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□ The Caricature

- The recording

□ The Charges

- The Achilles’ heel of evangelical Christianity

□ The Christ

- Luke 12:4, 5
- Two critical reasons we must confront the teaching of hell:
 - Whatever hell is, it is _____.
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 - Do not fear those who can extinguish your life _____.
 - But fear Him who can extinguish your life for the _____.
- The descriptors Jesus uses to describe hell:
 - Matthew 8:11, 12— _____, _____, _____ (see also 22:13; 25:30)
 - Matthew 13:41, 42— _____, _____, _____ (see also 13:50)
 - Matthew 24:50, 51— _____, _____, _____

□ The Cross

- Matthew 27:33-36, 45-46
 - Calvary: _____, a symbol of _____ (see Isaiah 13:9-11)
 - Calvary: _____ (see Psalm 22:1, 2)
 - Calvary: _____ (see Psalm 35:16, 17)
 - Calvary: _____ (see John 19:34/Psalm 22:20)
 - Calvary: _____, a symbol of _____ (see Psalm 89:46)
- *Which means that all five descriptors of hell that Jesus described he himself _____ upon the cross!*
- And what is “the wrath of God” all about?
 - Romans 1:18, 24, 26, 28—*paradidomi*—God “_____.”
 - Romans 4:25—*paradidomi*—God “_____.”
 - Romans 8:32—*paradidomi*—God “_____.”
- Markus Barth: “Here [at the cross] God stands against God, the Father against the Son, the benevolent, promising God addressed in prayers, against what God makes and allows in the world of facts and events. . . . The earth trembles. The sun fades away. This is the horror of the judgment: God is silent. An eclipse of the living God, a victory of death over life, the end of all religion, all law and justice, all morality—it is this that comes in at 3:00 p.m. on Good Friday. A Hell, deeper and hotter than anything one might imagine . . . has opened its maw, devoured God’s Son, and become all-victorious.” (quoted in Edward Fudge, *The Fire That Consumes*, 226)
 - Isaiah 53:4-6—“The Lord has laid on him _____.”
 - II Corinthians 5:21—“God made him who knew no sin _____.”
 - Romans 6:23—“For the wages of sin is [eternal] death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.”
- Hebrews 2:9—“ . . . that he might taste _____.”
- *Desire of Ages*: “But now with the terrible weight of guilt He bears, He cannot see the Father’s reconciling face. The withdrawal of the divine countenance from the Saviour in this hour of supreme anguish pierced His heart with a sorrow that can never be fully understood by man. . . . The Saviour could not see through the portals of the tomb. Hope

did not present to Him His coming forth from the grave a conqueror, or tell Him of the Father's acceptance of the sacrifice. He feared that sin was so offensive to God that Their separation was to be eternal. Christ felt the anguish which the sinner will feel when mercy shall no longer plead for the guilty race. It was the sense of sin, bringing the Father's wrath upon Him as man's substitute, that made the cup He drank so bitter, and broke the heart of the Son of God." (753)

"What language shall I borrow, To thank Thee, dearest friend?"

Fearsome, final, in this life, life to come, darkness, weeping, gnashing, fire, weeping, gnashing, sword, weeping, gnashing, darkness, judgment, weeping, gnashing, sword, fire, divine wrath, *personally experienced*, gives sinners up, gave Jesus up, gave up his Son, the iniquity of us all, to be sin for us, death for everyone