

**Why will God put people He created *into eternal separation from Him*, in a lake of fire? Why will a loving God cast His own creations into *eternal banishment*? THIS IS THE WRONG QUESTION, the correct question is **how can a perfectly righteous God NOT cast all unrighteous creatures into eternal separation.****

**But no matter how you word the question, let us look at the Biblical answer.**

**If there is no eternal Hell,  
then JESUS CHRIST dies in Vain.**

**If there is not eternal Wrath,  
there is no Righteousness of God.**

Where is the LOVE at the Cross?  
God has forsaken Him.

Where is the LOVE?  
What is it all about?

What are these 3 Hours of darkness on the Cross about?

A growing number of people in the world,  
do not believe in eternal Hell.

**“How can a loving God cast His own creatures  
into a living Hell for all eternity?”**

# People, we've seen this is not the question.

Please understand this...

The Question is

“How can a perfectly Righteous God NOT cast man into an eternal lake of fire?”

It is not a matter of “How can a loving God do it, but rather how can a Perfectly Righteous God not cast all unrighteousness into a Lake of Fire.”

Love is the answer  
not the question.

He is going to provide a way where they can become RIGHTEOUS.

## That's the answer.

Be sure you ask the right question when you ask 'How can there be an eternal Hell?' **How can there NOT be?**

The problem is that  
there is so much emphasis on the love of God  
and not on the Perfect Righteousness of God.

We must understand **The HOLINESS OF GOD.**  
**The HOLINESS OF GOD** is the great issue.

A PERFECTLY RIGHTEOUS GOD  
MUST cast all unrighteousness into a Lake of Fire.  
Both Angelic and Human banished from Him.

**He is RIGHTEOUS.**

We have no righteousness in us by our first birth.

We think in terms of ...  
this is my Dad  
this is my Mom  
this is my Friend  
Someone we love

But here we are dealing with  
**PERFECT** RIGHTEOUSNESS.

So, once again, the question really is

**'HOW CAN A PERFECTLY RIGHTEOUS GOD  
NOT cast an unrighteous man  
into eternal punishment?'**

**Again, LOVE IS THE ANSWER.**

But let us address those  
who do not believe  
that a LOVING GOD can cast man into a Lake of Fire.

Think of the three hours of **darkness** on the Cross... where  
**God abandoned His Own Son.**

Where's the LOVE?

Think of the 3 hours on the Cross.  
He (God) abandoned His Own Son, the perfect God-man.

And You want to know how a LOVING GOD can cast man  
into a Lake of Fire?.... **LOOK AT THE CROSS.**

He Abandoned His Own Son. Where's the LOVE.  
Where's the LOVE on the cross there?

Where's the LOVE for His Son during those 3 hours on the Cross... during those three hours of darkness?

**If we understand God... and how He dealt with his Son** during those 3 hours of darkness where He abandoned His own Son to pay for the sins of the world, to be made a curse for us... then it's easy to understand how **anyone who does NOT have righteousness** will spend eternity in a Lake of Fire.

Let's learn about the Perfect Righteousness of God from the 3 hours on the Cross . Look at what happened to His own Son when His Son came into contact with the SINS of the whole WORLD.

What happened?

What does a perfectly Righteous God do then?

He sees his Son come into contact with the sins of the world, what does perfectly Righteous God do?

He abandons Him.

**He abandons Him.**

**He must punish His Own Son.**

**And these SINS were not even his Son's sins.**

I hope this make you see the all-importance of the words...

**“WHY HAVE YOU ABANDONED ME?”**

*“WHY HAVE YOU FORSAKEN ME?”*

If GOD forsook His Son on the cross, what makes you think anyone who rejects His Son as their Savior is going to get away with that rejection?

# That's the POINT.

If God abandoned his Own Son on the cross,  
what makes you think  
some UNBELIEVER is going to escape eternal banishment?  
A Banishment from God.

It's not going to happen, no one is going to escape it.

