

High School Sunday School – February 21, 2009  
**Sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ**  
Lesson 2 – Our Motivation, Part 1: The Reality of Judgment

- Last week we began our look at evangelism by:
  - 1) Reading stories from the book of Acts (5:17-42, 8:26-40, 13:13-52, 14:1-7, 16:11-15, 16:25-35, 17:16-34).
  - 2) Considering the teaching of 1 Peter 3:15-16.
  - 3) Discussing & evaluating the reasons we don't evangelize.
  - 4) Diagnosing whether we are MOTIVATED, AVAILABLE, and EQUIPPED for evangelism.
- This week and next we will consider our MOTIVATION for evangelism. Our focus this week is the REALITY OF JUDGMENT. Today we are going to consider the following three questions...<sup>1</sup>

1) Will anyone experience *eternal conscious torment* under God's wrath?

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| - Daniel 12:2                  | - Hebrews 6:1-2          |
| - Matthew 3:12 (cf. Luke 3:17) | - 2 Thessalonians 1:5-10 |
| - Mark 9:43-48                 | - Hebrews 6:1-2          |
| - Romans 2:6-8                 | - Jude 12-13             |
| - 2 Thessalonians 1:5-10       | - Revelation 14:11       |

*So sin against God, being a violation of infinite obligations, must be a crime infinitely heinous, and so deserving of infinite punishment... The eternity of the punishment of ungodly men renders it infinite... and therefore renders no more than proportionable to the heinousness of what they are guilty of. ~ Jonathan Edwards*

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<sup>1</sup> These questions and their answers are taken from chapter 4 of John Piper's book *Let the Nations Be Glad: The Supremacy of God in Missions, Second Edition* (Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Academic, 2003), 111-54.

2) Is the work of Christ the *necessary* means provided by God for eternal salvation?

- Luke 24:46-47
- Acts 4:12
- Acts 20:28
- Romans 3:23-25
- Romans 5:17-19
- 1 Corinthians 15:21-23
- 1 Timothy 2:5-6
- Revelation 5:9-10

3) Is it necessary for people *to hear of Christ* in order to be eternally saved?

- John 14:6
- Acts 4:12
- Acts 10:43
- Acts 13:46-48
- Romans 1:16-23 (and 2:1)
- Romans 10:11-15
- 1 Corinthians 1:18-21
- Ephesians 3:4-10

- If the answer to each of these questions is “yes” then why do you think we are not more passionate about sharing the good news of Jesus with others?

- A parable of Jesus for us to consider: Mark 4:21-25

We loved you so much that we were delighted to share with you not only the gospel of God but our lives as well, because you had become so dear to us. ~ 1 Thessalonians 2:8

- Will you commit to praying for two specific people over the next 8 weeks?