

UNIVERSAL RECONCILIATION

the belief that, through Christ, all will be saved; also known as **Christian universalism** or *apokatastasis* ("the reconciliation of all things")

TRAD. VIEW OF ETERNAL PUNISHMENT

the belief that those who fail to accept Christ in this life will be separated from God and punished in Hell for eternity

AIŌNIOS

translated as "eternal" or "everlasting" in English translations of the Bible, but can also mean an "age" or another time of unspecified duration, as well as when something will take place - the "age to come"

Key Terms

AĪDIOS

another, more explicit term for "eternal" or "everlasting;" only used twice in the NT (Rom. 1:20, Jude 1:6)

KOLASIS

translated as "punishment" in English translations of the Bible, but was better understood as a "pruning" or a "correction" by many Greek thinkers throughout the classical and antique periods

TIMŌRIA

another term translated as "punishment" in the NT (Heb. 10:29; Acts 22:5, 26:11) that more directly conveys the idea of penal, retributive punishment



Relevant texts

ETERNAL PUNISHMENT

Matt. 25:41, 46: "Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels' . . . And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

Luke 16:26: "Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us."

Mark 9:48: "...where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched."

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John 12:32: "And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself."

Rom. 5:18: "Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all."

1 Cor. 15:22: "...for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ."

Phil. 2:10-11: "...so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."

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"For it is written, 'As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God.'"

Romans 14:11

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