**There is NO ESCAPE.**

“I, God the Father, had to forsake my Son while He bore the penalty for all sins...”; What makes you think you can get away with rejecting MY SON as YOUR SAVIOR?

**It isn't going to happen**

Look at Hebrews 2:

**<sup>1</sup> For this reason we must pay much closer attention** \*that's the doctrine of repetition... think about what is going on\* **to what we have heard, so that we do not drift away from it** \* it refers to THE TRUTH\* .

**<sup>2</sup> For if the word spoken through angels proved unalterable, and every transgression and disobedience received a just penalty,**

**<sup>3</sup> how will we escape if we neglect so great a salvation?** \*it's not going to happen\* **After it was at the first spoken through the Lord, it was confirmed to us by those who heard,**

**<sup>4</sup> God also testifying with them, both by signs and wonders and by various miracles and by gifts of the Holy Spirit according to His**

**own will.**

**<sup>5</sup> For He did not subject to angels the world to come, concerning which we are speaking.**

**<sup>6</sup> But one has testified somewhere, saying, “WHAT IS MAN, THAT YOU REMEMBER HIM? OR THE SON OF MAN, THAT YOU ARE CONCERNED ABOUT HIM?”**

**<sup>7</sup> “YOU HAVE MADE HIM FOR A LITTLE**

**WHILE LOWER THAN THE ANGELS; \*God made JESUS CHRIST lower than the angels and then abandoned Him... and you think YOU are going to get away throughout eternity by rejecting Him?\***

**YOU HAVE CROWNED HIM WITH GLORY AND HONOR \*AFTER THE RESURRECTION AND ASCENSION\*,**

**AND HAVE APPOINTED HIM OVER THE WORKS OF YOUR HANDS \*THE WHOLE UNIVERSE\*;**

**<sup>8</sup> YOU HAVE PUT ALL THINGS IN SUBJECTION UNDER HIS FEET.”**

**For in subjecting all things to him, He left nothing that is not subject to him. But now we do not yet see**



***all things subjected to him.*** \*And that is certainly true today\*

***<sup>9</sup> But we do see Him who was made for a little while lower than the angels, namely, Jesus, because of the suffering of death*** \*spiritual death on the cross\* ***crowned with glory and honor*** \*after His resurrection and ascension\*, ***so that by the grace of God He might taste death for everyone.*** \*That's SPIRITUAL DEATH\*

***<sup>10</sup> For it was fitting for Him, for whom are all things, and through whom are all things, in bringing many sons to glory, to perfect the author of their salvation through sufferings*** \*our salvation is provided by JESUS CHRIST through the 3 hours on the cross in the darkness\* .

***<sup>11</sup> For both He who sanctifies*** \*Jesus Christ\* ***and those who are sanctified are all from one Father; for which reason He is not ashamed to call***

**them brethren,**

**<sup>12</sup> saying,**

**“I WILL PROCLAIM YOUR NAME TO MY BRETHREN,**

**IN THE MIDST OF THE CONGREGATION I**

**WILL SING YOUR PRAISE.”** \*on the Cross he is crying out why have you forsaken me?\*

**<sup>13</sup> And again, “I WILL PUT MY TRUST IN**

**HIM.”** \*I want you to remember that... no matter what

happened during those 3 hours of darkness when JESUS

CHRIST cried out “WHY”, JESUS CHRIST had not stopped

trusting the Father\* **And again, “BEHOLD, I**

**AND THE CHILDREN WHOM GOD HAS GIVEN**

**ME** \*THAT’S ALL BELIEVERS\* .”

**<sup>14</sup> Therefore, since the children**

**share in flesh and blood, He**

**Himself likewise also partook of**

**the same, that through death He**

**might render powerless him who**

**had the power of death, that is,**

**the devil,**

**<sup>15</sup> and might free those who**

**through fear of death were subject to slavery all their lives.**

**<sup>16</sup> For assuredly He does not give help to angels, but He gives help to the descendant of Abraham**

\*descendant of Abraham is JESUS CHRIST\* .

**<sup>17</sup> Therefore, He had to be made like His brethren in all things, so that He might become a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people** \*work on the Cross\* .

