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Fire



- Throughout the Word of God the concept of **fire** is used to represent the **nature** and the **character** of God
 - Our God is **purifying** fire

Matthew 3:11-12

¹¹ "I baptize you with water for repentance. But after me comes one who is more powerful than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹² His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor, gathering his wheat into the barn and burning up the chaff with unquenchable fire."

- Baptism with **water**
(Matthew 28:19)
- Baptism with the **Holy Spirit**
(Acts 1:4-8)
- Baptism with **fire**
 - Fire of **separation** or **division**

Malachi 4:1-2

"Surely the day is coming; it will burn like a furnace. All the arrogant and every evildoer will be stubble, and the day that is coming will set them on fire," says the LORD Almighty. "Not a root or a branch will be left to them. ² But for you who revere my name, the sun of righteousness will rise with healing in its rays. And you will go out and frolic like well-fed calves.

- It comes down to **religion** verses **relationship**

Matthew 7:21-23

²¹ "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. ²² Many will say to me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name and in your name drive out demons and in your name perform many miracles?' ²³ Then I will tell them plainly, 'I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!'

- **Lord**, look at all the things we **did** in your name
- I never **knew** you

Matthew 25:31-33

³¹ "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne. ³² All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. ³³ He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left.

- Whatever you did for the **least** of these you did for **me**
- It **ultimately** comes down to the condition of our **hearts**

Acts 4:9-12

⁹ If we are being called to account today for an act of kindness shown to a man who was lame and are being asked how he was healed, ¹⁰ then know this, you and all the people of Israel: It is by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified but whom God raised from the dead, that this man stands before you healed. ¹¹ Jesus is "the stone you builders rejected, which has become the cornerstone." ¹² Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved."

- Jesus is the **stone** you builders **rejected**
- **Salvation** is found in **no** other name

The **choice** is yours, you get to decide if you want to **accept** Jesus or **reject** Him