Isaiah 5:14

HELL HATH ENLARGED HERSELF, and opened her mouth without measure: and their glory, and their multitude, and their pomp, and he that parties, shall descend into it.
THE BIBLE SAYS THAT MOST PEOPLE WILL END UP IN HELL!

THE BIBLE SAYS THAT FEW WILL FIND THE NARROW ROAD THAT LEADS TO LIFE EVERLASTING

MOST PEOPLE WILL FOLLOW THE BROAD ROAD THAT LEADS TO HELL!
The Lord taught that few would be saved from Hell in Luke 13:23-24 and modern day surveys support this...

The Barna Group conducted a massive survey of Americans in order to determine the age at which people make a profession of faith in Christ. The survey reveals that if someone is not saved by the age of 18 that there is only a 6% probability that they will turn from their sin and put their faith, hope and trust in Christ. There is a 94% probability that if someone is not born again by the age of 18 that they will likely remain a lost soul to the day they die. It is nothing short of a MIRACLE when anyone over the age of 18 surrenders their life to Christ, trusting Him as their personal savior.
THE SHOCKING TRUTH

IF A PERSON IS NOT BIBLICALLY SAVED BY THE AGE OF 18 THE PROBABILITY THAT THEY WILL END UP IN HELL RISES TO 94%!
AND THE SURVEY SAYS!

• Ages 5 through 13 have a 32% probability of accepting Christ as their Savior
  • Ages 14 through 18 is 4%
  • Ages 19 through death is 6%

The statistics are eye-opening because they show how little evangelistic impact we are having in America upon teenagers and adults. However that does not mean that teenagers and adults cannot be reached with the gospel.

The estimated sampling error for each of the adult surveys is +3 percentage points at the 95% confidence level

The aggregate database for this research thus includes more than 4200 completed interviews providing data with an estimated sampling error of less than two percentage points at the 95% confidence interval.
Another survey shows that only 4% get saved after age 30+
The probability of ending up in Hell if you are not saved by age 30 is 96%.
Of those who are evangelized, how are they actually being reached?

- Barna reports that the following means being used...
- Praying for others’ salvation (undertaken by 43%) No personal contact required
- Lifestyle evangelism (undertaken by 40%) A quite witness
- Conversations about moral and life issues that hopefully lead to spiritual conclusions (38%) Personal contact
- Inviting non-Christians to church services (27% had done so) Personal contact
- Challenging a non-believers’ behavior on biblical grounds and suggesting alternatives (27%) Personal contact
- Bringing non-believers to evangelistic events (24%) (PC)
- Handing out Gospel tracts (19%) Personal contact
- Public preaching (6%) Personal contact
In light of the statistics, would you consider it a sin to tell the UNSAVED that they are Hell bound? Presuppositions will determine the answer that you give...

We have seen what the statistics reveal but what does the Bible say? Have you ever wondered if there is a BIBLICAL basis for telling sinners that they are bound for Hell, that they are going to Hell and that Hell is their ultimate destiny?

Many have never considered what the Bible teaches about the subject of man’s natural state or how the Bible describes his unregenerate state. Understanding this will open your eyes to the truth about where people are heading when they die and why they deserve to spend all of eternity weeping, wailing and gnashing their teeth!
Mt 5:29 And if thy right eye offend thee, pluck it out, and cast it from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not that thy whole body should be cast into hell.

Mt 10:28 And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.

Mt 11:23 And thou, Capernaum, which art exalted unto heaven, shalt be brought down to hell: for if the mighty works, which have been done in thee, had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day.
Mt 23:33 Ye serpents, ye generation of vipers, how can ye escape the damnation of hell?

Mr 9:43 And **if thy hand offend thee**, cut it off: it is better for thee to enter into life maimed, than having two hands to go into hell, into the fire that never shall be quenched:

Mr 9:45 And **if thy foot offend thee**, cut it off: it is better for thee to enter halt into life, than having two feet to be cast into hell, into the fire that never shall be quenched:
Lu 12:5 But I will forewarn you whom ye shall fear: Fear him, which after he hath killed hath power to cast into hell; yea, I say unto you, Fear him.

Lu 16:23 And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments...