**<sup>18</sup> For since He Himself was tempted in that which He has suffered, He is able to come to the aid of those who are tempted.**

Minsky points out that...

IN THE GARDEN, JESUS WRESTLED WITH HIMSELF  
and

on the cross HE WRESTLES WITH GOD”

Two different passages deal with that.

**“Do I ask that this cup pass from me?”**

I can't ask that. For that's why I came.

## **In Your Preparation for Your Prayer**

**“I cannot ask the Father for this!”**

**“Is this sinful”**

**“Is this according to His Will?”**

**“Is this the best thing?”**

Spiritually for me,  
for what God has in store for me and my family's lives.  
That's the Prayer of Preparation...  
and then you go to the PRAYER.

And then you live in pursuit of that PRAYER.

If you know how to pray you will know how to live after  
your prayer.

This is what we have with JESUS CHRIST in the garden.

In the garden He wrestled with himself.

He knows why... all of this.

Yet He asked “WHY”.

He knows why.

Yet ON THE CROSS He submits to the DIVINE judgment.

So, people, never wonder  
“how God can send his creatures to the Lake of Fire.”

Jesus Christ  
did not escape the PERFECT RIGHTEOUSNESS of God.

So how does anyone who rejects JESUS CHRIST and  
the Imputation of Righteousness  
expect to escape the Lake of Fire?  
That is why more preachers need to teach the  
RIGHTEOUSNESS of GOD, but many don't.

They speak only of His love.  
Jesus Christ did not escape the +R of God.  
And neither can any person.

No unbeliever will escape the +R of God.

Now, let's closely examine the SHOUT of our Lord.  
And we can learn something important.

**JESUS CHRIST**  
**uttered these words**  
**for OUR BENEFIT.**

In the construction of the GREEK “WHY” ...

for what purpose have you forsaken me?

On what GROUNDS have you forsaken me?

On what GROUNDS are we going to  
spend eternity in a Lake of Fire?

How can God say that?

This is what we learn from the three hours of darkness on  
the cross.

During these 3 hours of darkness God abandoned Christ.

YOU THINK you are going to get by?

No, YOU are not.

For what purpose (\*WHY eternity in a Lake of Fire\*)  
BECAUSE they have **rejected** the Perfect Righteousness of  
God and they reject the love of God that provided the way  
of imputation of God's perfect Righteousness by grace  
through faith.

The 3 hours teach us this.

YOU CANNOT ESCAPE.

JESUS CHRIST couldn't.

What makes you think you can?

When you are asked "How can a loving God...?"

**Answer,** “God abandoned His own Son in order that we might escape”

JESUS CHRIST shouted “FOR WHAT PURPOSE”...  
“on what grounds”?

The GROUNDS are God’s Perfect Righteousness

And as far as those people who spend eternity in a LAKE OF FIRE... Sins are NOT the reason.

A lack of the Perfect Righteousness of God is the reason.

A lot of preachers think people will be in the Lake of Fire for their sins. **But sins are not the issue.**

**NO ONE** will be in the Lake of Fire for their SINS.  
**ALL SINS WERE PAID FOR**  
**BY JESUS CHRIST. In the three hours of**  
**darkness on the cross.**

People will be in the Lake of Fire because they refused the Perfect Righteousness of GOD offered in JESUS CHRIST.

**The rejection of JESUS CHRIST**

**is the reason for and eternity in Hell.**

**Rejection of the love solution by God.**

People like Hitler will not spend an  
Eternity in a Lake of Fire for his sins.

He will be there only if he said “NO” to Jesus Christ.  
Jesus Christ is the issue.

JESUS CHRIST knows why God has forsaken Him.  
Understand that.

He knows on what ‘legal’ ‘righteous’ ground God has  
forsaken Him.

He asked “Do I ask that this cup pass from me?”

“For this reason I came into the world”.

No.

He knew why he came into the world.

He understood why.

