



Some say this discussion is \_\_\_\_\_ since it is over a secondary/tertiary issue

Yet, the annihilationist says the traditional view turns God into a \_\_\_\_\_

Clark Pinnock: “[The doctrine of endless punishment] is morally flawed ... If the outrageous doctrine of the traditionalists is true, God is a cruel and vindictive deity. In fact, He is more nearly like Satan than like God, at least by any ordinary moral standards. ... Indeed, the traditionalist's God is a bloodthirsty monster who maintains an everlasting Auschwitz for victims whom he does not even allow to die.”

“Fire, Then Nothing,” Christianity Today, 20 March 1987, 440; “The Destruction of the Finally Impenitent,” Criswell Theological Review 4, no. 2 (Spring 1990):246-47, 253 ... “Destruction of the Finally Impenitent,” 246-47; 253.

Although what a person believes about eternal conscious torment or annihilation is a \_\_\_\_\_ issue, it is not an \_\_\_\_\_ issue.

Hell is an infinitely \_\_\_\_\_ and an essential doctrine

It matters not what I \_\_\_\_\_ about it, but what \_\_\_\_\_ about it!

**Verses that speak of Eternal Conscious Torment:** Is 66:22-24, Dan 12:2-3, Mt 18:6-9, Mt 25:41-46, Mk 9:42-48, 2 Thess 1:6-10, Jude 7,13, Rev 14:9-11, Rev 20:10, Rev 20:14-15



- We must be careful not to \_\_\_\_\_ God's \_\_\_\_\_ as it is revealed in Scripture
- We must be careful not to “\_\_\_\_\_” or “\_\_\_\_\_” from Scripture
- We must be careful not to \_\_\_\_\_ sin and its consequences by speaking of our sins as \_\_\_\_\_
- The severity of sin increases with the \_\_\_\_\_

## Annihilationism & Conditional Immortality

\_\_\_\_\_ is the belief that the soul is not inherently immortal and that it was not part of the make-up of the soul after the fall of Adam. Immortality is a gift granted to the saved only.

Conditional immortality naturally leads to \_\_\_\_\_ – the belief that at death, after an appropriate time/amount of suffering, the unbeliever is eventually annihilated and ceases to exist.

### Is man's immortality conditional?

Humans were/are made \_\_\_\_\_ by God:

- We are made "in the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_"
- Body, soul, & spirit –
- Spiritual death does not mean \_\_\_\_\_ – "Adam, on the day you eat of this tree, you shall surely die." Gen 2:17
- Everyone \_\_\_\_\_ death – Lk 16:19-31
- Everyone will be \_\_\_\_\_ – Dan 12:2, Jn 5:8

### Will a God of love & mercy \_\_\_\_\_ the lost?

The two questions we must answer from Scripture:

1. Do the wicked experience \_\_\_\_\_ ?
2. Do they suffer this torment \_\_\_\_\_ ?

### What other kind of torment is there besides \_\_\_\_\_ torment?

"[O]ne can exist and not be punished; but no one can be punished and \_\_\_\_\_. Annihilation means the obliteration of existence and anything that pertains to existence, such as punishment. Annihilation \_\_\_\_\_ punishment, rather than \_\_\_\_\_ it."

John Gerstner, "The Bible and Hell," part 1, p. 38

"A punishment [such as torment] that is not \_\_\_\_\_ is not a punishment. Torment, by its very nature, demands a \_\_\_\_\_ (i.e., feeling) subject to experience it. A rock or a tree cannot be 'tormented.' How much less could a nonentity — such as an annihilated devil, beast, false prophet, or sinner — experience torment?" Dr. Alan Gomes, "Evangelicals & the Annihilation of Hell," (pt. 2), Christian Research Journal, 1991, p. 11.

"[I]f \_\_\_\_\_ is lacking, then so is punishment. Let us be clear on this: punishment entails \_\_\_\_\_. And suffering necessarily entails \_\_\_\_\_. ... torment cannot, by definition, be anything but conscious torment. ... By its very nature, being tormented requires consciousness. ... one cannot deny that for one who is suffering excruciating pain, the extinction of his or her consciousness would actually be a \_\_\_\_\_ – not a punishment. Any honest seeker after truth must admit that one cannot define 'eternal punishment' as an extinction of consciousness." Dr. Ron Rhodes, "Is Annihilationism Biblical?" <https://www.ronrhodes.org/is-annihilationism-biblical>