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Bible Class: 9:30 A.M.

Worship: 10:30 A.M. & 5 P.M.

Sonshiners: 4:45pm

Wednesday

Bible Study: 7 P.M.

Preacher:

Russ Earl

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That you may be able to stand (Eph 6:10-13)

PM Sermon

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Sunday AM Bible Class:

Living on the Lord's side – R. Earl

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God's Love Won't Send me to a Devil's Hell Zachary Hall

The world talks about the love of God and in that conversation, one could hear some things that are true and some things that are false. It is important to understand what is true and what is false. One false idea is that since God is love (1 John 4:8) He won't send anyone to Hell. Let us examine a few questions concerning this topic.

First, it is important to understand that God does not desire for man to be lost. In fact, when it comes to God and His love for man it is the exact opposite. He desires all men to repent and be saved (2 Peter 3:9; 1 Timothy 2:4). This was the purpose for God sending His Son to die on the cross. The world knows and uses John 3:16 but they never remember what John 3:17 says "16 For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.17 For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved." God truly desires for man to be saved.

It should be noted that God never intended man to go to Hell. In fact, Hell was not made for man. Hell was made for the Devil and his angles (Matthew 25:41).

Since the Bible teaches that God does not want man to go to Hell one must understand the following statement. "God does not send man to Hell; man sends himself to Hell." What is meant by this statement is that man chooses if he will go to Heaven or Hell based upon his actions. The Bible is man's standard of living, if an individual lives his/her life according to the Bible they will be saved. Consider a familiar passage in Mark 16:16 "He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned." The person who is condemned has condemned themselves.

Since God does not send man to Hell but rather allows man to go there. Who then would choose to go to Hell? I do not think anyone wants to go there but they will if their lives are not right with God. Notice 2 Thessalonians 1:6-9 "6 since it is a righteous thing with God to repay with tribulation those

who trouble you, 7 and to give you who are troubled rest with us when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with His mighty angels, 8 in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 These shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power." Notice three classes of people from this passage. One, the faithful individual who will receive rest. Two, "Those who do not know God" they receive vengeance from God. Three, "Those who do not obey God" they receive vengeance from God. So, God will reward those who deserve the reward and punish those who deserve to be punished.

Yes, it is true that God loves man. Yes, it is true that God wants all men to be saved. However, remember God will allow man to go Hell and face eternal punishment. Man should never take the love of God for granted because there will come a time when the righteousness Judge will say "Depart from Me I never knew you."