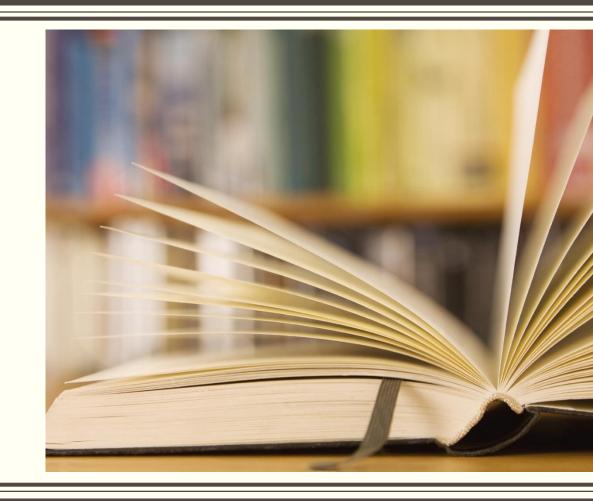


Biblical - Christ-centered - Trusting - Teachable



QUESTION

If God is sovereign, why doesn't He keep people from going to hell?

Observations

- God finds no pleasure in the death of the wicked (Ezekiel 33:11)
- God tests human hearts (Job)
- God is sovereign while man is responsible
 - Genesis 50:19-20
 - Leviticus 20:7-8
 - Acts 2:23; 4:23-31

QUESTION

If a person lives a life of sin for 70 years or so, isn't hell for eternity too severe a punishment?

Hell Too Severe?

- God is holy
- God is Creator and Owner of all
- God is perfect and infinitely glorious
- God is good, righteous, and just
- God is love, gracious, and merciful
- All people are sinners both by nature and by choice

Hell Too Severe?

- A place of punishment
- All sin is not equal
- A punishment of separation

How do we measure?

- The dignity and worth of the one offended
- The ground for offense
- The cost of restoration

QUESTION

The Bible says that Jesus is Lord and Savior, but I hear pastors say that first Jesus needs to become our Savior before He can become our Lord. Which is correct, is Jesus first our Lord then our Savior, or must He first be our Savior before being our Lord, and why?

Big Picture

- 1. God planning
- 2. God initiating
- 3. God accomplishing
- 4. God atoning
- 5. God justifying
- 6. God sanctifying
- 7. God glorifying
- 8. God loving

Result of God's Grace

- 1. No human being may boast
- 2. The redeemed may glory in God
- 3. The redeemed may rest in the sovereign grace of God

Christ is **LORD** and as Lord He is Savior

- Salvation is the result of the work of the Lord (Jonah 2:9)
- Salvation means a right relationship with the Lord
- Big picture: Christ-centered reality! "Christ is Lord"