

Jarvis Street Baptist Church Catechism 126

The Apostles' Creed Part 7

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in His only Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; [He descended into hell;] ...

Choose the BEST answer each time.

Read: John 19: 30.

When Jesus said this,

- a) He had finished atoning for our sins in His death.
- b) He had finished the task His Father sent Him to do.
- c) Both a) and b).

Conclusion: Jesus suffered for our sins *on the cross*, not in hell.

Read: Luke 23: 43.

After Jesus died, that same day, He and the thief on the cross went to

- a) hell.
- b) earth.
- c) paradise.

Conclusion: Jesus' soul went to paradise after He died; He did not suffer in hell.

Read: Luke 23: 46.

Jesus entrusted His spirit to

- a) His mother, Mary.
- b) His heavenly Father.
- c) Peter and John.

Conclusion: Jesus' soul was in the care of His Father, not separated from Him or bearing God's wrath in hell.

Read: 1 Peter 3: 19, 20.

Jesus preached to

- a) the spirits in prison from the time of Noah.
- b) the people of Capernaum
- c) the angels in heaven.

Read: Luke 16: 26.

A person in hell cannot go to

- a) heaven or paradise.
- b) to earth.
- c) to the ball game.

Conclusion: Even though there is much disagreement about the precise meaning of 1 Peter 3: 19, 20, it does *not* teach that there is a second opportunity for those in hell to get out of hell and go to paradise/heaven.

Read: Acts 2: 27-32.

Whose soul would God not leave in hell/hades/the grave/Sheol/the realm of the dead?

- a) Jesus'.
- b) David's.
- c) Moses'.

Conclusion: Hell can also be translated as Hades, Sheol, the grave, or the place of the dead. Jesus' soul went to the place where the spirits of the godly went, but did not remain there, for God raised Jesus from the dead, body and soul, and Jesus ascended, body and soul, to heaven.

Memorize:

For You will not leave my soul in Hades,
Nor will You allow Your Holy One to see corruption.

Acts 2: 27