



11 August 2024

HOW DOES HELL GLORIFY GOD?

No one likes the thought of hell. As the early church father Augustine said, *"If you believe what you like in the Gospel, and reject what you don't like, it is not the Gospel you believe, but yourself."* The Bible clearly states though, that hell is real and hell is eternal (Ps.9:17, Matt. 10:28). As Christians we believe what the Bible says about hell, but we still struggle with and ask ourselves, "Why did God create hell?" Why did God create a place of eternal torment?"

The answer is clear, it is 'for His glory.' In fact, everything God does He does for His glory and that includes allowing those who reject Him to suffer eternal torment. So, how does hell glorify God? It glorifies God by making His awesome invisible qualities, His greatness, and His nature known.

One of the primary ways hell glorifies God is that it reveals the righteous and just nature of God. In Psalms 9:4, we are told that God judges the wicked in '*righteousness*.' The word '*righteousness*' refers to 'a just action.' In 2 Thessalonians 1, Paul referred to God's judgment as '*righteous*' (5) and '*just*' (6). Eternal torment is the right and just punishment for a lifetime of rejecting God.

God's judgement is right and just because God holds people accountable for disobeying and rejecting the Gospel. The Scripture makes this clear. We are told that God has revealed His existence to all mankind (Rom. 1:19) and given everyone a conscience to obey (Rom. 2:12-16). Therefore, people are liable for God's judgment (Rom. 2:12). Thus, in a sense, God has given all humans an opportunity to obey His righteous revelation, but all have turned away and none seek Him (Rom. 3:10-12). That is why God's

judgment is right and just. He takes vengeance on those who will not obey Him and reject His Gospel. Since God's character is good, His vengeance is right and just.

It is through the eternal punishment of the wicked that God's justice and righteousness is known. The Psalmist says that through eternal judgement "*the Lord has made himself known*" (Psalm 9:16). That is why hell glorifies God.

Please remember if God does not keep His word and judge the wicked then He is not righteous and He is not just. Hell shows the glory of God's righteousness and justice. Hell vindicates those who obey God's word and embrace the Gospel. The existence of hell glorifies God.

In summary, although the thought of multitudes headed towards spending an eternity in hell is a horrifying reality, hell still glorifies God in its very existence:

- It reveals His righteousness and just nature.
- It shows His faithfulness in keeping His word.
- It displays His holiness in judging sin.
- It demonstrates His omniscience in remembering the deeds of the wicked.
- It reveals His love to those who obeyed and embraced the Gospel.

Pastor Mike Redick
Deputy Missions Director



• **VISIT OUR MISSION WORK IN THE PHILIPPINES!**

Pastor Paul will be going to the Philippines (from September 4-9) to visit our Philippines team and projects. If you're keen to find out more about our Philippines ministries so you can be more involved, this trip will be useful.

If interested, WhatsApp him at 97825256.

• **CHIT CHAT! (NEWCOMERS EVENT)**

Are you new to Gospel Light? Did you discover us through a friend, our online services or social media? We'd love for you to get to know us better! Chit Chat is an informal social session onsite where you get to mingle with our Pastor, Elders and leaders. Ever wondered what kind of church we are and where are our roots? What does our mission and vision statement mean? Save the date and we look forward to a great time of chit chat!

Date: Sun, 18 Aug 2024
Time: 11.45am to 1.15pm
Venue: Gospel Auditorium (L2)
Lunch is provided.

To register, please visit this link <https://bit.ly/3Sa2viF>.
Registration closes on Sun 11 Aug.

If you want to find out more, please write to sue.choo@gospellight.sg.

• **HANDCHIMES VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

We are looking for volunteers to learn Christmas carols on Handchimes and bless our community with music this Christmas season.

Date: Sundays
Time: 12.00pm – 1.30pm
Venue: Light 1 (L3)

Please contact Anne @ 9879 2318 to register and for more details. Registration closes on Sun 11 Aug.

• **SILVERJOY (SENIORS) MINISTRY**

Every chapter of life is a gift from God. And our ministry for seniors celebrates that gift. SilverJoy isn't just a place for seniors to gather, it's a spiritual community of friendship and support.

Invite your pre-believing friends, neighbours or family members.

Date: 1st & 3rd Wed of the month
Time: 9.45am – 12.30pm
Venue: Connections Corner (L1)

Upcoming events coming your way. Join us!

Contact CE at 9753 7964 for enquiries

Date	Programme
21 st Aug	Mid-Autumn Lantern making





CLASSES & MINISTRIES

• TABLE TENNIS @GOSPELLIGHT

Looking for a fellowship activity for your small group or spiritual community? Want an outreach platform to invite unsaved colleagues, friends and neighbors?

Our table tennis facilities are now open for booking!

For bookings, please email shine@gospellight.sg.

• NAGOMI ART WORKSHOP

Invite family, friends, neighbours or colleagues to join our upcoming Nagomi Art workshops. Choose from the following dates and time.

