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Meditation

## Hot as Hell

Summer break has ended. The weather has begun to mellow slightly. Many end summer by celebrating Labor Day, not by the calendar date of September 23. Some have joked, Texas summers are so excessively hot to remind Christians that they don't want to spend eternity in hell. Would you want to spend exceptional amounts of time outside in the 110° heat of summer with 80% humidity and no shade or breeze?

Jesus describes hell as unquenchable fire in Matthew 18:9 and Mark 9:43. While many of us enjoy a campfire, bonfire, or fire in the fireplace, I do not think we would be excited to spend eternity surrounded with unquenchable fire. What about your family and friends? Where would you want them to spend eternity? It's a difficult subject to broach.

Take courage in knowing God is with you during the difficult moments and the easy ones. He has given us the gift of His Spirit to speak the truth in love (Ephesians 4:15). And while it may be uncomfortable, it is important. We have been called to follow Christ, and share His love with friends, family, and even strangers as commanded in the Great Commission. *And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age* (Matthew 28:18–20).

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