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## If you live like hell; when you die, you will go to hell

While reading communications via E-Mail, the author came across an article containing the expression in the title shown here. The writer contended that almost everyone that he knew made some kind of religious profession, had some hope of going to heaven when he dies, and attended church, at least occasionally. “Yet,” said this preacher, “I know very few people whose religion has made any radical change in their lives. Most everybody I know lives like hell, though almost all think, by some strange delusion, that because they say, ‘I believe in Jesus,’ they are going to heaven.”

As a Pastor for nearly forty years, the writer of the article before you has had occasion to observe the lives of many who professed to know Christ, but whose lives demonstrated that their father was the devil - not God. Such people will find the awful truth of the statement in the heading of this article—those who live like hell — when they die — will go to hell!

No one likes to be told that he is going to hell. Most people, especially those who profess faith in Jesus Christ, think they are not going to hell. Consider the scriptures -

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## Why Did God Choose to Create?

***The LORD hath made all things for himself: yea, even the wicked for the day of evil. — Proverbs 16:4.***

We may suppose why God created the heavens and the earth and all things therein, but the truth of this topic is revealed in the Holy Scriptures, God’s Holy Word. Proverbs

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## I conferred not with flesh and blood

(Edited from a sermon with the same title  
by Charles H. Spurgeon)

***“ . . . I conferred not with flesh and blood:”***  
— Galatians 1:16.

I judge that, first of all, *it applies to all our known duties. (conferring with flesh and blood — ed)*. I am not now speaking to unconverted people, I am speaking to you who profess to be converted. You say that you are saved, and that you do not trust in your own works. That is well. I have preached to you the Scriptural doctrine of salvation by grace, but now I

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**If you live like hell — Continued**

*“Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God.” — 1 Corinthians 6:9-10.*

Think about it! None of these shall inherit the kingdom of God:

- Fornicators, Idolaters
- Adulterers, Effeminate
- Abusers of themselves with mankind
- Thieves
- Covetous
- Drunkards
- Revilers
- Extortioners

Is your life characterized with these sinful practices? If so, you will not inherit the kingdom of God.

Let's read that same passage from the *New International Version* - A favorite version of the scriptures by many in our

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generation.

*“Do you not know that the wicked will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: Neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor male prostitutes nor homosexual offenders nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God.” — 1 Corinthians 6:9-10 (NIV).*

If you genuinely do not want to go to hell, then you would do well to listen to this preacher. You need to repent of your sins and be converted.

Those who have believed (trusted) in Jesus Christ's finished work on the cross for their sins have a new creature in them. They have been washed from their sins. God works in them both to will and to do of His good pleasure. God has created them anew in Christ Jesus unto good works which God has before ordained that they should walk in them.

God's people's lives are not characterized by sin and rebellion. People who live such lives go to hell when they die.

Don't be deceived by empty and vain words. If you live like hell while on this earth, you will go to hell when you die.

Repent and believe the gospel.

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**For this ye know, that no whoremonger, nor unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God. Let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience. — Eph. 5:5-6.**



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16:4 tells us the LORD made all things for himself; even the wicked for the day of evil. Men may not like this statement, but it is the truth. God made all for himself. God made wicked people for the day of evil.

The same truth is shown us in Romans 9:18-24. We are told that God made of one lump vessels to honour and vessels to dishonour. The vessels of dishonour are also called the vessels of wrath. These are the wicked men which God made for His own purpose. Please notice:

*Therefore hath he mercy on whom he will have mercy, and whom he will he hardeneth. Thou wilt say then unto me, Why doth he yet find fault? For who hath resisted his will? Nay but, O man, who art thou that repliest against God? Shall the thing formed say to him that formed it, Why hast thou made me thus? **Hath not the potter power over the clay, of the same lump to make one vessel unto honour, and another unto dishonour?** What if God, willing to shew his wrath, and to make his power known, endured with much longsuffering the vessels of wrath fitted to destruction: And that he might make known the riches of his glory on the vessels of mercy, which he had afore prepared unto glory, Even us, whom he hath called, not of the Jews only, but also of the Gentiles? — Romans 9:18-24*

Two other passages from the New Testament teach this same truth. Let us notice 2nd Peter 2:12 and Jude 1:4.