Yet he said “WHY” on the cross, that WE MIGHT LEARN.  
Why am I going to spend an eternity in the Lake of Fire?  
It’s because we do not have THE HOLINESS OF GOD.



That's why.

The unbeliever thinks he can escape it.

But he needs to look to the Cross and realize that JESUS CHRIST could not escape it.

So, we see that JESUS CHRIST knew for all eternity "THE PURPOSE OF ABANDONMENT BY GOD" and HE HAS KNOWN THE LEGAL BASIS FOR SUCH ABANDONMENT.

The Perfect Righteousness of God  
His associations with the sins of the world.

HE KNEW Philippians 2:

**<sup>5</sup> Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus,**  
**<sup>6</sup> who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped,**  
**<sup>7</sup> but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men.**

**<sup>8</sup> Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.**

**<sup>9</sup> For this reason also, God highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name,**

**<sup>10</sup> so that at the name of Jesus EVERY KNEE WILL BOW, of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth,**

**<sup>11</sup> and that every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.**

HE KNEW

On a Christmas morning

HE KNEW

When he was 12 years old

HE KNEW

When he started His public ministry

# HE KNEW

All through His public ministry

# HE KNEW

 what was coming.

That's why in the Garden of Gethsemane, it laid heavily on His spirit.

# HE KNEW

 what was about to happen.

That's why He fell on His face in prayer.

# HE UNDERSTOOD

# Do You?

If we could get unbelievers to understand what spending an eternity in a Lake of Fire was about, then they might also FALL ON THEIR FACE, as Jesus did in Gethsemane.

But in arrogance, this is difficult to see.

It's difficult to get most people to think in terms of

**Eternity... After Death.**

**After Death... WHAT THEN?**

To understand **Death**, then understand a **Place of Holding**, then understand a **Lake of Fire**.

WHY?

What kind of God do you have?

LOOK AT THE CROSS.

I have a perfectly righteous God

I have a loving God but He is also Righteous.

And OUT OF LOVE, He sent His Son to the Cross so that you will not have to spend an eternity in a Lake of Fire....

So that He doesn't have to abandoned you forever and ever.

This is where the LOVE comes in.

**LOVE does NOT set aside Perfect Righteousness.  
Love FULFILLS the Perfect Righteousness of God.**

Unbelievers need to understand the 3 Hours of Darkness on the Cross.

They need to understand how that God abandoned His Son.

If (since) JESUS CHRIST did not escape it, YOU ARE NOT GOING TO ESCAPE IT.

That's the whole issue. **Perfect Righteousness.**

**Perfect Righteousness** is the Legal Basis for His own association with the sins of the world.

The defeat of Satan and the Removal of LAW  
What does 'Removal of LAW' require? DEATH.

The LAW demands DEATH.

You don't obey the LAW, you DIE.

Very simply said... you break any part of the LAW, you are dead.

JESUS CHRIST was associated with SIN and he died.

He died for everyone.

That's where the LOVE fits in.

On the Cross, Jesus Christ understands all of this.

By asking about the abandonment by GOD, He is NOT implying that the hypo-static union with GOD is dissolved.

That Union is not dissolved.

JESUS CHRIST knows He isn't separated from the LOVE OF GOD.

THIS is hard for people to understand... that God still loves them... yet they will be put into a Lake of Fire.

God still loves them, yet they are in a Lake of Fire.

We must understand what  
LOVE DOES  
And  
what RIGHTEOUSNESS DOES.

Also,  
what LOVE DOES NOT do  
And  
what RIGHTEOUSNESS DOES NOT do.

God loves all people. But that Love does not prevent people all over the world who reject Him from spending eternity in a Lake of Fire. They cannot escape God's Perfect Righteousness.

That's why JESUS CHRIST asked these words.  
Why are You forsaking Me?  
It was for OUR benefit.  
It was for YOUR benefit.  
It was for the WORLD's benefit.

For what purpose will you abandon me?

People all over the world that reject me?

We have the answer.

## **THE HOLINESS OF GOD**

That's something people don't like.

Today people don't like absolutes, especially absolute righteousness or absolute perfection.