Mt 16:18 And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.
1Pe 4:18 And if the righteous scarcely be saved, where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear?

Albert Barnes Comments on 1 Peter 4:18

Where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear? What hope is there of their salvation? The meaning is, that they would certainly perish; and the doctrine in the passage is, that if the righteous are saved with so much difficulty it is then a proof that the wicked will not be saved at all. This follows, because there is the same difficulty in their salvation which there was in the salvation of those who became righteous; the same difficulty arising from the love of sin, the hardness of the heart, and the arts and power of the adversary.
Perhaps no doctrine is harder to accept emotionally than the doctrine of hell. Yet it is too clear and too often mentioned in Scripture either to deny or to ignore. *Jesus spoke more of hell than any of the prophets or apostles did*—perhaps for the reason that its horrible truth would be all but impossible to accept had not the Son of God Himself absolutely affirmed it. It had special emphasis in Jesus’ teaching from the beginning to the end of His earthly ministry.

- JESUS said more about hell than about love.
- More than all other teachers in the Bible combined, He warned men of hell, promising no escape for those who refused His gracious, loving offer of salvation.
If Hell is not hidden from God then why do most Christians hide it?

- Pr 15:11 Hell and destruction are before the LORD: how much more then the hearts of the children of men?
- Job 26:6 Hell is naked before him, and destruction hath no covering.
- Have you ever wondered why you don’t hear more preaching on the subject of Hell? It is because most people don’t want to talk about it or hear about it but God is not ashamed to deal with the subject of Hell. He is very familiar with Hell, He knows all about this place, it holds no secrets, it is not mysterious, it is not covered up or concealed in any way.
- Matthew Henry states: Those that will not with angels fear and worship shall for ever with devils fear and tremble; and God therein will be glorified.
Let us now consider what the Bible says about the natural condition of the heart...

- Jer 17:9 The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?
- The heart is DECEITFUL
- The heart is DESPERATELY WICKED
- Thus, if you presuppose that a person has a good heart and that they are rational, decent people, then you are not taking a Biblical view.
When God looks at the heart of a lost sinner does He see goodness there?

- Gen 6:5 And GOD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually
- God knows your thoughts
- God takes note of EVIL thoughts
- God takes note of the frequency of EVIL thoughts
- In the days of Noah, God characterized the hearts of men, He assessed them, He analyzed them and He found that they were FULL of evil.
- Their hearts were full of wickedness.
- Are these days in which we live like unto the days of Noah?
2Pe 2:14 Having...a heart they have exercised with covetous practices; (they are) cursed children:

- People with hearts exercised by covetous practices.
- These persons had their hearts schooled in nefarious practices; they had exercised themselves till they were perfectly expert in all the arts of seduction, overreaching, and every kind of fraud. (Adam Clarke)
- Can you say Bernie Madoff and others like him?
How does the Bible describe those who have exercised their hearts for Hell?

These people are defined as CURSED CHILDREN

- The implication here is that they are HELL BOUND
- Albert Barnes Comments: This is a Hebraism, meaning literally, "children of the curse;" that is, persons devoted to the curse, or who will certainly be destroyed.
- Unless you refuse to make righteous judgments of the character and actions of people it should be obvious that CURSED CHILDREN is a designation of those who are heading straight to HELL!
What does the Bible say about the heart of a lost sinner? Matthew 15:18-19

18 But those things which proceed out of the mouth come forth from the heart; and they defile the man.

19 For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies:

If this is the condition of the unregenerate sinner then it is rational to say that people with hearts like this are heading straight to Hell, that they are on the highway that leads to Hell and are CURSED CHILDREN.
The heart of the natural man is set on HELL

For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies
Heb 3:12 Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God.

Paul qualifies those who are not saved and on their way to Hell as having an evil heart of unbelief.

unbelief in Greek is: apistia, apistasias is more than mere unbelief, here rather disbelief, refusal to believe, genitive case describing the evil heart marked by disbelief.

