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No. I don't think so at all. I think that all are put into hell because of their works. I think they are judged according to their sin, according to their disobedience to God. I think that is the basis of judgment.

(Student) I think that God has chosen to save certain individuals through the death of Christ, and that those whom He has chosen to save through the death of Christ, Christ has borne their sins and they have received Christ as their Saviour and they do not come into the judgment of works at all, because they are seen in Christ. They are not in this judgment, and then all these who come into judgment according to their works, are judged according to their works and given different degrees of punishment but then it is demonstrated that no one of them can have these deeds wiped out through the death of Christ because they are not in the Lamb's book of life. That is, it doesn't seem to me that the basis of judgment of God is whether you have accepted Christ or not. It seems to me that we are punished for our sins. I mean someone says, "It isn't right--here's a man; he has never heard the gospel. Here is a man who lives in the heart of New York state where it is all modernistic teaching and he has never heard the gospel at all. All he has heard is ethics and that sort of thing all his life. He's never heard the gospel at all. Once he turned on the radio and he heard some man shouting about hell fire and he said, 'There's some foolishness. I'm not going to listen to that,' but that is the only time that the gospel ever came into his ears. Here's another man who has gone to church day after day and heard the gospel very clearly presented and about the tenth time it penetrated and he accepted Christ." Well now somebody says, "That isn't right; it isn't just, because one man has had a chance and the other man hasn't had a chance." We say that all men are judged, not because they don't accept Christ. They are judged because their deeds are evil, that every man is judged according to the light he has. Paul