



WHY JESUS WENT TO HELL

1. Introduction

- When Jesus died on the cross and said that “It is finished” Jhn 19:30 the complete work of our salvation was complete.
- The battle has never been one of Satan and his demons vs Christ but the one who had control of our souls and of death and of the grave
- Demons and healing were never the issue.
- Jesus cast demons out and healed the sick before He even died. Mt 8:29, Lk 10:18-20, Mt 8:16
- Our salvation was settled and we could go to heaven the minute Christ died but why did he still have to go to hell?

2. Christ went to hell for 2 reasons

- To preach to all the Old Testament saints – 1 Pt 3:19
- To get back the keys of hell and of the grave. Satan had the right to hold every persons soul captive in hell good on one side and evil on the other.
- He got this right when Adam fell and gave it up on the earth
- Jesus could get it back because of one thing ,Satan had killed an incident man
- Satan was happy that every person died or that God even sent the flood because it meant more souls under his control.
- He did not count on Christ being an issue because he tried everything to kill Christ. – 1 Cor 2:8
- When Christ died Satan thought He had won because Christ was human but he never considered that Christ never sinned
- Christ’s purpose to go to hell was to get the keys back so that we as Christians may go to heaven
- Jesus went to hell – Eph 4:9-10
- He got the keys back – Rev 1:18
- David even prophesied this – Acts 2:25-35
- Death and Hades have no more hold – 1 Cor 15:55
- Death and Hades now have to obey Christ – Rev 20:13
- Death and Hades are even thrown into the great lake of fire – Rev 20:14

3. Summary

The Keys are Christ’s. We win.