John Wesley’s commentary states: Unbelief is the parent of all evil, and the very essence of unbelief lies in departing from God, as the living God-The fountain of all our life, holiness, happiness.
The evil heart of unbelief will lead one away from the living God. The apostle shows here five degrees of apostasy:

1. Consenting to sin, being deceived by its solicitations.
2. Hardness of heart, through giving way to sin.
3. Unbelief in consequence of this hardness which leads them to call even the truth of the Gospel in question.
4. This unbelief causing them to speak evil of the Gospel, and the provision God has made for the salvation of their souls.
5. Apostasy itself, or falling off from the living God; and thus extinguishing all the light that was in them, and finally grieving the Spirit of God, so that he takes his flight, and leaves them to a seared conscience and reprobate mind.
An unbelieving heart was the cause of their apostasy, and what worked their ruin will produce ours. The root of their evil was a want of confidence in God—and this is what is meant here by a heart of unbelief. The great difficulty on earth everywhere is a want of confidence in God and this has produced all the ills that man has ever suffered. It led to the first apostasy; and it has led to every other apostasy, and will continue to produce the same effects to the end of the world. The apostle says that this heart of unbelief is "evil." Men often feel that it is a matter of little consequence whether they have faith or not, provided their conduct is right; and hence they do not see or admit the propriety of what is said about the consequences of unbelief in the Scriptures.
The nature of sin in general, and of unbelief in particular, declared; it is a departure from God, from the living God; the root of all apostacy is cursed infidelity: Unbelief sets all the corrupt lusts and affections of the heart at liberty to act according to their own preverse nature and inclination; for it makes the soul negligent, careless, and slothful in opposing sin.
THE CORRUPT NATURE OF MAN'S EVIL HEART

- Jeremiah 16:12 And ye have done worse than your fathers; for, behold, ye walk every one after the imagination of his evil heart, that they may not hearken unto me.
- Jeremiah 18:12 And they said, There is no hope: but we will walk after our own devices, and we will every one do the imagination of his evil heart.
- Jeremiah 3:17 At that time they shall call Jerusalem the throne of the LORD; and all the nations shall be gathered unto it, to the name of the LORD, to Jerusalem: neither shall they walk any more after the imagination of their evil heart.
THE CORRUPT NATURE OF MAN'S EVIL HEART

- Jeremiah 7:24 But they hearkened not, nor inclined their ear, but walked in the counsels and in the imagination of their evil heart, and went backward, and not forward.

- Jeremiah 11:8 Yet they obeyed not, nor inclined their ear, but walked every one in the imagination of their evil heart: therefore I will bring upon them all the words of this covenant, which I commanded them to do; but they did them not.
HEARTS FULL OF LUST

- Psalms 81:11-12 But my people would not hearken to my voice; and Israel would none of me. So I gave them up unto their own hearts’ lust: and they walked in their own counsels.

- Romans 1:24 Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves:

- Heb 3:10 Wherefore I was grieved with that generation, and said, They do always err in their heart; and they have not known my ways.
THE HEART OF A LOST MAN

- Eph 4:17-19 This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that ye henceforth walk not as other Gentiles walk, in the vanity of their mind. Having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart: Who being past feeling have given themselves over unto lasciviousness, to work all uncleanness with greediness.

- QUESTION: Does this text suggest that ignorance of God is a product of the curse of God on the lives of wicked men and women?

- ANSWER: Ignorance of God is a result of their personal wicked and sinful hearts!
The heart, naturally dark, became more and more so by means of habitual transgression; every thing in the Gentile system having an immediate tendency to blind the eyes and darken the whole soul. They abhorred every thing that had a tendency to lay any restraint on their vicious passions and inclinations. Because of the callousness of their hearts. Callous signifies a thickening of the outward skin of any particular part, especially on the hands and feet, by repeated exercise or use, through which such parts are rendered insensible. This may be metaphorically applied to the conscience of a sinner, which is rendered stupid and insensible by repeated acts of iniquity.
The apostle does not say that this was a "judicial" darkening of the understanding; or that they might not have perceived the truth; or that they had no ability to understand it. He speaks of a simple and well-known fact--a fact that is seen now as well as then--that the understanding becomes darkened by indulgence in sin.

