

**“WHY DOES A LOVING GOD
SEND PEOPLE TO HELL?”**

**“I’ve Always Wondered...
Real Questions. Real Doubts. Real
Answers.” - Part 3
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5 Truths We Need to Understand

1. God is not looking for people to punish. He is looking to rescue.

Ezekiel 33:11 “I take no pleasure in the death of wicked people. I only want them to turn from their wicked ways so they can live. (NLT)

2 Peter 3:9 The Lord isn't really being slow about his promise, as some people think. No, he is being patient for your sake. He does not want anyone to be destroyed, but wants everyone to repent. (NLT)

John 3:16-17 For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷ God sent his Son into the world not to judge the world, but to save the world through him. (NLT)

2. Love requires freedom.

Romans 1:24-25 ²⁴ People wanted only to do evil. So God left them and let them go their sinful way. (ERV)

3. Hell is not just a place God sends people - it's a place people choose.

2 Thessalonians 1:8-9 ⁸ He will come with burning fire to punish those who don't know God—those who refuse to accept the Good News about our Lord Jesus. ⁹ They will be punished with a destruction that never ends. They will not be allowed to be with the Lord but will be kept away from his great power. (ERV)

4. God is not only loving. He is also just.

Romans 6:23 The wages of sin is death.

Revelation 20:12 I saw the dead, both great and small, standing before God's throne. And the books were opened, including the Book of Life. And the dead were judged according to what they had done, as recorded in the books. (NLT)

Romans 3:10 No one is righteous - not even one. (NLT)

Romans 3:23 All have sinned and are not good enough to share God's divine greatness. (ERV)

5. God made a way so no one has to go there.

Romans 5:8 But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners. (NLT)

II Corinthians 5:21 Christ had no sin, but God made him become sin so that in Christ we could be right with God. (ERV)