

**On the cross, Jesus:**

1. Shows us how much God \_\_\_\_\_ us.

2. To \_\_\_\_\_ us.



**How Could a Loving God Send People to Hell?**

Dealing with passages that offend our sensibilities:

Consider:

1. The Bible doesn't teach what we think it teaches.
2. We don't understand it because of our cultural blinders.
3. We're offended because of our own unexamined assumption that our cultural sensibilities are superior.

The Bible teaches that God is \_\_\_\_\_ AND it teaches the reality of \_\_\_\_\_.

## Our Cultural Sensibilities

We think we believe “\_\_\_\_\_ is all we \_\_\_\_\_.”

...But we also believe strongly in \_\_\_\_\_.

“Love without \_\_\_\_\_ isn’t love. Justice without \_\_\_\_\_ isn’t just.”

**We think: Belief in hell will lead to \_\_\_\_\_ and taking justice into our own hands.**

...But our ability to resist hatred and violence is grounded in the belief that God is the perfect \_\_\_\_\_.

## Maybe the Bible Doesn’t Say What We Think it Says

Proportionality is a \_\_\_\_\_ idea.

### Dealing with the Proportionality Problem:

#### 1. If we believe in Eternal Conscious Torment:

- If God is God, he can do \_\_\_\_\_ he wants.
- The \_\_\_\_\_ of the punishment is never determined by the \_\_\_\_\_ of the crime

#### 2. \_\_\_\_\_:

- the “wages of sin” is not \_\_\_\_\_, but spiritual \_\_\_\_\_ . (Rom 6:23)
- “fear Him who is able to \_\_\_\_\_ both soul and body in hell.” (Mt 10:28)

#### 3. The “\_\_\_\_\_ Model”

- God does not \_\_\_\_\_ people to hell, people \_\_\_\_\_ it.
- Sin is not just an individual breaking the law, it’s a \_\_\_\_\_ over us.

*“There are only two kinds of people in the end: those who say to God, “Thy will be done,” and those to whom God says, in the end, “Thy will be done.” All that are in Hell choose it. Without that self-choice there could be no hell. No soul that seriously and constantly desires joy will ever miss it.” –C.S. Lewis*

- The core of sin is \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_.
- The way to escape hell is not \_\_\_\_\_ performance, it’s living in \_\_\_\_\_ to God.