

Don't go to Hell! ” cried Dick Spiller. “I've seen and felt the flames! ” he said to his family, as he laid on the hospital stretcher. Hell is a reality. I know, because I was there! I have been given a second chance, but most people who will go there, will not.”

At first this sounded like the ravings of a lunatic or religious fanatic, but his startled family and friends knew that he was neither. Only hours earlier on August 26, 1988, Spiller, a civil engineer in Zurich, Switzerland, laid lifeless on a hospital stretcher, a victim of a severe automobile crash. For nearly twenty minutes, doctors frantically struggled to revive his vital signs with no success, but finally one last electrical burst from the devibrillator unit produced a faint heart-beat. Amazingly, Spiller survived and eventually recovered fully from his injuries.

The doctor, heart specialist Robert Suter, confirmed that Spiller had been clinically dead for at least eighteen minutes on the operating table before he was revived. But even more startling than his miraculous recovery, was Spiller's shocking description of an after-life experience in which he claimed to see the fires of Hell!

“When my heart first stopped, I felt a sense of relief, but it didn't last long,” said Spiller. “The ground beneath me began to quake and crack and black smoke billowed up! ” “It's hard to put into words, but there seemed to be evil and fear all around me. I wanted to run away but there was nowhere to go.”

“Then a terrible, evil face began to form in the smoke. I could hear hideous laughter and the screams of women and men beneath me. When the face was fully formed, two fiery eyes opened wide and glared. I knew then that I had come face-to-face with the devil himself! ”

“The next thing I knew I was enveloped in the smoke. The ground opened wider and I fell into a crack. Going deeper and deeper into the earth I felt like I was being watched. I screamed for help until terror

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“Suddenly, I came into a great room of fire. There were masks of agony in the flames. I knew instinctively that these were the faces of the damned. I was sobbing in pain and fear when a sweet voice whispered: ‘Go back and always remember this.’ The next moment, I opened my eyes and saw the doctor who had restarted my heart.”

“I saw and felt the flames of Hell! ” said

Spiller. “For some reason I was given a second chance. But most people who will go to Hell will not. You can only heed my warning or laugh it off - but I hope you take it to heart! Hell is a reality,” he said. “I know, because I was there! I am only grateful that I was given another chance to come back and live my life differently so I never have to go back to that horrible place! ”

Spiller's true testimony, which was reported in a major U.S. newspaper, is remarkably accurate to the Bible's description of Hell. It may surprise many people to learn that in the New Testament, Jesus actually taught more about Hell than Heaven, indicating that it is a real place called “the Lake of Fire” (Rev. 20:14-15). According to the Bible it is a realm of punishment that was originally prepared only for the Devil and his angels (Matt. 25:41), where tormenting fire will never cease (Mark 9:44, Matt. 25:46), and where there will be “weeping and gnashing of teeth” in “outer darkness” for eternity (Matt. 22:13).

Who will go to Hell? Instinctively we may think of the sinister kind of people... murderers, drug pushers, child molesters, etc. However, the Bible says: “...anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire.” (Rev. 20:15). This tells us that Hell will not only contain such evil people, but all those whose names are not written in the Book of Life.

According to the Bible, all human beings have a sinful nature that will condemn them to hell (Rom. 3:23, Rom. 6:23) unless

they receive God's gift of life. The Book of Life is the registry of Heaven, containing the names of all those who have received God's gift. No one recorded in the book will go to Hell.

So how do we get our name written in the book of life? By placing faith in God's Son, Jesus Christ, as our Lord and Savior. The scripture tells us that God sent Jesus into the world to take our sins upon Himself, as our substitute (2 Pet 2:24). He bore our sins, and died in our place — so that all who would believe in Him and His sacrificial work would be saved. "God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life" (John 3:16).

At the moment that we sincerely repent of our sins, and place our faith in Christ to live for Him, our name is written in Heaven (Luke 10:20), and someday when our body dies, our soul will go to Heaven to be with the Lord for eternity (Col. 1:5).

How about you? Is your name written in Heaven? Are you living for God? Are you a backslider? If you would die tonight, are you sure that you would go to Heaven, instead of Hell?

For the sake of eternity, please don't wait another minute! Call upon Jesus in sincerity and ask Him to become your Savior. As the scripture states: "...if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved" (Romans 10:9).

The scripture states: "But there shall by no means enter it (Heaven) anything that defiles, or causes an abomination or a lie, but only those who are written in the Lamb's Book of Life." (Rev. 21:27).

To Accept Christ, Pray This From Your Heart

"Dear God, I come to you in Jesus name and I ask you to forgive all my sins. I believe that Jesus died for me and rose from the dead so that I can have eternal life. Thank you for sending the Spirit of Christ to dwell in my heart from this day forward. Thank you for saving me and writing my name in the book of life. In Jesus name, Amen."

Now that you've become a Christian, be sure to find a good Bible-believing church to attend regularly. Contact us at the address below and we'll send you more information that will help in your new Christian faith.

Footnote:
There are several words in the original text of scripture translated as "Hell." Our reference to Hell comes from the Greek, "GEHENNA-Place of everlasting punishment."

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