*But these, as natural brute beasts,*

**made to be taken and destroyed,**  *speak evil of the things that they understand not; and shall utterly perish in their own corruption; — 2 Peter 2:12.*

*For there are certain men crept in unawares, **who were before of old ordained to this condemnation,** ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ. — Jude 1:4.*

On the other hand, some were created out of the same lump of humanity as vessels of mercy. God created these that he might show his mercy toward them.

*And that he might make known the riches of his glory on the **vessels of mercy, which he had afore prepared unto glory,** Even us, whom he hath called, not of the Jews only, but also of the Gentiles? — Romans 9:23-24.*

Isaiah 43:7 teaches us the same truth:

*Even every one that is called by my name: **for I have created him for my glory,** I have formed him; yea, I have made him. — Isaiah 43:7.*

Whether a man is a believer or a reprobate, God created him for His own purpose and for His glory. All will give glory to God; for that was the purpose for their creation. When God's children come to believe and understand these words from the Holy Scriptures, their peace is multiplied. Our God is an awesome God worthy of our adoration, praise, and obedience.

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In the final book of the Bible, the Revelation, the scene around the throne of God in heaven is described. There are the beasts which cry holy, holy, holy continuously without rest. With them are four and twenty elders — which undoubtedly are representative of all the saints. When the beasts give glory and honour and thanks to him that sits on the throne, who lives forever and ever, then the elders shall fall down before the throne and worship him who sits on the throne. They shall cast their crowns before the throne, and cry:

***Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things,***



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am going to give you a practical principle that is inseparably associated with that doctrine. It is this; it is the duty of every Christian to forsake every known sin, whatever it may be; and, in doing so, he is not to consult with flesh and blood. Many professors say, "This course is wrong, judging by the Scriptural standard; but then, society has long tolerated it, nay, it has even decreed it to be right." But will society judge thee at the last great day? If thou art cast into hell as a deceitful professor, will society fetch thee out of the bottomless pit? If thou art found at last outside the gates of heaven, will society recompense thee for thine eternal loss? What hast thou, O man of God, to do with society? Christians are to come out from among the ungodly, to take up their cross daily, and follow Christ, to go without the camp, bearing his reproach. The friend of the world is the enemy of Christ.

The same principle applies to the duty of consecration to Christ. Every Christian should live for Christ alone. All that we are and have belongs to Christ. Even Paul wrote, "Ye are not your own, for ye are bought with a price: therefore, glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's." Well then, do not consult with flesh and blood to find out how far other Christians obey that command, for the pulse of the professing Christian is in a sickly state at this time, and Christianity is sadly adulterated. But what have I to do with what my fellow-Christians do? If I see others put into the scales of the sanctuary, and found wanting, is that a reason why I, too, should be found wanting? I charge you people of God who are here present to try how near you can get to complete consecration to the Lord Jesus Christ. Never say, "I am as good as my minister." You had need be much better than I am. Never say, "I am as good as such-and-such a Christian." O sirs, if ye compare yourselves among yourselves, ye are not wise; the only model for Christians is Christ himself.

This principle of not consulting flesh and blood also applies to *our service for Christ*. We have known ministers whose "call" to a place always depended upon the size of the salary. We have heard of others whose work for Christ depends upon whether it is to be done in respectable society, and whether it is a tolerably light and easy task. If they find that it is ragged school work, or if they will have to labor amongst very poor people and get no credit for it, they do not care for that kind of service; and if it involves a great deal of toil, they do not feel that they could manage it. The real difficulty is that it is not pleasing to flesh and blood. Soldiers of the Queen do not wait to ask whether it will be hot or cold in the lands to which they are ordered to go; but away they go at the royal command. And so it must be with Christians; we must not be such feather-bed soldiers that we can only go where we shall be easy and comfortable.

Perhaps I am addressing some brother

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or sister here who says, "I feel that I am called to service for Christ", but I am going to consult my friends to see whether they are with me or not." That will probably put an end to your service before it begins. Nothing good will be done by a man who will not attempt it until everybody thinks it is wise. If God has called you to any work for him, go at it at once with all your might; for if you stop to consult even good people, it is very likely that they have not the faith that you have; or if they have, they will frankly tell you that they are not judges of your call. I cannot decide whether it is a call from God to you; you must yourself be the judge as to that; and if you feel that God has called you to any work, go and do it.