A man who is intemperate has no just views of the government of the appetites. A man who is unchaste has no perception of the loveliness of purity. A man who is avaricious or covetous has no just views of the beauty of benevolence.
In Ro 1:24 it is, "God gave them up to uncleanness." Their giving themselves to it was punished in kind, God giving them up to it by withdrawing His preventing grace; their sin thus was made their punishment. They gave themselves up of their own free will to the slavery of their lust, to do all its pleasure, as captives who have ceased to strive with the foe. God gave them up to it, but not against their will; for they give themselves up to it.
Romans 1:28-32 And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient; Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers, backbiters, haters of God, despiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, without understanding, covenant breakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful: 

Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them.
Out of a Hell Bound Heart the mouth speaks!

- James 3:6 And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity: so is the tongue among our members, that it defileth the whole body, and setteth on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire of hell.

- Matthew 15:18-20 But those things which proceed out of the mouth come forth from the heart; and they defile the man. 19 For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies: 20 These are the things which defile a man: but to eat with unwashen hands defileth not a man.
2Pe 2:4 For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment;

2Pe 2:6 And turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrha into ashes condemned them with an overthrow, making them an example unto those that after should live ungodly;

The plain meaning of this passage is that the ungodly and sexually immoral perverts were cast down to Hell along with the angels that sinned. God condemned the sin of unholy sexuality in the past and He condemns it today. According to the BIBLE then, samesexuals have no reason to believe that they shall escape the damnation of Hell!
Hell splits open and enlarges itself!
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- HELL splits open wide to receive all the party animals, drunkards, pot smokers, drug users, sexually immoral, liars, fornicators, adulterers, the greedy and covetous. These are the people that shall bust Hell wide open as it expands to accommodate all the unrepentant and proud blasphemers of this age!

- Isaiah 5:14 Therefore hell hath enlarged herself, and opened her mouth without measure: and their glory, and their multitude, and their pomp, and he that rejoiceth, shall descend into it.
Matthew Henry comments: Here is a woe to those who set their hearts on the wealth of the world. Covetousness is idolatry; and while many envy the prosperous, wretched man, the Lord denounces awful woes upon him. God has many ways to empty the most populous cities. Here is woe to those who dote upon the pleasures and the delights of sense. The use of music is lawful; but when it draws away the heart from God, then it becomes a sin to us. **God’s judgments have seized them, but they will not disturb themselves in their pleasures. (This is a picture of America today)**

The judgments are declared. The fruit of these judgments shall be, that God will be glorified as a God of power. Also, as a God that is holy; he shall be declared to be so, in the righteous punishment of proud men. Those are in a woeful condition who set up sin, and who exert themselves to gratify their base lusts. They are daring in sin, and walk after their own lusts; it is in scorn that they call God the Holy One of Israel. They confound and overthrow distinctions between good and evil. They prefer their own reasonings to Divine revelations; their own devices to the counsels and commands of God. They deem it prudent to continue profitable sins, and to neglect self-denying duties. Also, how light men make of drunkenness, it is a sin which lays open to the wrath and curse of God.
Did Jesus ever tell people that they were going to split Hell wide open?

- Luke 10:15 And thou, Capernaum, which art exalted to heaven, shalt be thrust down to hell.
- Jesus singled out the people of the city of Capernaum as those who were HELL BOUND. He did not mince His words, He was direct and to the point. He did not say “Some of the people would be spared” but let His general statement of their condition and their destination stand.
- WHY were the people of Capernaum singled out as being destined for Hell? Matthew 11:23 reports “...for if the mighty works, which have been done in thee, had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day.”
- The residents of Capernaum did not repent and believe.
Modern Day Hell Bound Capernaumites

There are many in America today who could be called Capernaumites, these are those who have rejected the special revelation of God in His word...the Bible.