Workshop A: Fri, 23 & 30 Aug (10.00am to 12.00pm)

Workshop B : Sat, 24 & 31 Aug (10.00am to 12.00pm)

Please note that Workshop A & B will be teaching the same contents.

Venue: Hall 1 (L2)

Workshop Fee: \$10 for each workshop

*Children under 12 must be accompanied by a parent or adult

To register, visit: <https://bit.ly/3QbTXaB>

Registration closes on Mon 19 Aug.

• SEEKERS CLASS

Have you been seeking after God and He feels far away? Have you wondered if God really cares about you? Don't all religions teach you to do good to get to heaven? Perhaps these questions and others have been bugging you. Why not discuss this in a group setting by enrolling in the Seekers class?

Start date: Sun, 25 Aug

Time: 12.15pm – 2.15pm

Course duration: 6 Sundays

Venue: Eshkol Valley (Attic Level)

Register at <https://bit.ly/3SZlihy>.

Registration closes on Sun 11 Aug.

• BAPTISM

Those who have believed in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour are encouraged to be baptized.

Attendance at Baptism Class is a prerequisite.

Submission of written testimonies with completed application forms is a must. Classes are conducted on-site. Register and download application forms via our website at <https://bit.ly/3Ft6DEw>.

Registration closes on Sun 18 Aug.

Baptism Class (English)

Date: Sun, 29 Sep

Time: 1.30pm – 2.30pm

Venue: Hall 2 (L2)

Baptism Class (Chinese)

Date: Sun, 29 Sep

Time: 12.00pm – 1.00pm

Venue: Hall 2 (L2)

Baptism Date: Sun, 10 Nov

Venue: Shine Auditorium (L4)

• EXPOSITORY BIBLE STUDY – GOSPEL OF JOHN

This Tuesday, 13 August 2024, we will study John 12:1-7 and learn about Mary anointing Jesus at Bethany. The Zoom dial-in details for our session are as follows:

Date: Tue, 13 Aug

Time: 8.00pm

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://bit.ly/3pd7C7T>

Meeting ID: 851 8603 0760

Passcode: 211761



WORSHIP SERVICE

- **Wednesday Prayer Meetings – 8pm**

Venue: Hall 3, Attic

- **Sunday Prayer Meetings – 7:45am**

Venue: Cry Room at Shine Auditorium (L4)

If you are interested to receive our weekly prayer list, please email shine@gospellight.sg

(A)Worship Services

Congregational Service	Day and Time	Livestream Link
English @ Shine Auditorium (L4)	Sunday at 8.30am, 10.15am and 12.00pm	https://bit.ly/3SH45uZ (only available at 10.15am)
Chinese @ Gospel Auditorium (L2)	Sunday at 8.30am and 10.15am	http://bit.ly/2Ng0TXT (only available at 10.15am)
Filipino @ Gospel Auditorium (L2)	Sunday at 2.00pm	http://bit.ly/30FjYFU
Youth @ Gospel Auditorium (L2)	Saturday at 4.30pm No service on 4 th & 5 th week	Subscribe to Youth announcement channel https://t.me/+Yd524QzAjKk2Yzll
Varsity @ Light 1 & 2 (L3)	Sunday at 2.30pm No service on 5 th week	Subscribe to Varsity announcement channel https://t.me/+WDu3myEwipcxZWU1
Bahasa @ Reception Room (L1)	Alternate Sunday at 10.30am	For more information about our services contact 9628 5061/ 9117 6000
Telugu @ Gospel Auditorium (L2)	Sunday at 5.00pm and 7.30pm	http://bit.ly/30G4fXI

(B) Children Services

Children's services are at **8.30am and 10.15am**:

(i) Playgroup (12 months - 35 months): Hall 3 at Attic Level

(ii) Preschool (36 months - 6 years): Eshkol Valley premise at Attic Level

(iii) Primary (Primary 1 to Primary 6): Light Auditorium at Level 3

(iv) Join our Whatsapp community for regular updates: <http://bit.ly/sonshineparents>

(v) Interested to explore serving in in Children's Ministry? Email: children@gospellight.sg



You may give your offerings in the following ways:

1) PayNow

Under the UEN/Bill Reference No. section you can:

- State "NA" - Offering will go towards General Fund
- State "Missions" - To designate the offering

(a) Via "Scan and Pay"

- Open up your bank app and select "Scan and Pay"
- Scan the QR code below:



(b) PayNow UEN

You can also opt to key in the UEN:

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2) Internet Banking

- Add payee as Gospel Light Christian Church
- Account Number: **033-021695-5**
- Name of Beneficiary Bank: DBS Bank
- Under the Remarks section, you can leave it blank for the offering to go towards the General Fund or indicate Missions if you want to designate the offering.

3) Cheque

- Crossed cheque made payable to "Gospel Light Christian Church"
- On the reverse of the cheque, write **Gospel Light Christian Church** and the respective bank account numbers:
 - General Fund - **033-021695-5**
 - Missions Fund - **001-042653-2**
- Cheques can be deposited at any POSB or DBS bank into the church's accounts.

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