

People think they know what Christianity is all about. But are their assumptions accurate? Addressing 2 common spiritual questions, Warren reveals the truth plainly without clouding the issue with religious jargon or rules.



## QUESTION A: WHY IS THERE EVIL IN THE WORLD?

You know, this is a difficult stumbling block and question for many people. The simplest way to look at this question is to examine God's nature and His desire for mankind. Look at the logic. God loves us and wants us to love Him back. And how could we love Him back unless we have the freedom to not love? God could have made us like robots who do nothing more than say, "I love you. I love you. I love you." But we would be forced to do something that would not be real love. Love is a choice. And if you have a choice, you must be able to choose not to love. That is the nature of evil: which is choosing not to love. So, when God gave us the freedom to choose, He gave us not only our greatest blessing, but He also gave us our greatest curse — we can choose to do right or choose to do wrong.

**The reason there's evil in the world is not because of God, it is because God gave us the freedom to choose.** Love outweighs the existence of evil because you see, evil is only going to exist for a brief time, but love is going to last forever. And all the death that we see in the world today are because man has chosen to make wrong choices. God could have taken our freedom, but He did not. I hope you will use your freedom to choose God.

## QUESTION B: IS THERE A REAL HELL AND WHY WOULD A LOVING GOD SEND ANYONE THERE?

Well, first I believe in hell because Jesus talked about it. In fact, Jesus talked more about hell than He did heaven. Hell is a place of eternal torment. And Jesus knows more about it than either you or me. But secondly, I believe in hell because logic and fairness demand it. Think of all the atrocities and evil that have been done throughout history by evildoers in this world. If those who go unpunished would mean that God is not worthy of our worship and love.

**Why would a loving God send anyone to hell? Well in a nutshell, He does not.** God does not send anyone to hell when we reject the love of God. Imagine I was to say to you, "On my right is a door heading to heaven, and on my left is a door heading to hell, you do not have anybody to blame but yourself. In fact, the Bible tells us to do everything possible — to keep us out of hell. He cared so much to keep us out of hell that He sent Jesus Christ to die on the cross, to pay for our sins so that we do not have to pay for them. He wants to set us free. He wants to give us His life, His image, and He gave us the ultimate power to say yes or no. **If we choose to reject God here on earth, the consequences are choosing to spend eternity separated from Him.** You see, there are only two kinds of people in the world: those to whom God says, "You will be done." and those to whom God says, "Your will be done." When we say, "I want to do it my way," we essentially say, "I don't want you in my heaven for eternity." Then God says, "I don't want you in my heaven for eternity." You do not have to go to hell. In fact, [Jesus Christ has made it possible for you to go to heaven.](#) Open your heart and say, "I need you, I want you, I trust you, and I ask you to forgive me." And He will come in and save you.



Until we meet again, I leave to your heart (Numbers 6:24-26) "*The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face to shine upon thee and be gracious unto thee; the Lord lift up His countenance and give thee peace.*"

Rev. C. L. Murray

## First Baptist Staying C

It is my prayer that you are in good health and comfort. Over the past few months, we have endured a lot of pain in our lives that none of us will ever forget. Every day we praise God because His grace and mercy continues to shine upon us.

The 2020 election is swiftly approaching, and you need to vote. Please count so that your voices can be heard. Please do not wait. Take full advantage of the mail-in ballots and early voting. Elect candidates to have a heart of compassion and wisdom.



with sincere  
gratitude

To Pastor Murray, Executive Board members, and friends,

I would like to thank you for the expressions of love and support (prayers, calls, gifts, etc.) that you showed during the death of my husband, **Isaac "Rev. Ike" Washington.**



## First Baptist Church

### CALENDAR

SUNDAYS	10.00 a.m. Virtual Worship
TUESDAYS	8 a.m. Intercessory Prayer
WEDNESDAYS	11:00 a.m. Enlightenment October 7 <sup>th</sup> and 21 <sup>st</sup>
THURSDAYS	6:30 Bible Study
	12:00 pm FM WJNI 106.3 Radio

