

CLOSING THE LOOPHOLE OF DEATH

“Ha! I’ve done it. I’ve tricked God’s man into disobedience. I have destroyed him. He can never again be in the presence of God who loves him so.” These were Satan’s thoughts as he watched Adam rebel and eat the forbidden fruit. And when, after almost 1000 years, Adam and Eve died Satan exulted once again thinking, “It is finished. I have them in my power eternally now!”

But another man said, “It is finished.” On a cross on a hill life bled away from a severely beaten corpse and another soul descended into Hell, the place prepared for the rebellious kin of Adam. Three days later a glorious being entered Paradise, the place where the covenant keeping souls were held. Then Adam and Eve heard some very good news. “Your sentence is commuted. I have paid the penalty that you could not pay. If you want to come with Me to the Father, you can.” This event has been known in the Church for 2,000 years. It is called Jesus’ Harrowing of Hell. Jesus preached the good news of salvation to the spirits in prison 1 Peter 3:19.

There appears to be a loophole in the plan of salvation proclaimed by the Church. What if Satan can keep a soul from ever hearing the message of salvation through Jesus until they die? Is that just an unfortunate accident, a regrettable mistake, and a lapse of zeal on the part of the Church? Is it *just* for such a soul to be damned for all eternity – excluded from the presence of God – all because someone failed to, or never had the opportunity to, tell them about Jesus offer of salvation? Is God *just* if He allows Satan such a loophole to exploit?

It is not fair or just for some to hear this offer while other souls never do. Equity is one of the foundational principles of justice. Is Jesus the only saviour and the only way to God as He claimed in John 14:6, is He the omniscient, omnipotent God if He makes no provision for all of the devil’s tricks? Nothing is impossible for God. Therefore God must be able to allow the opportunity to decide on salvation through Jesus. Logically, if the God Jesus proclaims cannot do this then omniscience and omnipotence are not part of Him and He is only a minor god or devil.

The Church has used many arguments to explain why some souls never hear the gospel. In my book *Salvation in Hell* (available on [Amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com)) I prove the insufficiency of these arguments. The true answer to these questions is that it is impossible for God to act unjustly, (without due diligence) without becoming Satan. Therefore Jesus, if He is the only saviour, must have made contingency for souls who died without hearing the gospel to have the opportunity to make that choice.

This is the revelation of [Salvation in Hell](#). Jesus was personally able to preach the good news of His defeat of Hell and death to the souls in Paradise. They accepted that truth and were raised to eternal life with Him. Jesus then commissioned the Church, in the power of the Holy Spirit, to tell that same news to the rest of humanity.

The Church’s commission extends beyond the gates of death into Hell itself. The Church can do what Jesus did – Harrow Hell. (John 14:12) Death is not a barrier to the Holy Spirit or the Gospel. The Second Harrowing of Hell and the Rapture of the Damned is the necessary completion of the Church’s commission by Jesus to “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.” Hell is a part of this world, not part of Heaven. We are to preach the gospel there, in the power of the Holy Spirit, and we will see the same results Jesus did. Hell emptier and Heaven fuller.

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