



# MISSION CITY

## BIBLE CHURCH

**DATE:** Sunday, January 8, 2023  
**TITLE:** It's Time for A Reality Check!  
**SERIES:** The Book of Revelation: Worthy is the Lamb  
**PASSAGE:** Revelation 20:7-10

### INTRO:

**BIG IDEA:** One day, Satan will be defeated for good, and God and his people will be victorious forever.

### 3 SPIRITUAL REALITY CHECKS:

**1) Satan is \_\_\_\_\_ (v7-8)**

cf., John 8:44; 2 Corinthians 4:4; 1 Peter 5:8

**2) The human heart is \_\_\_\_\_ (v9)**

cf., Romans 3:10-12

**3) The Lake of Fire is \_\_\_\_\_ (v10)**

Hell is a real place of eternal, conscious torment

- A) A place of darkness and isolation (Matthew 22:13)
- B) A place of eternal torment (Luke 16:23)
- C) A place of unquenchable fire (Mark 9:43)
- D) A place of weeping and gnashing of teeth (Matthew 13:42)
- E) A place from which there is no return (Luke 16:19-31)

cf., 2 Thessalonians 1:8-9

**3B) The love of God is \_\_\_\_\_.**



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**DISCUSSION:**

1. When you think of a battle between the forces of good and the forces of evil, what sort of images and storylines come to mind?
2. How have modern books and films marketed evil and influenced our understanding of evil, the reach of evil, and the limits of evil? Has this impact been positive or negative? Why?
3. Read John 8:44, 2 Corinthians 4:4, and 1 Peter 5:8. Based on those passages, describe evil.
4. Prior to the unleashing of Satan (v7), mankind has experienced 1,000 years of peace under Christ's reign. Still, many will be deceived and follow Satan. What caution can we glean from this?
5. In Rev 20:9, who does the pronoun "they" refer to and what does that tell you about the human heart?
6. Do the two prior questions raise any concerns about your heart and your relationship with God? What are those concerns? How can your small group help you address them?
7. Is Hell an actual place? Does a person's answer to that question matter? Why or why not?
8. How do the spectacular events of the end times reveal God's extravagant love for his people?
9. What corrections have you heard from this message, and how will you address them moving forward?

(\*See PRAYER POINTS on page 2.)

**PRAYER POINTS** (based on Revelation 20:7-10):

**THE PRAISEWORTHY QUALITIES OF GOD THE FATHER AND GOD THE SON:**

- God is sovereign over the activity of Satan (v7)
- God is powerful to defeat Satan in the end (v9-10)
- God is faithful to protect his people to the end (v9)
- God is holy and just to judge sin (v10)

**REVERENCE:**

- Lord, we worship you because . . .
- Lord, I praise you because you have been faithful to protect me when . . .

**RESPONSE:**

- Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner . . .
- Lord Jesus, I confess I haven't believed you are sovereign over all when . . .
- Lord, I acknowledge I haven't always trusted in your power, especially when . . .

**REQUEST:**

- Lord, help me remember you are victorious in the end, even when . . .
- Lord, help me to see your strong power in . . .
- Lord, please help \_\_\_\_\_ (name of loved one) to want the new spiritual life only you can give

**READINESS:**

- Lord, we will believe you are faithful to the end when we see . . .
- Lord, when we are tempted to despair, we will believe that your holiness and justice will make things right in the end, especially with . . .
- Lord Jesus, come!