

# Will a loving God, really send people to Hell?

A teaching sheet from The River Worship Center Warsaw, Indiana

One of the most puzzling questions people ask is this question? "Will a loving God really send people to Hell?" I think partly because of what it implies, "That it would be alright to miss heaven, if that were the end of it."

So then the simple answer would be **NO**, *God does not send people to Hell.*

The fact is this; People send themselves to Hell.

**B**etter stated, it takes a highly determined person to get to Hell! To prove this fact we are going to illustrate this statement by using Barricades as an example.



**Barricade number one** in the pathway to Hell, would have to be nature itself. Every spring from the seeming deadness brought on by fall and winter life bursts from the earth fresh and new. This is a representation of the new birth offered by Jesus Christ.

**Barricade number two** in the pathway to Hell, would be the witness of the saints (Christians) throughout the ages. Men and women of faith have gone about declaring the faithfulness of God, and His love for all mankind.

**Barricade number three** in the pathway to Hell, is the ministry of the church. In every town, hamlet, village, and borough around the world there is a Christian church. This is no accident, but was actually prophesied by Jesus himself, before his ascent into the clouds, this is a very large obstacle in the road to Hell. Should a man, or woman find themselves in Hell, as they look back over their journey to get there, this Barricade will loom large in their memory as a difficult one to overcome, for churches are everywhere, and it is difficult, to nearly impossible to get around in this life without seeing, or being in one at some point in your lifetime.

**Barricade number four** in the pathway to Hell, is the ministers of the Gospel. They are in the churches, on the street, on the job, television, Internet, radio, and in your email. There is seemingly no escaping the ministers these days, yet their warnings, and calls for repentance, and turning to Christ are ignored by millions every day. This Barricade will also loom large in the thoughts of those in Hell, the thought of "If I had only listened..."

**Barricade number five** in the pathway to Hell, is our own consciousness of God. Every nation, every tribe of people known to man has some story of God, or a higher being. Yet in countries where higher education has been offered readily, the things of God have been cast aside, as superstition. It is no wonder then, that the Apostle Paul would write, "To those who are perishing the gospel of Christ is as foolishness... We are forever learning, yet never able to come to the

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knowledge of the truth... (The new age movement has capitalized upon the insatiable desire in men and women the world over. That desire born in each of us, is for mankind to commune with our creator. Unfortunately however, they have diverted many whose inner compass would have led them to God, into the darkened abyss moderated by demons who will entangle their souls, and who will eventually claim their souls in Hell.)



**Barricade number six** in the pathway to Hell, is the Bible. The Bible has outsold every other book in publication, and in free countries it is readily available at nearly every store, and market, and many places for free. Yet with so many copies of Gods' word available, people still do not know what Gods word says to them, or about their final destinations for that matter. (Chances are you have a copy of the Bible in your home or on your phone right now. Have you ever read it, or do you read it? It is a personal letter to you. In it you will find the plan for your success, and a map with instructions on finding the treasure of Heaven. It also contains your inheritance. Such a book should be read, such a book is too valuable to be overlooked.)

**Barricade number seven** in the pathway to Hell, is God himself. God has provided every means of opportunity for mankind to turn from his wicked way, and accept Jesus as his savior, yet even in the face of certain doom, men scoff at God, and reject His grace, and mercy. Denying His love, and the gift of salvation, turning His name, and the name of Jesus his son into swear words, and using them unworthily.



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If a motorist drives past a police barricade, and past a police officer with upraised hands waiving, and all the while the officer is shouting for them "STOP!" Who is responsible if that motorist comes into peril? Yet there are those who will do the exact same thing where God is the officer, and they drive right past Him and end up out of control, and often in ruin, and they have the audacity to blame God for their problems.

So once a man or woman climbs over, or goes around these seven Barricades, of protection, and opportunity, it is their own decision, and not God who has destined their soul to a devils Hell! For at every turn God has tried to draw all mankind to himself, but at every occasion, mankind has, and continues to reject God, and His provision.

Contrary to popular opinion, God is not the damner, He is the Blessor, and giver of life. So does a righteous, and Loving God really send people to Hell? After a man, or woman has gone over or around every Barricade and road-block provided to help them escape, then God has no choice but to honor their wishes, and allow them the destination they ultimately chose. So then, where will you spend eternity? Heaven or Hell?

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