

Real World Skit

Two students discuss sin.

Student 1: What do you think hell really is? I mean, do you even think it's a real place?

Student 2: It doesn't matter what I think! What matters is what the Bible says about it. And the Bible says there is a hell—and it's a horrible place.

Student 1: But I just can't believe God would punish people that way. After all, most sins aren't really that bad. I mean, everyone gets angry, or tells a little white lie, or even disobeys once in a while. Know what I mean?

Student 2: Yeah, I know what you mean. But like I said, we have to trust what God says about these things in His Word. It doesn't matter how we feel about them.

Student 1: But how do you explain it? I mean, why would someone who lied about their homework get the same punishment as a murderer? It doesn't seem fair.

Student 2: Well, you're comparing yourself with other people, which we all do. But we aren't supposed to do that. We're supposed to compare ourselves to God.

Student 1: You mean how holy and perfect He is?

Student 2: Yeah. God is holy and hates all sin! He must judge all sin. And, His judgment for sin is death and hell.

Student 1: I just don't get it!

Student 2: Do you remember Adam and Eve—the first people God created? Do you remember what they did?

Student 1: Sure! God said don't eat the fruit from one of the trees—and they ate it.

Student 2: That's right. Now, does that seem like such a terrible thing to do? Eat a piece of fruit?

Student 1: When you put it that way, not really!

Student 2: But that one sin was disobedience against God, and it brought death and suffering into all of creation. And God had to punish them and put them out of the perfect garden.

Student 1: And all they did was disobey one time—by eating a piece of fruit!

Student 2: That's right. But that's how much God hates sin.

Student 1: So, what about me—or you? We sin, too—even though they don't seem like really big sins. If God hates all sin, won't He punish us?

Student 2: Actually, that has to do with the part that really isn't fair.

Student 1: Huh? What do you mean?

Student 2: I'm talking about Jesus. He never sinned.

Student 1: So why is that unfair?

Student 2: Think about it. Jesus never sinned, but He was punished for the sins we committed! God sent Jesus so sinners like us could be saved!

Student 1: You mean when He died on the Cross, He took the punishment for sin?

Student 2: Yep. That's exactly what I mean. And everyone who trusts and believes in Him will be forgiven of all their sins.

Student 1: Hmm. So we're all sinners and deserve punishment because God must punish sin—no matter how big or small.

Student 2: Right.

Student 1: But we can be saved from that punishment by believing in Jesus?

Student 2: Yes. People don't have to go to hell. They can turn from their sins and trust in Jesus to save them.

Student 1: So our hope for heaven comes from Jesus alone. And He will forgive us!

Student 2: That's right! Jesus is wonderful! He was the only one who could save us from our sins, and He did!