

Good News Wouldn't Exist Without Bad News

We have fake news, fake science, and fake events. There is only one source that you can be certain will give you the absolute truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth – that is the Bible, God's Holy Word.

The great deceiver, Satan himself, is described as the father of lies. One of his best deceptions is not to tell you a lie directly, but rather to obscure, hide or erase the truth. Yes, we are certainly told many lies today, but we should also ask the question, *what are we not being told?*

When we examine the spiritual landscape in America today, there is one truth clearly proclaimed in the Word of God that has, for all intents and purposes, been erased. What is that truth? The reality of God's judgment that will result in souls being cast into hell for all eternity. Pastor John MacArthur wrote an article in 2014 which he entitled "The Disappearance of Hell":

"According to recent polls, some 81 percent of adult Americans believe in heaven, and fully 80 percent expect to go there when they die. By comparison, about 61 percent believe in hell, but less than 1 percent think it's likely they will go there. In other words, a slight majority of Americans still believe hell exists, but genuine fear of hell is almost nonexistent.

Even the most conservative evangelicals don't seem to take hell very seriously anymore. For decades, many evangelicals have downplayed inconvenient biblical truths, neglecting any theme that seems to require somber reflection. Doctrines such as human depravity, divine wrath, the exceeding sinfulness of sin, and the reality of eternal judgment have

disappeared from the evangelical message.”

Yet when we carefully study what Jesus taught, He taught more about hell than any other prophet in the Bible. The Good News is only good because of the reality of eternal punishment in hell. Without that bad news there is no Good News.

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