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JOHN 14:6-9

Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you really know me, you will know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him." Philip said, "Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us."

2.

Jesus answered: "Don't you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'?"

3.

II THESSALONIANS 1:8-9

He will punish those who do not know God and do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. They will be punished with everlasting destruction and shut out from the presence of the Lord...

4.

HEBREWS 9:12

[Christ] did not enter [the Holy of Holies] by means of the blood of goats and calves; but he entered the Most Holy Place once for all by his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption.

5.

I TIMOTHY 6:15-16

God, the blessed and only Ruler, the King of kings and Lord of lords, *who alone is immortal* and who lives in unapproachable light...(emphasis added).

6.

ROMANS 6:23

...the free gift of God is eternal life

7.

JOHN 10:27-28

My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish...

8.

II PETER 1:6

The Lord condemned the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah by burning them to ashes, and made them an example of what is going to happen to the ungodly...

9.

- "...be like chaff that the wind drives away...the wicked will perish" (Ps. 1:4, 6)
- "...be blotted out of the book of the living..." (Ps. 69:28, cf. Deut. 29:20).
- "...be cut off...and...will be no more" (Ps. 37:9–10).
- "...will perish...like smoke they vanish away" (Ps. 37:20)

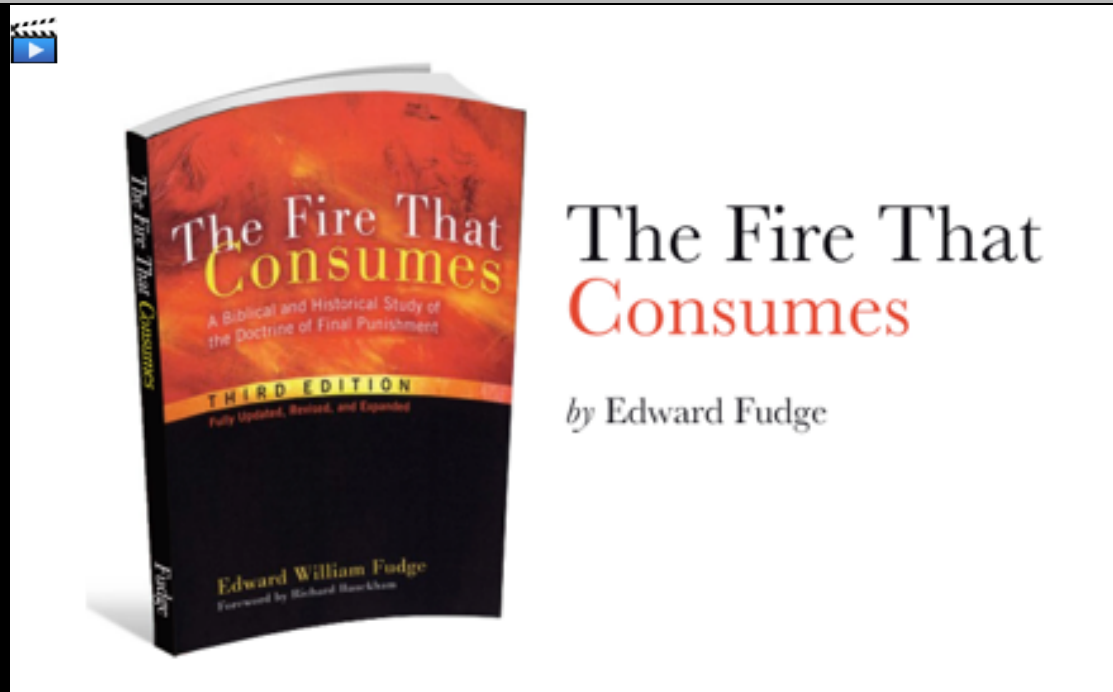
10.

- "...shall be altogether destroyed" (Ps. 37:38, cf. vs. 34)
- "...as though they had never been" (Obed. 16)
- "...burn up like chaff with unquenchable fire" (Matt. 3:12)

11.

- consumed (e.g Mt 7:19; 13:40; Jn 15:6; Heb 6:8)
- destroyed (e.g. Mt 7:13; 10:28; I Cor 3:17; Ja 4:12; I Thess 5:3)
- perish (e.g. Jn 3:15-6; 2 Cor 2:15-6)
- death (Rom 6:21-3; Ja 1:15; 5:19; I Tim 1:10)

12.



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The Case for Annihilationism

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Annihilationism is the view that whoever and whatever cannot be redeemed by God is ultimately put out of existence. Sentient beings do not suffer eternally, as the traditional view of hell teaches. While I am not completely convinced of this position, I think it is worthy of serious consideration. In this essay I will present biblical arguments in its defense and then conclude with several other supporting arguments.

Overview of the Biblical Teaching

While the Hellenistic philosophical tradition generally viewed the human soul as inherently immortal, Scripture sees immortality as something that belongs to God alone (1 Tim. 6:16). God graciously offers immortality as a gift to people who align themselves with his will (e.g. John 3:15-16; 10:28; 17:2; Rom. 2:7; 8:23; 1 Cor. 15:42; 50, 54; Gal. 6:8; 1 John 5:11). Those who choose to reject God's will are denied this gift, following the pattern of Adam and Eve when God denied them access to "the tree of life" (Gen 3:22-24). Unfortunately, some (but not all) early Church fathers accepted the Hellenistic view and consequently read into Scripture the view that the wicked suffer ascending torment. This became the dominant view of hell throughout Church history. If we read Scripture without this Hellenistic assumption, however, we see that it teaches that God justly, and mercifully, annihilates the wicked. He doesn't subject them to eternal torment.

Now, Scripture certainly teaches that the wicked are punished eternally, but not that the wicked endure eternal punishment. The wicked suffer "eternal punishment" (Mt 25:46), "eternal judgment" (Joh 8:2) and "eternal destruction" (2 Thes 1:9) the same way the elect experience "eternal redemption" (Joh 3:16, 9:12). The elect do not undergo an eternal process of redemption. The wicked likewise do not suffer an eternal process of punishment. Just as we redeemed, it is likewise, the case

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14.

JOHN 1:9

The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world.

15.

ACTS 17:27-29

God did this so that they would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from any one of us. 'For in him we live and move and have our being.' As some of your own poets have said, 'We are his offspring.'

16.

ROMANS 5:18

...just as one trespass resulted in condemnation for all people, so also one righteous act resulted in justification and life for all people.

17.

I CORINTHIANS 15:22

For as in Adam all die, so in Christ
all will be made alive.

18.

II CORINTHIANS 5:22

For Christ's love compels us,
because we are convinced that
one died for all, and therefore all died.

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