

Everlasting Punishment???

Mar 9:42 And whosoever shall offend one of *these* little ones that believe in me, it is better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and he were cast into the sea.

Mar 9:43 And if thy hand offend thee, cut it off: it is better for thee to enter into life maimed, than having two hands to go into **hell**, into the **fire that never shall be quenched:**

Mar 9:44 Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched.

Mar 9:45 And if thy foot offend thee, cut it off: it is better for thee to enter halt into life, than having two feet to be cast into **hell**, into the **fire that never shall be quenched:**

Mar 9:46 Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched.

Mar 9:47 And if thine eye offend thee, pluck it out: it is better for thee to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than having two eyes to be cast into **hell fire**:

Mar 9:48 Where their worm dieth not, and the **fire is not quenched**.

From Strong's Concordence

G1067 *gheh'-en-nah*

Of Hebrew origin ([H1516] and [H2011]); *valley of* (the son of) *Hinnom*; *gehenna* (or *Ge-Hinnom*), a valley of Jerusalem, used (figuratively) as a name for the place (or state) of everlasting punishment: - hell.

Thayer Definition:

1) Hell is the place of the future punishment call "Gehenna" or "Gehenna of fire". This was originally the valley of Hinnom, south of Jerusalem, where the filth and dead animals of the city were cast out and burned; a fit symbol of the wicked and their future destruction.

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Mat 25:46 And these shall go away into **everlasting punishment**: but the righteous into life eternal.

Mar 3:29 But he that shall blaspheme against the Holy Ghost hath never forgiveness, but is in danger of **eternal damnation**:

Heb 6:2 Of the doctrine of baptisms, and of laying on of hands, and of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment.

Jud 1:7 Even as Sodom and Gomorrha, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh, are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire.

Mat 18:8 Wherefore if thy hand or thy foot offend thee, cut them off, and cast *them* from thee: it is better for thee to enter into life halt or maimed, rather than having two hands or two feet to be cast into **everlasting fire**.

Mat 25:41 Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into **everlasting fire**, prepared for the devil and his angels:

2Th 1:9 Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power;

If I understand the 7th day Adventist belief correctly, they believe that on the great day of judgment that all the unrighteous will simply be burned up and will cease to exist. The Bible calls this false doctrine or error. The Bible states repeatedly that there's everlasting punishment.

Your Brother in Christ
Paul Warford

Notes & Letters

News from Gleed Church of Christ. The Church at Gleed, WA is doing good. We had some illness. Tom Stratton had a fall in his house. He's back at church. Tom Core keeps going strong. Keep both Tom's in prayers.

Theresa King is putting a fundraiser for Jesca in Uganda. If you would like to help, contact John McKinney.

Update on my wife Kathy Lamb. She had lung surgery to remove cancer. Kathy is recovering. She will need colon surgery in Jan 4th 2024. Keep her in your prayers. I will send updates as I can.

The power of God works through our prayers. With God all things are possible.

Bro. Jim Lamb
Gleed Church of Christ

Hello and God's blessings to everyone. We have blessed here with wonderful health as the end of this year approaches. Winter has been mild to now with only minor colds. As the new year nears we pray for the health and blessings to everyone. We are told by our Lord in Matthew 6:34 " Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof." So we must be careful with our intentions and plans. We always pray for all who are traveling to be safe. If it is the Lord's will we hope to see everyone in Yuma for the meeting in March.

The postal service has changed our mailing address to :

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In Christ to all

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News from Abroad

Dec 4

Hi brethren,

Since yesterday a number of dead bodies have been found. This makes it 50 people who have died and more than 160 wounded. Many people in that area have no homes including church members. It's unknown if any church member has suffered but according to the report of where it swept, I believe Katesh congregation is gone and most of it's members that were staying in that little town are dead and some are without home, food, and water.

Many homes are without people and today the 50 who died were buried by the government. We believe God will help others who are a live to survive. However, we need much prayers because through it God's healing hands will prevent us with any calamity that may face us.

Thank you all, we know you have been praying for us fervently.

May God bless each of you.

Your brother in Christ

Sadat

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Dec 18

We hope all are doing well in the Lord. Thank you for your continued work of printing the courier monthly. May you be encouraged in doing so for the Lord and may God bless you as you do it monthly.

The brethren Edward, Deusi, and I left here for Dar on 07/12 for the church paper which is being done the in December each year. We had three days to rest because it is a long trip by bus about 1400 Km.

On Monday we visited the registrar's office. As obvious many denominations also go to be registered so you have to wait for others on the queue to be finished. As the number of people were growing up, we were told to go in the province where the application letter for registration was written. Those from Dar remained there, but for some of us who had their letter written from the Arusha provincial office, we were directed to go and do the registration there. They didn't mention if that will continue in the next years.

