



Hell? Yes, It Matters! • Part 2

Lesson 3

"In our shrinking, pluralistic world, the belief that Jesus is the only way of salvation is increasingly called arrogant and even hateful. In the face of this criticism many shrink back from affirming the global necessity of knowing and believing in Jesus." ~ John Piper (Jesus: The Only Way to God, Must You Believe the Gospel to Be Saved?)

The increasing erosion and confusion over the reality of hell and the narrow road to salvation is leading to a lack of conviction and compassion in sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ with the lost.

❶ **What Is This Series All About?** Three Questions in One: *Is Jesus the **only way** to salvation?*

❷ **Where Are We Going with This Series?** Create **TENSION** > Surface **CONFUSION** > Detect **EROSION**

1. Clear away the confusion and replace it with **conviction** and **compassion** in Christ. *Luke 19:10; John 20:21; Mark 10:45*
2. Stop the erosion with a Christ-like **motivation** to be on mission. *Romans 10:8-15*

❸ **Why Is This Series So Important?**

1. Believing and obeying the **BIBLE** hangs in the balance. *2Timothy 3:15-17*
"If we cut loose from the anchor of God's Word, we will not be free. We will be slaves of personal passions and popular trends." ~ John Piper
2. Genuine **LOVE** for God and others hangs in the balance. *Romans 13:10; 1Thessalonians 2:14-16*
3. The **SALVATION** of people in other religions hangs in the balance. *Romans 1:18-20; 1Timothy 2:5; Acts 4:12; John 14:6; Romans 10:13-15*
4. The **STRENGTHENING** of missionaries hangs in the balance. *Romans 15:20-21; 3 John 5-8*
5. Persevering in our own **SALVATION** hangs in the balance. *Galatians 1:6-10; Colossians 1:21-23*

Fear of People	< Diminished <	THE GOSPEL	> Advanced >	Fear God
Passivity				Love of God and People
		(Do Not Confuse One for the Other)		Authority
Conformity to the Culture				Christ Gives Us...
Compromise with the Culture				Conviction before the Culture
				Compassion for the Culture

6. The **ENJOYMENT** of all the benefits of Christ hangs in the balance. *Revelation 20-21*

- **Escape** from hell
- **Entrance** into heaven: Kingdom of God in the New Creation
- **Enjoyment** of the Father, Son, Holy Spirit, and the People of God
- **Everlasting** pleasure of being in God's presence with God's people in God's place!

7. The **GLORY** of the Lord Jesus Christ and His redemptive work hangs in the balance. *2 Corinthians 4:4; Acts 26:17-18; John 16:14; Philippians 2:10-15*

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8. The **URGENCY** of the Great Commission hangs in the balance. *Acts 1:8; Matthew 28:18-20*

Three Threats to Missional Living: 1) Rising spiritual apathy; 2) Growing inclusivism, 3) Increasing disbelief in hell

Eternity Is on the Line Every Day!

Stop the erosion with Christ-like motivation for missional living:

*Share the gospel with the lost locally and globally,
Magnify the necessity of the gospel,
Rescue the perishing,
Glorify Jesus as the only way to God!*