Eternal Punishment

The Bible clearly talks about a future eternal punishment for those who did not believe in God and did evil in the Old Testament portion era, for the fallen angels, and for those who did not believe in God and the Messiah Yeshua and did evil in our era.

We don't want anyone to die without knowing God

Just like God, we need to be patient and kind and hope people will change their minds and believe in God, believe in the Messiah Yeshua, and begin to follow God's commandments and live good and pure lives. God is patient and does not want anyone to suffer for eternity. Likewise, we don't want anyone to suffer for all eternity. There is an end time though whether that comes from death or the final end time.

Kefa (Peter) says God doesn't want anyone to be sent to the lake of fire for eternity. We should believe in God and in the Messiah Yeshua, and lead good and holy lives.

2 Peter 3:9-11 CJB

"The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some people think of slowness; on the contrary, he is patient with you; for it is not his purpose that anyone should be destroyed, but that everyone should turn from his sins. However, the Day of the Lord will come "like a thief." On that Day the heavens will disappear with a roar, the elements will melt and disintegrate, and the earth and everything in it will be burned up. Since everything is going to be destroyed like this, what kind of people should you be? You should lead holy and godly lives."

Kefa says there will be a day of judgment.

2 Peter 3:3-7 CJB:

"First, understand this: during the Last Days, scoffers will come, following their own desires and asking, "Where is this promised 'coming' of his? For our fathers have died, and everything goes on just as it has since the beginning of creation." But, wanting so much to be right about this, they overlook the fact that it was by God's Word that long ago there were heavens, and there was land which arose out of water and existed between the waters, and that by means of these things the world of that time was flooded with water and destroyed. It is by that same Word that the present heavens and earth, having been preserved, are being kept for fire until the Day of Judgment, when ungodly people will be destroyed."

Kefa (Peter) said about people who don't live by God's word

"But these people, acting without thinking, like animals without reason, born to be captured and destroyed, insult things about which they have no knowledge. When they are destroyed, their destruction will be total - they will be paid back harm as wages for the harm they are doing." 2 Peter 2:12-13 CJB.

They will be paid back by a just God who rewards the good and will pay back the wicked. This suggests there are different levels of suffering in the lake of fire.

The lake of fire is a place of suffering for all of eternity.

Rev. 20:10 CJB, "The Adversary who had deceived them was hurled into the lake of fire and sulfur, where the beast and the false prophet were; and they will be tormented day and night forever and ever."

Rev. 20:15 CJB, "Anyone whose name was not found written in the Book of Life was hurled into the lake of fire."

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