Thank you so much for your prayers we came back safe last Saturday. I was sick of flu and cough but now I'm doing fine.

As we were away, brother James and Simon continued to evangelize. According to them the word of God brought forth much fruits. They had discussion with the Jehovah Witness with his household and they will be

baptized next week Lord willing. However, we have much effort in this area of preaching and evangelizing people. Mostly the seed goes to the good soil and there is expectations of harvest.

Many have the mentality that Christ died on Dec 25 and so we do efforts of removing them from that thought.

Katesh & Hanang:

Ever since flood occur many people lost their lives. More than a hundred people died in that part of the province. We have a number of our members who died but also those who are alive needs us to hold their hands with something little. Yes, the government have done much to help but there are individuals that has mostly helped their members. Denominations like Catholic, and KKKT has helped their survivals.

Now, I know that we just had money for registration and may be there is nothing. But on behalf of our fellows something could be done to help. Donations or fundraising can be done for them because no one knew or expected this to happen.

Pray for the work and churches in Africa as we do the same for you.

Katoro Church of Christ.

Your brother in Christ.
Sadat

We are proud to announce the Grand Opening of our companion website 1CupHistory.Church



The site is now fully operational on the front end, and we are adding content literally daily! Start with the History button, and just explore! There are already dozens of articles under Preachers/Ellis Forsman. We have added most of the content from his site ChurchOfChristOneCup.org which can be found under the History button, the temporary Articles button, and the Swahili button for our East African brothers. There are also quite a few video sermons already. We will be adding these in the next few months:

The rest of Ellis Forsman's site content
Bob Musgrave's lessons
Evert Forsman's lessons and some photos
Jack Warford's lessons
Howard McCay's lessons
Photo's of the Lorenzo congregation from Austin Bryant and Willie Howe

If you would like to contribute, please email ChristianCourier1Cup@gmail.com.

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Thought for the Month

It never ceases to amaze me that when I really, really need something, God manifests it in some way in my life that I can take advantage of. Not necessarily the way I *WANT* it, but always in the way it's truly *NEEDED*. It's uncanny how it always works, without fail, when I am willing to take the blinders off and open my eyes to the possible solutions God has offered and accept them as they are. Happy Holidays my friends!

Love & blessings
Jesse Warford

Gospel News Courier

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WALKING WORTHY OF OUR VOCATION

J. C. Spurlin

Paul pleads with Christians in Eph. 4:1-3 to walk worthy of their calling, "I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called. With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love: Endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace."

I believe with all my heart the only thing we need to do in order to get a wonderful lesson from Paul's language here is to break it down word for word, and get the full meaning of each word. Hence we will begin with the word, prisoner. So we look in our dictionary to find that one definition of prisoner means captive. Thus we go to Acts 9: 4-6 to find the Lord arrested Paul while on his way to Damascus for the sole purpose of destroying the church of God. Whereupon he (the Lord) told Saul (who later was named Paul) to go into the city, and it would be told thee what thou MUST do. Every Christian, being a prisoner of the Lord, (having been arrested from our sinful state) MUST walk worthy of the vocation wherewith we have been called, for Paul wasn't joking when he gave us this statement.

So let's take the word, worthy, which means deserving, or excellent; then if we are to deserve a righteous consideration of the Lord, we MUST walk with excellency in the sight of God. For Christ hath said, "Let your light so shine that others may see your good works, and glorify our Father which is in heaven."

Next, shall we look at the word, vocation, which means calling, or business. Or to use the words of the Saviour, "Let us be up and about our Father's business". Luke 2:47. And why? Because we are a called out people, and that for a

purpose, "All things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to His purpose." Rom. 8:28. Then we MUST NOT fail that purpose. Then to magnify that purpose we go to I Pet. 2:9, "But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of Him who hath called you out of darkness into His marvelous light. So our purpose in life is to shew forth the praises of God, and there is no better way to shew the praises of God than to forebear one another in love. Eph. 4:2, "By this we know that we love the children of God when we love God and keep his commandments." "For this is the love of God, when we love God, and keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous." I John 5:2-3.

Thus we have laid down the facts as per Eph. 4:1-3. So if we get the lesson as contained in the text, we will not hesitate to adorn ourselves with lowliness, meekness and long suffering, forebearing one another in love; until we are able to do just that, we are likely to be found back-biting, falsely accusing, all of which are the works of the flesh, and tend to cast a stumbling block before the weak, and soweth discord among the brethren. These six things doth the Lord hate: yea, seven are an abomination unto him. A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood. An heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mischief. A false witness that speaketh lies, and he that soweth discord among brethren. Prov. 6:16-19.

