

Eternal Torture or Love that Never Fails?

Part 2



Unending Punishment was never taught in the original Hebrew and Greek texts.

When you unravel a couple of verses, the scriptures give you rest and you see an all loving Father. There is correction, but its always to turn people back to God. We don't need to "convert" people. We need to "convince" them of His unconditional love and their inclusion in Christ Jesus.

We need to stop making God out to be a tyrant, which has caused more people to walk away from the truly good news than almost any other church teaching.

“Fear not... I have the keys of Hell and Death,” Revelation 1:18



Matthew 25:46 (KJV) And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal.

Matthew 25:46 (Young's Literal Translation) And these shall go away to punishment age-during, but the righteous to life age-during.



Everlasting – Strong’s I 66 – aionios – age long, partaking of the character which lasts for an age

Helps Word Studies – adjective derived from I 65/aion (an age) – properly “age-like” i.e. an “age-characteristic” (the quality describing a particular age)

Does “eternity” make any sense in these passages?

Matthew 24:3 What will be the sign...of the end of **eternity**?

Matthew 28:20 I am with you...to the end of **the eternity**.

Romans 12:2 Be not conformed to this **eternity**.

Galatians 1:4 Deliver us from this present evil **eternity**.

I Cor 10:11 They were written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the **eternities** have come.



Punishment – kolasis – Strong's 2851
From Kolazo – Strong's 2849

1. Properly, to lop, prune, as trees
2. To check, curb, restrain
3. To chastise, correct, punish

To prune or cut off is always for the trees benefit, not to punish the tree.

Doesn't this fit with **Romans 11:11-32**



So a better translation of **Matthew 25:46** is: These shall go away into age-long pruning

Or

These shall go away into age-long chastisement.



John 3:17 For God did not send His Son into the world (**kosmos – creation**) to condemn the world, but that the **world (kosmos – creation)** through Him might be saved.

I Corinthians 15:22 For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive. **23** But each one in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, afterward those *who are* Christ's at His coming. **24** Then *comes* the end, when He delivers the kingdom to God the Father, when He puts an end to all rule and all authority and power. **25** For He must reign till He has put all enemies under His feet. **26** The last enemy *that will be destroyed is* death..

28 Now when all things are made subject to Him, then the Son Himself will also be subject to Him who put all things under Him, that God may be all in all.



“Eternal punishment is not unending punishment, but pruning or chastisement (correction) for an age.

The gates of hell have not prevailed. “Fear not...I have the keys of hell and death”

I Timothy 2:4 Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth.

5 For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus;

6 Who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time.

