

“But by the Grace of God I am what I am: and His grace which was bestowed upon me was not in vain; but I laboured more abundantly than they all: yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me.” 1 Corinthians 15:10 KJV

ALL existence is solely dependent upon the “I AM” who makes us what we are! When men try to deny or ignore what even “the heavens declare,” they hang by a thread over the “Bottomless Pit” of hell fire. The word Jesus uses in Mark chapter nine for “hell,” is the word “geenna,” pronounced “gheh'-en-nah,” of Hebrew origin, referring to the valley of Hinnom or Ge-Hinnom, (the son of)-Hinnom, a valley south of Jerusalem. It was used as a garbage dump where fires continually burned, where lepers frequented and died leaving rotting maggot-filled corpses; a place of defilement for any self-respecting Jew. They knew exactly to what He referred, but Jesus added the attribute of the eternal; “where the fire is not quenched and their worm dieth not!”



Some try to explain the meaning of “their worm” as conscience, but it literally means the wicked will have maggots crawling through them for eternity! Believers “shall be changed. For this corruptible (earthly body) must put on incorruption (heavenly body), and this mortal must put on immortality.” Unbelievers will not receive new bodies as believers will but will rot and die for eternity! We often glaze over the true horrors of the outer darkness of Hell’s torment, but to really grasp the concept of hell, think of a black hole; conspicuously absent of light. Nothing escapes their black heat, so intense, it can only be represented with mathematical equations. Believers love to think of what they are saved FOR, but rarely contemplate what they are saved FROM. Most look down on what is viewed as the “scum” of humanity, not for a moment thinking, “but by the grace of God’ there go I.” We say we believe, but we skim over verses like, “without me ye can do nothing,” which we don’t really believe or we would constantly praise God for every provision we acquire! How often do you hear the word “I” where the name “Jesus” should be? Men take for granted the ample supply of oxygen in the atmosphere; an absolute “must have” to even live, not to mention sunlight which provides water and plants. How many apples would there be without the carbon dioxide in our atmosphere? Farmers don’t “grow” food. They plant, cultivate, and harvest it. God provides the soil and rain. Even those who genetically modify seeds need God for their ill-gotten profits. Have you counted the daily provisions of food and health which God has provided and thanked Him? If someone you totally sustained, cursed and defied you to your face, how would you react? Many are like the invalid in a hospital bed attached to life sustaining equipment cursing the Doctor who manages their oxygen hoses and feeding tubes! “But by the Grace of God!” Is your heart and lips in harmony, or do you only say, “I believe?” Do you truly believe God’s Word or are you just giving lip service to Eternity’s Sovereign? Lip service is the sincerest form of disdain!

Don’t shake your fist or spurn the God,
Who keeps your life upon the sod,
For you’ll receive your heart’s desire,
No God for aye! – In blackest fire! ~CGP

God knew even the “thoughts and intents” of your heart “before the world began!” He knows exactly what your future holds, even the next hour. He will bring you safely to Heaven, if you obey. You buy insurance for things, but “what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?” Have you lost your soul?

“When I consider Thy heavens, the work of Thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which Thou hast ordained: What is man, that Thou art mindful of him? And the son of man, that Thou visitest him?” Psalms 8:3-4 KJV