

Is Your Damnation Just?

That's some question, isn't it? In fact it's kind of startling. Not only that, it actually assumes that you are already heading for damnation.

Now maybe you think that idea is preposterous, or even insulting. And therefore you don't want to even consider it. But nevertheless it's true. God says that you really are headed for eternal damnation. And you know something, when God does damn you forever it will be the very thing you chose to receive, as well as the very thing that you deserve to receive. Unless.....unless before it is too late, you choose instead to let God save you from eternal damnation.

Damnation Deserved

The truth of the matter is that we all deserve eternal damnation from God. None of us are without sin; none of us are perfectly righteous before God. Instead we are all ungodly and unrighteous people by nature, no matter how good or not-so-bad we may think ourselves to be. As God has the Apostle Paul declare unto us, we are "all under sin":

⁹ What then? are we better *than they*?
No, in no wise: for we have before proved both Jews and Gentiles, that they are all under sin;

¹⁰ As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one:

¹¹ There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God.
(Romans 3:9-11)

And in connection with this, God's holy law also serves as an official "ministration of death" to us. For it confirms beyond the shadow of a doubt that we are guilty before God, and as such are legally worthy of death and eternal damnation. Hence Paul goes on to say:

¹⁹ Now we know that what things soever the law saith, it saith to them who are under the law: that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God.
(Romans 3:19)

"Guilty before God," that's what all of us are — including you. Guilty of what? Guilty of being ungodly and sinful in God's sight. Therefore, and without a doubt, God

really is telling you that you are headed for eternal damnation.

Damnation Described

As one who is "guilty before God," God's Justice sentences you to...

⁹be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of His power;
(II Thessalonians 1:9)

And in being so punished you will experience "indignation and wrath, tribulation and anguish," as you suffer the debt and penalty of your own sins and ungodliness.

You Are In Jeopardy

The consequences of being damned by God to suffer the debt and penalty of your own sins are horrifying. And yet that is the very prospect facing you. In fact the truth of the matter is that you are in jeopardy of it at this very moment. If it were not for the fact that for the time being God is graciously withholding His day of wrath and righteous judgment, you would have already begun to serve your sentence of eternal damnation. However, God is still withholding His day of judgment, and He is still offering to save you from eternal damnation.

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Salvation Through Jesus Christ

²⁴ Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus:

²⁵ Whom God hath set forth *to be* a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God;

²⁶ To declare, *I say*, at this time his righteousness: that he might be just and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus. (Romans 3:24-26)

Through the death, burial, and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ, God provided for saving you from eternal damnation. As the Apostle Paul says, when Jesus Christ died on the cross of Calvary He “*was delivered for our offences, and raised again for our justification.*” (Romans 4:25) He died as our substitute-Redeemer. He completely paid the price for the debt and penalty of our sins through His own sufferings and death. And in so doing He made it so that God can completely forgive us our sins and also justify us unto eternal life with Him. He made it so that we can be reconciled to

God, have “peace with God,” and not have to be damned by God for our sins and ungodliness. And best of all, the Lord Jesus Christ made it so that we can have all of this as an absolutely free gift.

The one requirement that God has for saving you is that you yourself believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as your all-sufficient Savior. As the Apostle Paul declares, God is “*just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus.*”

When you believe in someone, you depend upon him and his ability to do something for you that you cannot do for yourself. And this is just what it means to “*believe in Jesus.*” Instead of depending in any way upon yourself or your own efforts to save you, you choose to depend completely upon the redemptive work of the Lord Jesus Christ as all that you need for your salvation.

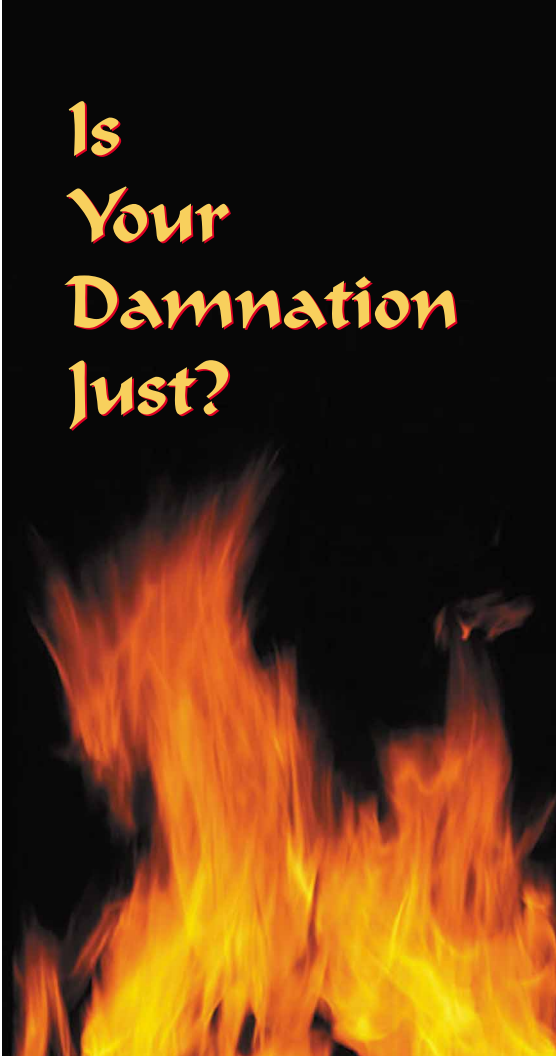
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