Matthew Henry comments: The doom of those who thus receive the grace of God in vain will be very fearful. They that were thus exalted, not making use of their elevation, will be thrust down to hell, thrust down with disgrace and dishonour. They will thrust in to get into heaven, in the crowd of professors, but in vain; they shall be thrust down, to their everlasting grief and disappointment, into the lowest hell, and hell will be hell indeed to them.
The Bible says that a small taste of Hell can cause a soul to seek the Lord

- How did David FEEL in 2 Sam 22:6?
- “The sorrows of hell compassed me about; the snares of death prevented me”
- He FELT like he was actually in Hell, he tasted of the sorrows of Hell for a season...
- What was his response to this FEELING?
- Vs. 7 “In my distress I called upon the LORD, and cried to my God: and he did hear my voice out of his temple, and my cry did enter into his ears”
- It was the taste of HELL that provoked him to call upon the Lord and cry out...
Tasting Hell was part of David's spiritual experience and development.

- Psalm 116:3 The sorrows of death compassed me, and the pains of hell gat hold upon me: I found trouble and sorrow.
- What did the reality of Hell produce in David?
- Vs.4 -6 “Then called I upon the name of the LORD; O LORD, I beseech thee, deliver my soul. Gracious is the LORD, and righteous; yea, our God is merciful. The LORD preserveth the simple: I was brought low, and he helped me.”
- The temporal pain of Hell caused David to cry out for deliverance.
The outworking of that which is in the evil heart of man is defined in Gal 5:19-21

- Vs. 19 Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these: Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, 20 Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, 21 Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.
- THIS MEANS THAT THEY SHALL INHERIT HELL!
Specific Things that the sinner MUST DO in order to escape Hell’s eternal torments

- **James 4: 7-9** Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.
  8 Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded.
  9 Be afflicted, and mourn, and weep: let your laughter be turned to mourning, and your joy to heaviness.
  10 Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up.
HEARTS NOURISHED FOR HELL!

- James 5:1-6
- 1 Go to now, ye rich men, weep and howl for your miseries that shall come upon you. 2 Your riches are corrupted, and your garments are moth-eaten. 3 Your gold and silver is cankered; and the rust of them shall be a witness against you, and shall eat your flesh as it were fire. Ye have heaped treasure together for the last days. 4 Behold, the hire of the labourers who have reaped down your fields, which is of you kept back by fraud, crieth: and the cries of them which have reaped are entered into the ears of the Lord of sabaoth. 5 Ye have lived in pleasure on the earth, and been wanton; ye have nourished your hearts, as in a day of slaughter. 6 Ye have condemned and killed the just; and he doth not resist you.
The unbeliever is a child of WRATH

- Ephesians 2:1-3

  1 And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins; 2 Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience: 3 Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others.
The NATURAL STATE of the sinner is VANITY of mind and BLINDNESS of heart

- Eph 4:17-19
  - 17 This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that ye henceforth walk not as other Gentiles walk, in the vanity of their mind, 18 Having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart: 19 Who being past feeling have given themselves over unto lasciviousness, to work all uncleanness with greediness.
Tit 1:16 They profess that they know God; but in works they deny him, being abominable, and disobedient, and unto every good work reprobate.

The unsaved sinner walks in the vanity of their mind, having their understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them...

2 TIM 3:8 ...these also resist the truth: men of corrupt minds, reprobate concerning the faith.

1 TIM 6:5... men of corrupt minds, and destitute of the truth,
Ephesians 5:5-7

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.

6 Let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience.

7 Be not ye therefore partakers with them.
Unless and until the 'Old Man' has been put off, the sinner is heading straight to Hell when he dies!

- Colossians 3:5-9
  5 Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry: 6 For which things' sake the wrath of God cometh on the children of disobedience: 7 In the which ye also walked some time, when ye lived in them. 8 But now ye also put off all these; anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth. 9 Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds;
JESUS HAS A SPECIAL PRIZE FOR ALL THOSE WHO REFUSE TO OBEY HIM

- 2 Thes 1:7-10
- ...when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, **In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ**: 9 Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power; 10 When he shall come to be glorified in his saints, and to be admired in all them that believe in that day.
CONCLUSION

- 2Ti 3:8 Now as Jannes and Jambres withstood Moses, so do these also resist the truth: men of corrupt minds, reprobate concerning the faith.

- A corrupt mind and a corrupt heart usually attend and accompany one another; loose principles dispose sinners to loose and licentious practices...William Burkitt

MOST PEOPLE ARE REPROBATE CONCERNING THE FAITH AND HEADING STRAIGHT TO HELL!
THE CHOICE IS YOURS