



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

- The **Lake of Fire** reveals to us God's **hatred** of sin
 - **72%** of church goers believe in **heaven**
 - **58%** of church goers believe in **hell**
 - Heaven and Hell are both **real places**

Revelation 20:11-15

¹¹ Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it. The earth and the heavens fled from his presence, and there was no place for them. ¹² And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Another book was opened, which is the book of life. The dead were judged according to what they had done as recorded in the books. ¹³ The sea gave up the dead that were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead that were in them, and each person was judged according to what they had done. ¹⁴ Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. The lake of fire is the second death. ¹⁵ Anyone whose name was not found written in the book of life was thrown into the lake of fire.

- This **judgment** is for **all** those who have died without accepting Jesus as their **Savior**
- Anyone who's name was not in the **Book of Life** was thrown into the Lake of Fire

Matthew 13:49-50

⁴⁹ This is how it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come and separate the wicked from the righteous ⁵⁰ and throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

- This will be a state of complete and total **separation** from God that is **inescapable** and never ending
- **How** could God **allow** this to happen?

- This was **not** God's **plan** (Matthew 25:41)
- God does not want **anyone** to **perish** (2 Peter 3:9)

John 3:16-18

¹⁶ For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. ¹⁸ Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God's one and only Son.

- God's heart is not to **condemn** but to **save**
- We all have a **choice**; we can either believe or **reject** Jesus
- It is that choice that **moves** us as a **church**

1 Corinthians 9:16

¹⁶ For when I preach the gospel, I cannot boast, since I am compelled to preach. Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel!

- I am **compelled** to share the **message** of God's love