

Hi, XXXXXXXXX!

I had promised you some Bible verses that reflect on the spiritual condition of those who don't embrace Jesus as their Savior. Here is a sampling below. Bear in mind that what makes the Gospel of Jesus such good news is that it saves us from such bad news. Let me know if this provokes questions in your mind.

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Here, the Apostle Paul is addressing a group of Christians. He is reflecting back on what they were before they became born-again believers in Jesus (spiritually dead, followers of Satan, objects of the wrath of God). Ephesians 2:1-3 As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, ² in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. ³ All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our sinful nature and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature objects of wrath.

Here the Apostle John divides all people into two camps: the children of God and the children of the devil. 1 John 3:8-10 He who does what is sinful is of the devil, because the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil's work. ⁹ No one who is born of God will continue to sin, because God's seed remains in him; he cannot go on sinning, because he has been born of God. ¹⁰ This is how we know who the children of God are and who the children of the devil are: Anyone who does not do what is right is not a child of God; nor is anyone who does not love his brother.

Here the Apostle Paul says that all people inhabit one or the other of two kingdoms; the Kingdom of Darkness (Satan's kingdom), and the Kingdom of Light (Jesus' Kingdom). Colossians 1:12-14 giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the kingdom of light. ¹³ For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins

Here Jesus is speaking to a hostile Jewish audience, and labels them as having the devil as their father. John 8:42-44 Jesus said to them, "If God were your Father, you would love me, for I came from God and now am here. I have not come on my own; but he sent me. ⁴³ Why is my language not clear to you? Because you are unable to hear what I say. ⁴⁴ You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father's desire. He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies.

Here Jesus calls the Jewish scribes and Pharisees, "sons of hell." Matthew 23:15 "Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You travel over land and sea to win a single convert, and when he becomes one, you make him twice as much a son of hell as you are.

Here is the most famous verse of the Bible. It poses two destinies for people: "perishing" (which means hell) or "eternal life" (which means heaven). John 3:16 "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.