

3. The reality of Hell

This is a “hot” topic – no pun intended. If there is one issue that polarizes the Church and excites (and not in a good way) the passions and opinions of society today, it has to be the doctrine of Hell.

Amidst all of the questions and controversy surrounding Hell, one must begin with the question, “Why?” Why is there a place called Hell?

Then, on to the more important question – “How can I make sure that I don’t go there?” Fortunately, there are straight-forward answers to these questions.

The radio program that we’ll be looking at today is a teaching that was taught by Greg Eckler, a worship leader and pastor here at Applegate Christian Fellowship. Greg and his wife Taryn have a daily radio show (M-F) on KAPL in which they handle various topics. So, let’s take a look.

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Responsive Programming

Let’s start with the first question. Why is there a place called Hell? Jesus said in His Word that Hell was originally created and intended as a place of punishment for the devil and demons. Man was never meant to go there. However, when man sinned in the Garden of Eden, he fell from God’s grace and violated God’s Holy Law. God is so Loving and Kind, but He is also Just and Righteous. Sin is a violation of His commands, and therefore must be dealt with.

Jesus the Christ, God Himself, became a Man (never ceasing to be God) and died on the Cross as the substitute for the wrath and penalty for sin for all who would put their trust and belief in Him for Salvation.

Greg talked about a message that Pastor Peter-John gave at Applegate earlier this month (February 2015) and Greg shared a quote from his friend who is visiting the area. As pastor Greg’s Korean friend said, “Don’t believe in Jesus, don’t go to Heaven.” And it really is that simple. That’s the whole thing. For those who choose that they don’t want to trust in Jesus for their Salvation, the only option is Hell. God will not force anybody to be with Him. God is a Gentleman.

So, we see through this radio show that very important (in fact, the most important) issues are being addressed here on KAPL on a regular basis. This, in my mind, more than justifies KAPL’s continuing on the airwaves here in southern Oregon. If a radio station’s right to be on the air is to be judged by the importance of the messages it presents to its listeners, then KAPL is right up there at the top.