Restoration of All Things Ch. 7 - Mike Parsons **"Exploding the 'Hell' Mythology"**

(Reference: pages 243-251)

We are reviewing the evangelical view that if you do not accept God's free offer of salvation in this life, you end up in 'hell'. Is this true? It does line up with PSA doctrine (**P**enal **S**ubstitutionary **A**tonement).

PSA basically infers that Jesus was willing to be the substitute for us for an angry God. Does this mean God is a cosmic child abuser? So, does that mean if I step out of line he will punish me also! And also, we add the doctrine of ECT (Eternal Conscious Torment) which states 'if you do not respond to the Christian message in your lifetime, you will burn in the fires of hell forever...being punished by a loving God'. Uh? A loving God? Something does not seem to gel, does it? A Loving God kills the ones he loves!

Reading the bible only confirms what you already believe, which prevents your mind from being renewed and thus leaves all your religious programming in place. Mike says, "The first evil demonic doctrine Father challenged me with was PSA". He says, "Once it was exposed and rejected as a total fabricated lie, it led to the collapse of the other 7 pillars". They are not discussed here.

Atonement is how we explain what the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus actually did. Church history has explained this though the ages. There are seven explanations, but we are just going to look at the main one. Number one and most prominent is the *'Christus Victor Theory'*. This states that Jesus was victorious over death and the enemy on the cross. The real issue is not who the ransom is paid to, but <u>what</u> it is paid for! We should not take things literally, but look at it figuratively. The reason Jesus came was to restore ALL humanity. For ALL to be included in the circle of the dance (the life of the Trinity), thus enabling the restoration of our lost identity back to God's original intention.

Mike believes the ransom was not paid to any god or devil but to the lost identity and slavery that mankind was sold into. Herein lies the problem: Our acceptance the '*Sola Scripture*' principle, including taking everything as literal, when it is not. While Jesus was a substitute for each of us, he did not take our punishment, and to add, it has never Father's intention. Jesus gave himself to appease the 'angry god' version of Father that religion had created! Now, *that's different!*

Richard Rohr said, "Jesus did not come to change the mind of God about humanity, but to change the mind of humanity about God".

The foundation of The Restoration of All Things is based on pure love and freedom which draws all people toward a relationship in which their true identity in face-to-face innocence can be experienced through universal 'at-one-ment', instead of mere sacrificial atonement. Being face-to-face with Jesus means all darkness is shredded in his light.¹

Mike goes on to say: "As I experienced the reality of God's love, all my assumptions and presumptions that I had believed to be true were demolished as lies, delusions, illusions and deceptions. Father asked me, 'How much of what you know about me, the bible and Christianity came directly from me and how much came from the teaching, books, sermons of others or your own studies? Father then said to him 'The plumb line you should use in interpreting everything is LOVE. If it is not love, it is not me."

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^{1 –} quote by George McDonald

Questions

1. How could a God of love be the same God who is willing to commit all his offspring to eternal punishment...especially if they do not happen choose him in their earthly lifetime?

2. Are you willing to remain in the *status qu*o and believe all the religious dogma you have been fed, or ask Father to show you who he really is, which is love, and...who you really are?

3. Are you willing to sift through all you have been taught to find the truth about what Jesus did for you and for all of creation? This is likely to need some major deconstruction and reconstruction of your mind.

4. Can you come to terms with and believe that Father only sees you as how he originally created you to be? And because Jesus has re-connected you spiritually to the Trinity...meaning you were required to do nothing about it!

5. Can you understand that sin, which was Adam and Eve's turning away from God and resulting in physical death, ended with mankind's spiritual separation from the Trinity. To restore the separation of mankind's identity crisis is the real reason Jesus came. Father is only interested in you becoming like his son and that the 'habit of sin' be addressed and eliminated as you become like his son.

There are so many questions I have not asked here, but leave you the reader to ask them.

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My Revelation

I have been given the understanding that sin is like or similar to a virus. There are many sins and many viruses. Sin can become a habit. God is more concerned with changing our sin habits, as sin was dealt with forever by Jesus. Viruses can mutate and become more, or sometimes less, dangerous. The worst ones kill us. The habit of sin can 'mutate' into power and corruption. We see this happening now worldwide. Keep in mind, however, that sin is not us and does not belong in us. We were never created with sin. We are and always were perfect in God's sight, but we needed Jesus to re-connect us spiritually.

God is Love. Now that is a serious understatement! God's love is the vaccine that we need. As God's love grows in us we become less likely to become infected with the viruses of the sin habit. This is how God has been and is working restoratively, universally. We all have the opportunity to become the Sons of God that creation is longing for. We know this is already happening, but as sons we need to join in the *perichoresis*, also known as 'the circle of the dance', so we can bring the redemptive purposes of heaven to earth.

Eventually sin will no longer exist. It will disappear because of God's all-consuming love, like a vapour or the morning fog, to vanish and fully reveal the world in all the beauty of God's magnificence. No one will have a concept of sin! It would be like showing a man from 'the jungle', a car. He would have no understanding or concept of what he saw.

*The early church fathers and mothers looked at that **dance** (perichoresis) and said, "That's what the Trinity is like". It's a harmonious set of relationships in which there is mutual giving and receiving. This relationship is called love, and it's what the Trinity is all about. The perichoresis is the dance of love.

A Verbal Picture of My Revelation.

In the movie 'Highlander II', the Highlander is now an old man. He is in the city of New York. Darkness covers the whole world. It has been like this for as long as the people can remember. He was in years gone by, part of an experiment which went terribly wrong (COVID-19 virus). He is in a bar and the locals recognize him and blame him (us) for all that has happened to them. This is not correct. Bad people had taken over the running of the planet, being consumed by power (severe virus).

The scene changes and Highlander is struck by lightning (the love of God) and becomes transformed into how he was originally, (his true self as God sees him =us). He meets a young woman, a reporter I think, and they begin formulating how to overcome the system and free the world of the shield of darkness. Many battles occur and in each one Highlander receives more power after every victory. God's love (vaccine) continues to improve his immunity...Fast track to end of movie.

Highlander and his lady (Adam and Eve) or mankind, are able to set in motion the disabling of the control system that keeps the shield of darkness in place. (This is by the power of God's love). The final scene shows them climbing to the top of the world and escaping through a steel hatch. They sit there and see the shield shattered in an enormous show of power (God's love). The shield (sin=virus) just evaporates and they are left sitting there in ecstasy. Above them is the bluest, I mean bluest sky you have ever seen. It is glorious!