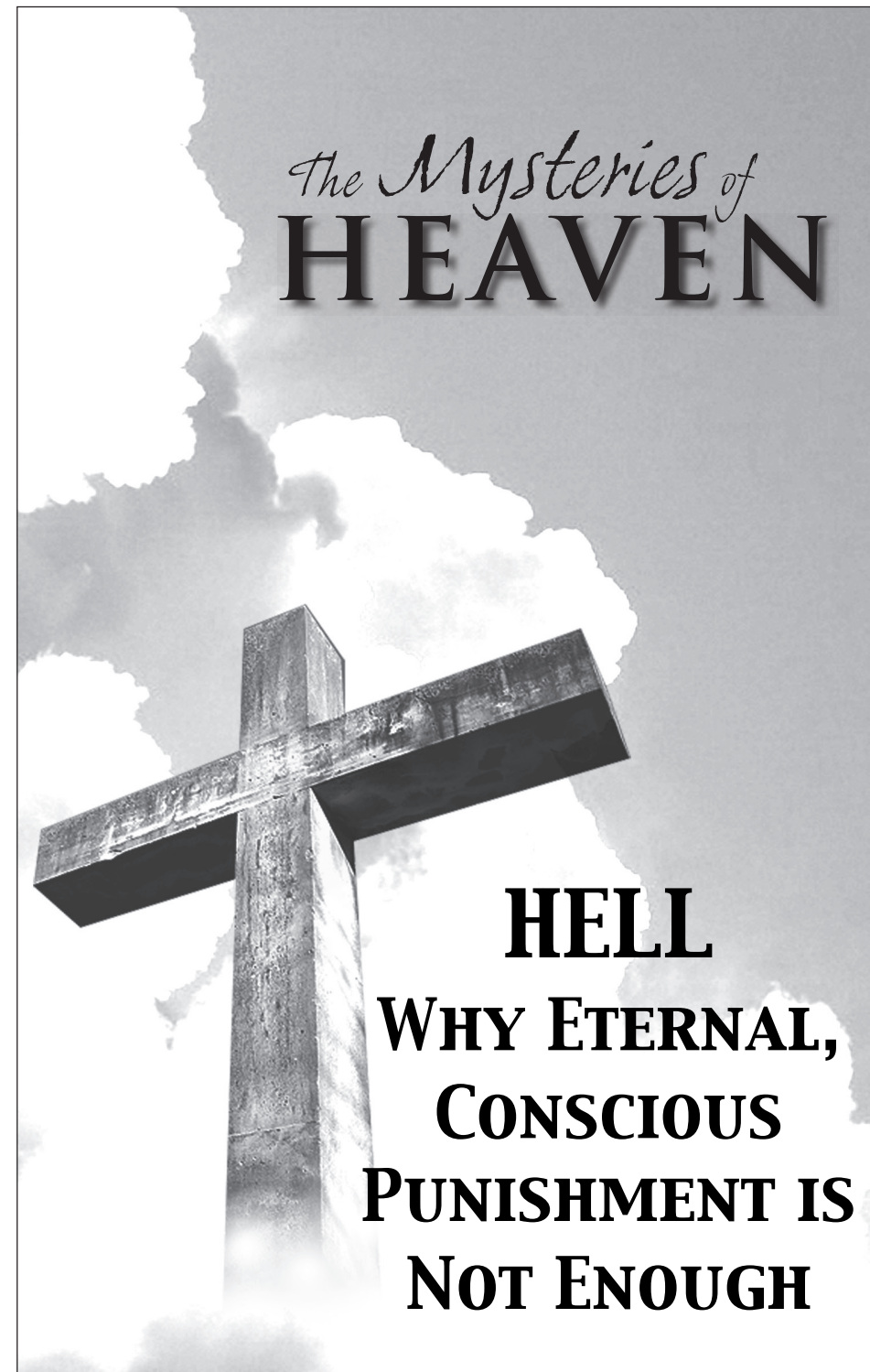
## **Hell Applied**

- Change your thinking about what you deserve.
- Let God take care of justice.
- Tell people about Jesus.

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## Hell - Why Eternal, Conscious Punishment Is Not Enough

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### Hell Defined

Hell - The place of eternal, conscious, just torment at the hand of Christ.

### Hell Defended

#### Universalism - Taking eternity out of hell.

And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. Daniel 12:2 (ESV)

“Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels... And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.” Matthew 25:41, 46 (ESV)

And whoever speaks a word against the Son of Man will be forgiven, but whoever speaks against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven, either in this age or in the age to come. Matthew 12:32 (ESV)

and the devil who had deceived them was thrown into the lake of fire and sulfur where the beast and the false prophet were, and they will be tormented day and night forever and ever. Revelation 20:10 (ESV)

## Annihilationism - Taking the consciousness out of punishment.

he also will drink the wine of God’s wrath, poured full strength into the cup of his anger, and he will be tormented with fire and sulfur in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb. And the smoke of their torment goes up forever and ever, and they have no rest, day or night, these worshipers of the beast and its image, and whoever receives the mark of its name.” Revelation 14:10–11 (ESV)

They will suffer the punishment of eternal destruction, away from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of his might, 2 Thessalonians 1:9 (ESV)

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## Hell’s punishments are just responses to sinful choices.

And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Then another book was opened, which is the book of life. And the dead were judged by what was written in the books, according to what they had done. Revelation 20:12 (ESV)

Romans 1:20, 2:14-16; Acts 4:12

## Hell’s punishments are not enough to atone for sin.