

Eternal Punishing or Eternal Punishment?

Revelation 14:10&11

Eternal Punishing?

1. Tormented with fire & brimstone. **Rev 14:10**
2. Does being in God's presence help explain anything?
Yes! Our God is a consuming fire. It does not smoke the wicked but burns & consumes until there is nothing left.
Isaiah 33:14-17
3. What happens to the wicked after they are consumed?
They are turned into ashes. **Malachi 4:1-3**
4. After the wicked are burned, can they be found anywhere? *No* **Psalms 37:10&20**
5. Can Satan be found after he burns? *No* **Ezekiel 28:18&19**
6. What about the "smoke of their torment" that ascends forever and ever? **Rev 14:11**
7. **Jude 7** speaks of Sodom & Gomorrah suffering the vengeance of eternal fire. The Greek word "aeon" can be translated eternal, everlasting or forever and ever. These cities did not experience eternal punishing (there is no fire there now). But they have experienced eternal punishment and have never been rebuilt - *No 2nd chance.*

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1. The wicked can't live forever to be tormented because they refuse Jesus who is life. **1 John 5:12**
2. The wicked do not have immortality to live forever to be punished because they have refused the gospel.
2 Tim 1:10

3. Eternal life or immortality is given to the righteous at the 2nd coming of Jesus. **1 Cor 15:51-54**
4. Closure on sin through the destruction of the wicked.
Rev 20:7-15
 - a. The wicked are devoured. **(verse 9)**
 - b. The devil, the beast, and the false prophet are tormented forever and ever with eternal punishment. There is no 2nd chance for them.
(verse 10)
 - c. The wicked are judged. **(verses 11&12)**
 - d. The wicked are resurrected out of the sea and hell/grave and judged. **(verse 13)**
 - e. Jesus can only abolish death (**2 Tim 1:10**) or destroy it (**1 Cor 15:26**) by throwing all the wicked into the lake of fire. As they, the source of sin are destroyed, death and hell/grave are also destroyed. **(verse 14)**
 - f. It is helpful to know that hell is more of a temporary event than an eternal place in the universe.
5. How do we know that we will live happily ever after?
 - a. God Himself will dwell with us. **Rev 21:3**
 - b. There will be no more pain. **Rev 21:4**
 - c. We have God's promise that affliction will not arise the 2nd time. **Nahum 1:9**
 - d. Our Creator will make ALL things new. **Rev 21:5**
6. In order to have everything new, there must be complete destruction of this earth and its heavens. This is the lake of fire. Once this is done, God can create a new heaven and new earth. The entire universe can now be a place where there is only righteousness.
2 Peter 3:10-13