

## In Defense and Promotion of the Traditional Doctrine of Hell

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*The full traditional doctrine of hell, although holding sway over the faithful Church from the Apostolic Father's down through the vast majority of Church History, has in the last 100 years become increasingly attacked and denied. Today a chorus of "scholarly" voices promote friendlier, less offensive versions of hell, while portraying the historic teaching of the Church as an exaggerated threat from less intelligent preachers of old. However, as the author has stated:*

*Doctrine is not to be determined by a consensus of "scholars." Even the evangelical consensus of the day may be greatly "mistaken, not knowing the Scriptures nor the power of God." Carefully, humbly, reverently—let us approach the study of doctrine with this heart: ". . . what does the Scripture say?". . . for doctrine is not to be defined by Rome, scholars, schools of thought, nor by the assumed "authority" of the popular evangelical consensus of the day. Doctrine is to be received because of what Scripture reveals. . . . [S]cholarly fraternity is grossly overrated.*

Bothered by the unjust quote mining from the writings of the Ante-Nicene Fathers by "scholars" who merely create historical "evidence" for some modern theory on hell, the author has included an impressive appendix which clearly reveals what the Ante-Nicene Fathers taught on the doctrine of hell. This work not only proves to be a thorough examination of the pertinent texts, it also demonstrates how vast an array of texts touch upon and establish the historic teaching of the Church on the doctrine of hell.

