

Personal Evangelism

John 16:7-11

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The Message: God's Plan of Salvation, John 16:7-11

2. DOCTRINE—The result and penalty of sin is death... separation from God. “For the wages of sin is death...” (Romans 6:23).

Romans 6:23 (NASB)

²³ For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The *payment* for sin is death. Sin is not paid for by good works, penance, church membership, water baptism, etc. Sin is paid for by death. God does not hate the sinner, but He hates the sin. He hates sin because it separates us from Him (Isaiah 59:2), and He doesn't want us to be separated from Him.

Isaiah 59:2 (NASB)

² But your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God, And your sins have hidden *His* face from you so that He does not hear.

2 Thessalonians 1:8-9 (NASB)

⁸ dealing out retribution to those who do not know God and to those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus.

⁹ These will pay the penalty of eternal destruction, away from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power,

Except for those taken in the Rapture, everyone will die physically. The body goes back to dust, and the soul goes to heaven or hell. Everyone is born dead spiritually (Ephesians 2:1).

Ephesians 2:1 (NASB)

¹ And you were dead in your trespasses and sins,

The soul is separated from God because we are sinners. This is why Christ said in John 3:7, “...You must be born again.”

John 3:7 (NASB)

⁷ "Do not be amazed that I said to you, 'You must be born again.'

Only through a new birth of the Spirit can man have eternal life. If a person dies without having trusted Christ as his Savior, his soul will be separated from God and he will ultimately be cast into the lake of fire forever... the Bible calls this the “**second death**” (Revelation 20:14-15).

Revelation 20:14-15 (NASB)

¹⁴ Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire.

¹⁵ And if anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.

PRESENTATION—For most people, a simple statement on this point is sufficient, as: **“God loves us but hates our sin, because the payment for sin is death and separation from Him.”** How to deal with specific **“cult teachings”** that differ from Scripture on this point will be covered in later teachings. When you do not sense resistance on this point (and you usually won’t), *move on* to what you want to cover next.