

If God is Love, can there be a Hell?

- the marked distaste/dislike for the concept of hell

- the who...what...where...when...why of hell

where?

Rev. 20:11-15

when?

what?

- figures that describe hell
 - a place of torment
Rev. 20:10
 - a place of flames and fire that burns
Mt. 18:8; Mt. 25:41; Lk. 16:24; Mt. 3:12
 - a place of utter darkness
2 Pet. 2:4; Mt. 25:30
 - a place of weeping and gnashing of teeth
Mt. 13:49-50
 - a place where worms never die
Mk. 9:48 (Is. 66:24); Rev. 14:9-11
- what these figures mean
- is it really eternal?
Is. 1:28; Ps. 145:20
Dan. 12:2; Mt. 25:46

who?

Rev. 21:8; 20:12

why?

- to understand hell, we must carefully consider the character of God: He is love & wrath
- hell is both humane and just
Mt. 11:20-24

> C.S. Lewis: “[the doctrine of hell is] one of the chief grounds on which Christianity is attacked as barbarous and the goodness of God impugned.”
...but true nonetheless.