May God help each of us as true Christians, to clothe ourselves with the righteousness set forth in the text. Written in love of the truth, and for the purpose of keeping the unity of the spirit, in the bond of peace. Your humble brother, servant, and prisoner of the Lord.....

A Great-Big Shout-Out!

To our contributors this month!
Thank you very much!

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You know if you get something covered in pretty paper or the big bow, you're getting something pretty special.

We give each other gifts on birthdays and holidays, because we care for that person. They may be a family member or a friend. We love gifts. They're usually something we want. Your family member specifically picks out that gift with you in mind, because they want you to like it.

Well when you were born, you were given gifts specifically picked out for you. These gifts were given to you by God. We also like to call them talents. The talents God has given you can be whatever you're good at. Sometimes it involves a sport, maybe you have a musical talent, or maybe you're good at science and math, or maybe you are more artistic and can draw really well. Whatever the case, God made you good at something for a reason. He wants you to serve Him with your talents.

The Bible says in Colossians 3:23-24, "And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men; Knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for ye serve the Lord Christ."

What that verse says is that with your gift you can serve the Lord.

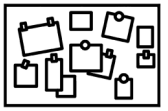
It doesn't matter what other people think of you, as long as you're doing what God wants you to do. So don't be ashamed of your gift, or try to use a different gift that's not yours. Use the talent God gave you and you can bless others with your talent just as if you're giving them a wrapped gift.

Submitted by the
Robert Fuson Sr Family

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We could sure use the help!!!



Bulletin Board

Those in need of our prayers

Jon Rawlins	Ottawa, Canada	Needs heart transplant
John Kombo	Nakuru, Kenya	Diabetes, heart issues
Wilkister Silvester	Gaita, Tanzania	Malaria
Agrippina Silvester	Gaita, Tanzania	Severe back problems
Linda Camp	Broken Bow, OK	Cancer
Vicki Camp Perrin	Broken Bow, OK	Cancer
Rylan Perrin	Broken Bow, OK	Carney Complex/nerve tumors
Beason Family	Broken Bow, OK	Unexpected loss of wife/mother
Debbie Wilkerson	Cedaredge, CO	Fighting cancer
Billy Martin	Citrus City, AZ	Fighting cancer
Pauline Holloway	Gleed, WA	Uterine & cervical cancer
Ilene Thrush	Gleed, WA	Several strokes & heart issues
Otto Alvarez	Harlingen, TX	Dangerous travels, 2 angioplasties
Mariela Alvarez	Harlingen, TX	Dangerous travels, thyroid issues
Jessica Chastain	Stilwell, OK	Health issues
Reba Morris	Stilwell, OK	Lupus, recent loss of husband
Retha Morris	Stilwell, OK	Parkinson's disease
Darletta Spencer	Stilwell, OK	Cancer
Fred Cummings	Yuma, AZ	Congestive heart failure
Dennis Davis	Yuma, AZ	Back & leg issues
Tom Core	Gleed, WA	Recovering from heart surgery
Kathy Lamb	Gleed, WA	Cancer surgery

Gospel Meetings

Weekend Meeting	Broken Bow, OK	Postponed	TBA
Yuma Meeting	Yuma, AZ	Mar 10-17 '24	Assorted

