

Is 'Hell' Missing from Your Bible?

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Hell is a real place. Millions of unsaved people are pouring into it. And yet fewer and fewer people believe it exists. And far fewer pastors are willing even to preach on it. Why? Maybe because their Bibles are slowly taking away the word!

In my new book, *Look What's Missing*, we find a startling truth: so-called "scholars" and Bible translators in numerous verses removed the easy-to-understand word "hell" and instead left the untranslated Greek (Hades or Sheol) or Hebrew (Gehenna) word. Who knows what that means? Most people don't speak Greek or Hebrew. Have you ever heard anyone swear at someone and say: "Go to Gehenna!"

Hell appears 54 times in the King James Version. But it only shows up 17 times (or less) in the following versions: NIV, ASV, CSB, Darby, ESV, ISV, NAS, NAU,

NET, NJB, NLT, NRS, RSV, TNIV. (The Contemporary Jewish Bible and Catholic New American Bible have eliminated the word "hell" altogether.)

Not only that, but modern versions removed crucial words and verses about hell. Get out a modern, Alexandrian Bible and compare Mark 9:44-46 to a King James Bible. See what's missing?

But not every occurrence of a word is removed. As it says in *Look What's Missing*: "...Satan is very subtle: he will never take out every word on a topic—only enough to confuse you concerning important doctrines, and to make you doubt what God said."

Doubt is the Devil's goal. Who would buy a Bible if every verse on the deity of Christ, the Godhood, faith, salvation,

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The crowds of visitors in the Old Town caught his attention. He decided to dress to fit the theme and stroll through the crowds welcoming people with a smile, making small talk for a moment and then passing them a copy of *Gunslinger*.

"Even if they are in a hurry, they will take the tract. But if they will take the time, the tract gives me the opening to share the gospel, one-on-one," says Teuerle. "I have never found one on the ground and only one person has ever refused to take it." His western dress does not include the pistol. "If they ask, 'Where's your gun?' I just tell them I'm the preacher," he says. In chatting with the visitors, he has found that many are Christians and he suggests they take the tract and pass it on to someone in their family as a souvenir. This is just one of the hundreds of creative ways that soul winners have used to deliver the gospel with Chick tracts.

Like Teuerle, many are watching their community event calendars where there is a large gathering of people. Such events provide the opportunity to reach many at once.

Specialized tracts such as *Gunslinger*, *The Slugger* for sports events, *The Wall* for car shows and races, *Bad Bob* for biker events, *Party Girl* for concerts, are just some of the tracts designed to reach people who attend a particular event.

Take a closer look at your community and see how you, too, can be creative in sharing the gospel.



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heaven and hell were removed? It would obviously be a fake. But many of them are removed. And the more these words are removed, the more people doubt even basic doctrines.

How many well-known preachers have copied Billy Graham* and also disbelieve in a literal hell? Almost all my college and seminary professors disbelieved. And I'm sure you know of more examples.

But English Chick tracts use only the King James Bible. All the verses about hell are in plain sight. Our new tract, *Some Like It Hot*, deals with a literal hell. Why? Because we don't want to be guilty before God, for failing to warn people about hell.

A pastor friend switched back to the KJV, saying, "I want a lot of hell in my Bible." I agree. We pray you will agree, too. The tract, *Some Like It Hot* and the book, *Look What's Missing*, are both available now from Chick Publications.

*See *Billy Graham and His Friends*, pages 377-378, available from Chick Publications.

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If you do not know of a missionary who could use the tracts, Chick Publications maintains a Missions Fund that makes tracts available for missionaries. 100 percent of the money contributed to the Missions Fund goes to the purchase and shipping of tracts to missionaries. Chick Publications cannot issue a tax-deductible receipt, but if the money is put through your local church, they often can issue a receipt for the donation.

NOTE: In the last BATTLE CRY, we said that 240,000 tracts were on their way to Zambia. Instead, they were destined for Zimbabwe. We just heard that they arrived safely and are in storage waiting for a mass distribution in the next few weeks.

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groups of Muslim inmates are "ripe for radicalization and could easily become terrorist cells." Estimates run as high as 40,000 inmates a year converting to Islam.

Only a few become terrorists, but one expert claims that as many as 2,000 inmates have later shown up in the ranks of al-Qaida in the last ten years. Several of the 9/11 terrorists had spent time in American prisons.

But the same tolerance that allows Muslim chaplains in the prisons, is an open door to Bible believers.

Unfortunately, some institutions have banned Chick tracts, but churches and soul winners who live near prisons have a major mission field next door. Many inmates are at a point in their lives where they are ready for a new direction.

Satan has plenty of bad options for them, but we need to be sure they are told that following Jesus is the only good way.

Each prison system or local jail has different policies on gospel literature and witnessing to inmates.

Find out what those policies are so you will better know how to reach this fertile mission field.

Many prisons will not allow packages from individuals but some customers of Chick Publications have found that they can order tracts shipped directly to inmates from the publisher and they will get through. Check your local prison for their policy.

For many years, Chaplain Alan Woody of Mission Possible in Florida has succeeded in finding ways to get the gospel to inmates. He is very willing to share his expertise with anyone who has a burden for this mission field.

Chaplain Alan can be reached by writing to PO Box 836, Inverness, FL, 34451. His phone number is (352) 344-4449 and email, chaplainalan@hotmail.com.

If you are not able to develop a prison ministry in your local area, donations to Mission Possible are tax deductible.