

In Revelation 21:8 we are told that all evil doers — all who do not love and obey their Creator — will be thrown into the “lake of fire.” It is this “lake of fire” which is used to frighten people into submission. But just what is this “lake of fire”?

Revelation 20:13, 14 tells us that “death and hades” — the condition of the dead — will also be thrown into this “lake of fire.” Then at the end of verse 14 we are told what this “lake of fire” is — “Second Death” — permanent removal from the human race. No one, not even the most vile who has ever lived will suffer eternally — they will simply cease to exist, as if they were never born.

“**God is Love**” and He has devised a plan for the blessing of all creation. But why do we continue to suffer and die? We invite you send for the free booklet titled, “Why God Permits Evil.” We will send it without cost or obligation. Simply call or scan the QR code on the back panel.



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*“This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.”*

— 1 Timothy 2:3-4 ESV



In this scripture God is telling us that His desire is that everyone shall come to a full and accurate knowledge of Him and His Plan of salvation. Many believe that the only way to gain this accurate knowledge is to simply read God’s written Word. But more is needed. We must

study and set our hearts to understand **His** message. Too often Christians rely on their own interpretations without seeking to harmonize these with the fact that “**God is Love.**” 2 Timothy 2:15; 1 John 4:8

God tells us in Jeremiah 29:11 (ESV) “*For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.*” Now that we are living in these especially evil “last days,” Jesus tells us that we must “*Take heed that no man deceive you.*” Matthew 24:4

Many believe that if we fail to call on Jesus’ name and live up to the standards he has set for us, then a permanent place of fiery torment will be our abode forever. This doctrine is taught by false teachers who have not sought to harmonize their interpretations with God’s love and mercy. They teach that the world will come to an end through fire, and believers will be taken up in a rapture, while all others will suffer eternally. This again is a false teaching based on man’s interpretations. “... *their fear toward me is taught by the precept of men.*” Isaiah 29:13

God’s Word, the Bible, teaches us that the earth will last forever: “*For thus saith the LORD that created*

*the heavens; God himself that formed the earth and made it; he hath established it, he created it not in vain, he formed it to be inhabited: I am the LORD...*” (Isaiah 45:18) Not only has God created the earth to endure forever, but He has also done so with the plan that all mankind will live on it forever! God’s Son Jesus tells us: “*Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.*” (Matthew 5:5; Psalms 37:11) Why would Jesus suggest this if the earth is to be destroyed by fire?

Just imagine, sometime in the near future, seeing your loved ones raised from their sleep in death — raised to a righteous world! We are promised there will be a time when there will be no more tears, no more sorrow, no more sickness, no more pain and no more death. Revelation 21:4