"Oh, but Christian people throw cold water over my plans!" Yes, that is a common practice, but it ought not to stop you from doing the Lord's work. Remember how David's brother, Eliab, said to him, "I know thy pride, and the naughtiness of thine heart; for thou art come down that thou mightest see the battle." I have always admired the modesty of David's reply, "What have I now done?" Is there not a cause?" He had been sent down to the camp by his father, and he had a further justification a little later, when he stood before Saul with the giant's gory head in his hand. If God bids you do any work for him, go and do it in his strength without consulting with flesh and blood. Many a noble purpose has been strangled by a committee, many a glorious project that might have been the means of carrying the gospel to the utmost ends of the earth has been crushed by timid counsellors who said that it was not practicable; whereas, had it been attempted, God would have wrought with the worker, and great would have been the result. So you go, O man of God, to the work he has called you to do, and consult not with flesh and blood!

In the next place, this principle applies to *all needful sacrifices*. There are sacrifices which we must make for Christ and his

cause. For instance, there are persons, who, if they are converted to God, must make sacrifices in their business. There are here tonight one or two men who used to be publicans; but, when they became converted, they took the very first opportunity of getting out of that business, although it meant a considerable sacrifice. There are others here, who used to get a living by their Sunday trade, but they willingly gave it up for Christ's sake when they became his. I do not think they have ever got back as much money as they gave up, but they have great peace of mind, and they feel perfect satisfaction at the loss, because they believe it to be right. Every Christian is bound to act thus, not considering for a moment the profit or loss of the matter. As God is God, he is to be served at all costs.

Sometimes, however, the following of Christ involves the loss of more than money, - the loss of friendships. There are separations still made in the world because of devotion to Christ. Ungodly parents drive away from them their converted children. Close friendships have been snapped, and situations of influence and usefulness have had to be given up for Christ's sake and the gospel's. "What am I to do?" asks one who is threatened with grievous loss if he will not give up Christ. Be willing to let father, and mother, and husband or wife, and all else go, rather than let him go upon whom your eternal interest depends. Remember that he said, "If any man come to me, and hate not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple." Some persons feel that, if they become followers of Christ, they will lose prestige and position; and that is more than they can endure.

Dear brethren and sisters in Christ, ever do what is right; whatever may come of it, be out-and-out for Christ. Verily I say unto you, there is no man who shall be a loser at the last. Great shall be his gain who, for

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#### Conferred not with flesh and blood — Concluded

Christ's sake, can give up even all that he has. I want you further to notice that this principle also applies to *the confession of your faith* if you have been converted to Christ. Very often, some of those who really do believe in Jesus neglect to avow their faith in the Lord's appointed way. Nothing is more plainly taught in the New Testament than that it is the duty of every believer in Christ to be baptized. It is the duty of every Christian, having first given himself to Christ, afterwards to give himself to Christ's Church, according to the will of God. Now, my dear friend, do your Master's will, and consult not with flesh and blood.

Do not consult with yourself about this matter, for if you do, self will say, "Why need you take that trouble? Perhaps you will not be able to hold out to the end; you may fall into sin and bring disgrace upon the name of Christ." Self will reason in this way, but what have you to do with such reasoning? Is it not your bounden duty to do as your Master bids you? If soldiers, in the day of battle, are commanded to charge the enemy at the point of the bayonet, they must not stop to consider the

danger of such a course, or to ask why their commander gave such an order; and so it must be with all the soldiers of King Jesus; and so surely it will be with every true Christian. Are you a Christian, and does your Lord bid you confess your faith in him? Then come forward and say, "According to his will, I do with my mouth confess, because with my heart I have believed in his name." Possibly someone says, "If I were to do that, I should grieve my parents." Do not needlessly grieve anybody; but if it be needful for Christ's sake grieve everybody, and yourself grieve most that they should be grieved because you do what is right. Another says, "My position would become very uncomfortable if I were to be baptized." Then find your comfort in the presence of Christ with you in uncomfortable circumstances.

"But," says one, "I don't see how I could be baptized at present." Is it your duty? Then remember that the apostle says, "Immediately I conferred not with flesh and blood."