People don't like absolute morality.

We think we should get away with immorality.

But God is a Perfect Righteousness GOD and ~~it~~ is not going to allow the escaping of His righteousness to happen.

Study the Bible throughout:

Rejection got Adam and Eve out of the Garden of Eden.

Rejection caused all the languages in the world to. Come into existence

Throughout the Bible, we see the effects of sin.

Then take ALL OF THAT... and recognize that JESUS CHRIST bore ALL OF THAT on the cross.

IF Jesus Christ did not escape it, what makes you think you

will?

It is difficult for people to understand this LOVE that LOVES THEM, but must separate from them.

Jesus understood this separation and accepted it without stopping His Trust God.

During these 3 Hours of Darkness on the Cross, JESUS CHRIST never stopped TRUSTING GOD.

Believers when it turns out that God has to discipline you....  
**DON'T STOP TRUSTING.**

He is a loving parent.

A loving parent disciplines the child.

A parent that DOES NOT DISCIPLINE, doesn't LOVE. Parents often think it is love to let the child get away with wrong... but that's not love.

A parent disciplines BECAUSE he loves that child.

GOD disciplines because he LOVES us.

Don't abandon your parents.

Children often abandon their parents...

"I HATE YOU" ...

"I'm NEVER GOING TO LOVE YOU AGAIN"



And parents often let the child  
get away with their rebellion.

However, NOT GOD.

“I WILL DISCIPLINE YOU BECAUSE I AM A LOVING FATHER”  
and as in Hebrews 12: you need to be disciplined.  
Even though it is a discipline, not punishment... (punishment  
went to JESUS CHRIST on the Cross)

I'm punishing, for all sins  
but I discipline you that you will learn for the future.  
You'll learn not to take your tricycle out into the street.  
You'll learn not to lie.  
You'll learn not to cheat.  
You'll learn not to rebel.  
You'll learn not to be undisciplined.

You'll learn these things and **IT IS FOR YOUR GOOD.**

And if you won't learn... I'm sorry, but I have to do this...  
because I am your parent.

**And this is GOD... on the Cross.**

**Jesus did not stop trusting GOD on the Cross.**

It's a simple lesson... not an easy lesson ... but simple.

Don't stop TRUSTING HIM no matter how severe the discipline.

Don't stop TRUSTING HIM.

**So, now we know that JESUS CHRIST did not utter these words out of ignorance. He knew perfectly well... what was going on.**

**He has known them throughout scripture; and ages before; and before time began.**

**He uttered these words "WHY HAVE YOU FORSAKEN ME?" for OUR benefit.**

**That we might come to an understanding of the severity and the importance of the Perfect Righteousness of God. Do not expect His love to by-pass His perfect righteousness.**

**That's why He uttered these words. Don't think for a moment that He doesn't know why.**

**He Knows "WHY"**

And don't listen to the rambling of preachers who try to explain it away. JESUS CHRIST understood perfectly.

Once again, why did he say it.

## FOR OUR BENEFIT.

Think of God's words "THIS IS MY SON IN WHOM I AM WELL-PLEASSED" \*satisfied\*

"WHY HAVE YOU FORSAKEN ME?"

Two different occasions... two different things.

JESUS CHRIST knew WHAT was going on and He knew WHY it was going on.

He uttered these words for OUR BENEFIT.

**Our Benefit:** That we might come to an understanding of the severity and the importance of the Perfect Righteousness of God.

And on what grounds will people spend eternity in a Lake of Fire? Separated (abandoned) from God for all eternity.

It will be by their own choosing. They reject the love of God at the cross by failing to believe in Jesus Christ and now must face His perfect Righteousness.

**Jesus Christ made a choice.**

'I WILL TAKE ON THE SINS OF THE WORLD AND BE ABANDONED BY GOD.'

**Unbelievers make a choice.**

'I WILL REFUSE TO BELIEVE IN JESUS CHRIST AND BE ABANDONED BY GOD.'