YUMA Gospel Meeting

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Congregation of the Month



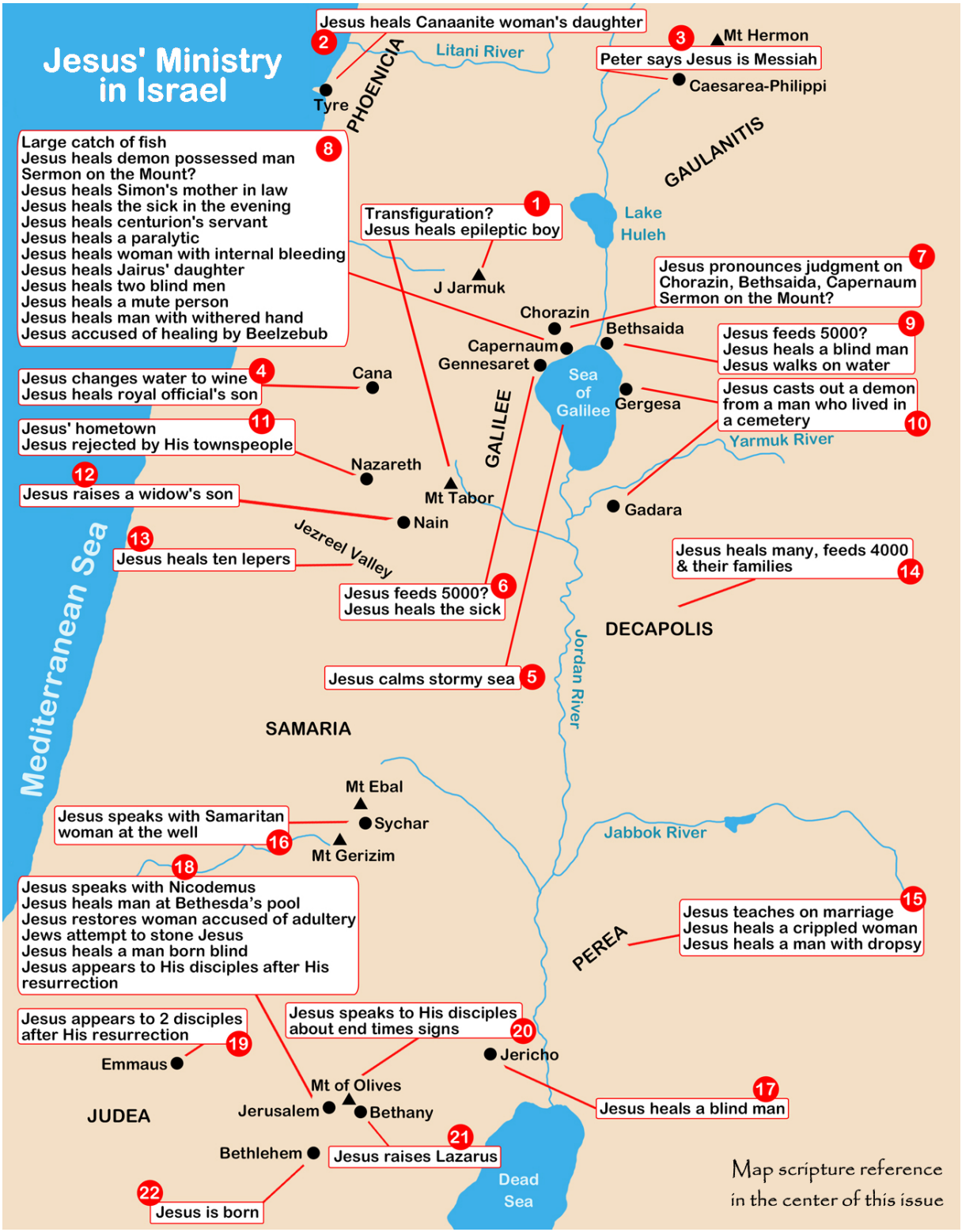
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Sunday Worship: 10:30 am


Jesus' Ministry in Israel
Jesus heals Canaanite woman's daughter
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Tyre
PHOENICIA
Litani River
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Mt Hermon
Peter says Jesus is Messiah
Caesarea-Philippi
GAULANITIS
Large catch of fish
Jesus heals demon possessed man
Sermon on the Mount?
Jesus heals Simon's mother in law
Jesus heals the sick in the evening
Jesus heals centurion's servant
Jesus heals a paralytic
Jesus heals woman with internal bleeding
Jesus heals Jairus' daughter
Jesus heals two blind men
Jesus heals a mute person
Jesus heals man with withered hand
Jesus accused of healing by Beelzebub
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Transfiguration?
Jesus heals epileptic boy
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Lake Huleh
J Jarmuk
Jesus pronounces judgment on Chorazin, Bethsaida, Capernaum
Sermon on the Mount?
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Chorazin
Bethsaida
Capernaum
Gennesaret
Jesus feeds 5000?
Jesus heals a blind man
Jesus walks on water
9
Jesus changes water to wine
Jesus heals royal official's son
4
Cana
Sea of Galilee
Gergesa
Jesus casts out a demon from a man who lived in a cemetery
10
Yarmuk River
Jesus' hometown
Jesus rejected by His townspeople
11
Nazareth
GALILEE
Mt Tabor
12
Jesus raises a widow's son
Nain
Gadara
Mediterranean Sea
13
Jesus heals ten lepers
Jezreel Valley
Jesus heals many, feeds 4000
& their families
14
Jesus feeds 5000?
Jesus heals the sick
6
DECAPOLIS
Jordan River
Jesus calms stormy sea
5
SAMARIA
Mt Ebal
Jesus speaks with Samaritan woman at the well
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Sychar
Mt Gerizim
Jabbok River
18
Jesus speaks with Nicodemus
Jesus heals man at Bethesda's pool
Jesus restores woman accused of adultery
Jews attempt to stone Jesus
Jesus heals a man born blind
Jesus appears to His disciples after His resurrection
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Jesus teaches on marriage
Jesus heals a crippled woman
Jesus heals a man with dropsy
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Jesus speaks to His disciples about end times signs
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