



The Doctrine of End Times and Last Days

Jesus' teaching on heaven and hell

I. Biblical terms describing heaven and hell

- **“Hades”** - A Greek term that is sometimes translated as hell – a place of torment where unbelievers are awaiting their final judgment (Luke 10:15; 16:23; Rev. 20:10-15)
- **“Gehenna”** - A Greek term (borrowed from a literal burning dump near Jerusalem, valley of hinom) that always refers to hell – a place of torment (Matthew 5:30; 23:33)
- **“Lake of fire”**- the final abode of unbelievers after they are resurrected-Hell (Revelation 20:14,15)
- **“Abraham’s bosom”** - (Luke 16:22) a place of eternal comfort(Jewish term)
- **“Paradise”** - (Luke 23:43) a place of eternal comfort (Jewish term)
- **“With the Lord”** - a key phrase describes where church age believers are after death (Philippians 1:23; 1 Thessalonians 4:17; 2 Corinthians 5:8)
- **“New heavens and earth”** – where believers will be after they are resurrected (Revelation 20:4-6; 21:1-4)

- “**Eternal life**”- comprehensive term for God’s life now and for eternity in heaven (John 3:16, 1 John 5:10-13)
- “**Heaven**”- Heaven is the place where God most fully makes known his presence to bless. (Isaiah 66:1; 1 Peter 3:22; Matthe 6:9)

I. The teaching of Jesus on heaven and hell

Matthew 7:21-28

Matthew 13:24-50

Matthew 18:1-9

Matthew 25:31-46

Luke 16:19-31

John 3:16-18

John 5:24-30

Matthew 25:14-30

Luke 12:42-48

II. Summary conclusions on Jesus’ teaching

1. Heaven and Hell are **real places**
2. Heaven is a place of **eternal blessing** with other believers in the presence of God
3. Hell is a place of **eternal punishment** for the wicked separated from God
4. Heaven and Hell are the ultimate expressions of God’s **love and justice**
5. Unbelievers **condemn** themselves for not believing in the Son of God
6. Those who believe in Christ demonstrate their faith by their **works**
7. There will be **rewards** in heaven for faithful service on earth

8. Punishment in hell will be fair according to the **revelation** people received

III. Take away

1. I need to believe what Jesus taught about heaven and hell
2. This truth empowers me to live with hope and confidence about my eternal future
3. This truth motivates me to live obediently and faithfully, storing up treasure in heaven
4. This truth encourages me to share the gospel of salvation with anyone who does not know the Lord