People we love,  
People we know,  
People we associate with,  
**will make a choice.**  
It hurts when they reject JESUS CHRIST,  
but it's a choice they make.  
It's their decision.  
You cannot make it for them.

**Jesus Christ** made a decision to TAKE ON THE SINS OF  
THE WORLD AND BE ABANDONED BY GOD.

**Unbelievers** make a choice to reject JESUS CHRIST AND  
BE ABANDONED BY GOD FOR ALL ETERNITY.

**This is the issue.**

People, learn about God in all of this.  
Understand that HE IS A PERFECTLY RIGHTEOUS GOD... and  
make THAT RIGHTEOUSNESS a priority... not His Love... His  
Love will not set aside His Righteousness.

On the Cross God did not set aside His Perfect  
Righteousness and abandoned His own son.  
If GOD were ever going to be fickle and abandon his Perfect

Righteousness, GOD would have done it on the Cross.  
GOD didn't do this. GOD abandoned His own Son.

We need to learn from that.

“YOU ABANDONED YOUR SON ON THE CROSS? Wow!!!  
I better pay attention and straighten up my own thinking on  
that issue.”

Jesus Christ has Removed the SIN PROBLEM on the Cross.  
Now, all that remains is the issue of God's Perfect  
Righteousness.

And everyone can receive that Perfect Righteousness by a  
simple act of F-A-I-T-H.

God gave you the strength of F-A-I-T-H and simply wants  
you to give it back to HIM. That's Grace.

God never asked anything of us  
that He hasn't already given us.

LOVE ONE ANOTHER, but first He gave us this love through the  
Indwelling of the Holy Spirit.

TRUST IN MY SON AS YOUR SAVIOUR, but first He gives to  
everyone faith.

So it's a matter of responding to **His Grace**.

So why does JESUS CHRIST asks, 'Why have you forsaken  
me... on what grounds... for what purpose... for what  
benefit?'

# THAT WE MIGHT LEARN ABOUT THE RIGHTEOUSNESS of GOD.

Why will many spend eternity in a Lake of Fire separated from God.

What is the purpose of such a horrible destiny?

What are the grounds for their suffering for all eternity?

BECAUSE GOD IS A Perfectly Righteous GOD  
and they are minus righteousness.

It has nothing to do with their sins... They are without the  
perfect righteousness of God

Why are they without this perfect righteousness?

Because they refuse to believe

in the work of JESUS CHRIST on the Cross.

That's why the Satan's world tries to eliminate Jesus Christ  
from all discourse in the world.

Get JESUS CHRIST out of schools,  
out of the courtroom,  
out of the churches,  
out of your daily life.

Why?

It keeps you from the Perfect Righteousness of God.

That's why so many people are so confused as to why people are in a Lake of Fire for all eternity and why SIN has been made the issue.

Preachers teach that sins are the issue, when they need to teach that JESUS CHRIST took care of that issue.

The issue is the Perfect Righteousness of GOD  
versus  
the {-r} unrighteousness of man.

In Grace, GOD says BELIEVE. People reject God's gracious offer of His perfect RIGHTEOUSNESS by refusing to simply believe in Jesus Christ as their Savior.. Unfortunately many try to work to be righteous before God, this is the foundation of religion.

Rejection of God's RIGHTEOUSNESS in the Person of JESUS CHRIST is the issue.

Without the Perfect Righteousness of God, you are already abandoned by GOD.

You need to understand:  
GOD SHOWS WRATH AGAINST SIN  
{3 hours of darkness on the Cross}

GOD SHOWS WRATH FOR {-r}  
(all eternity in a Lake of Fire)

GOD SHOWS MERCY to those of F-A-I-T-H.

Just F-A-I-T-H ... the size of a mustard seed in Jesus Christ as Savior.

We as a people often want to tell others their FAITH isn't big enough. But God has another plan.

Just F-A-I-T-H ... the size of a mustard seed.

In closing

**“WHY HAVE YOU FORSAKEN ME?”**

**was said for OUR BENEFIT.**

**That we might learn about the perfect  
Righteousness of God.**

***John 3:16 “For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.***