



**Questions:**

1. In what ways do we become invested in our own belief systems?
2. How might references Jesus makes to Gehenna work as metaphors for renewal as opposed to eternal torture?
3. What are some alternatives to the understanding of a physical rapture some time in the future?
4. In what ways can Christianity sometimes continue to be a religion of fear?
5. How is it possible to manifest the Kingdom of God in our world today?
6. Do you agree with Martin Luther that good works proceed from a good heart rather than from fear of punishment?
7. How does that patient and eternal force of love operate in your life?

**EPISODE TITLE: "Episode 2"**

If Love Wins, What Now? Episode 2

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**Pneuma Divina Scripture: Matthew 23: 12-15**

All who exalt themselves will be humbled, and all who humble themselves will be exalted. 'But woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you lock people out of the kingdom of heaven. For you do not go in yourselves, and when others are going in, you stop them. Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you cross sea and land to make a single convert, and you make the new convert twice as much a child of hell as yourselves.

**Pneuma Divina Scripture: Mark 9: 43-48**

If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell.' And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

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