


Friends don't let friends go to hell

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I was all over the internet tonight and came up with this. I thought some of you would find it interesting. The quote you read below is from Butch Hancock and I have had in the caches of my brain for some time. Oddly enough tonight I found it on Loss religion.com with the following essay titled Sex. The site offers supportive work and information about Christianity... Our problem is not with God nor with the behavior of Christians. God is who he/she/she is, and Christians misbehave like everyone else. Rather, it is the evangelical Christian doctrine on which we focus and its rational and moral implications. - The homepage of Losing my religion.com Life in Lubbock, Texas, taught me two things: First, God loves you, and you will burn in hell. The other is that sex is the worst, dirtiest on earth and you have to save it for someone you love. Butch Hancock SEXBIE Emery There my religion.com Christians, like everyone else, are obsessed with sex. I can understand that. What I don't understand is why God should be so obsessed with him too. Few things bring Christians in more numbers than gay rights marchers, or any group promoting sexual behavior that they disapprove of. And judging by the signs and banners that marched righteously during these rallies, nothing interests God as much as people who have sex. There was a time when I could believe it before I had sex. As a young college student with raging hormones and a strict religious prohibition to abstain from all physical and mental activities pertaining to sex, I was very aware of how one could be so obsessed with it. Since I didn't plan to get married anytime soon, sex was completely closed to me. So naturally I could think of a little bit different. It was a daily struggle to fight the thoughts of sex. However, the more I have banned them, the more they come to mind. It really seemed like there were demons in my head, ready to pounce anytime I let my mind wander. So it was easy for me to join this Christian condemnation of sex. This justified my struggle, and gave me a platform from which to throw my indignation at the weakness of my own will. And that's why I don't believe that God's attitude to sex will be the same as that of Christians. All the arguments that Christians use against sexual practices that they disapprove of are formulated in emotions, suppressed desires and unfounded reasoning. I do not believe that God's attitude to sex will be determined by such human relationships. Take homosexuality, for example. Christians believe that your sexual preferences are a choice that somehow you can choose to be gay or straight. This is a necessary assumption, for how to be gay to be a sin, if it is not what can be That's why there is so much Christian opposition against the notion that you can be born gay, or that the choice is somehow out of your This would remove this activity from the scope of choice. And sin by definition is a choice to disobey God, so any activity that cannot be chosen loses its ability to be classified as a sin. Since being gay is a sin, it must be a choice. However, it doesn't take much self-awareness to see that it may not be true. For example, most people reading this are probably straight. So to straight people, here's a simple question to ask yourself: have you decided to be direct? In other words, was there any time in your life that you said: You know, I could go anyway. But I think I will choose to be attracted to the opposite sex? Read the rest of the essay here For more information on gay rights, Evangelical, Christian, Social Conservatives, James Dobson use Technorati search box in the sidebar here and in politics in BCTags: Catholic, Christian, James Dobson, Politics, Evangelical, Creationism, Religion, Gay, Sex Home Books About David Crank Blog Subscribe Click to Start Searching Home Books: Adjective (Persons, Organizations or Institutions) Responsibility. Explainable; understandably, I hate being called. When those closest to me decide to tell me their thoughts or feelings on certain mistakes that I have made, it is uncomfortable. I am blessed to have many dear friends who know me well and who are close enough to be blunt with me. It is helpful for me to be responsible for what I have done or have not done. At times, I was the one calling the other as well. In those moments I always tried to do it with gentleness and love. Love is the main reason we call each other! We are touched by the love for another person that we sometimes have to stop and say, Hey, this wasn't a good idea or do you really think this is the best solution for you? In high school I went to a youth retreat group and our group had a T-shirt that read: Friends don't let friends go to hell. Yes, he said the word hell. And as a 16 year old I thought it was pretty cool to wear to the retreat. This quote became engraved in my heart throughout my life as I realized how honest it was. All the time I was called out by my friends or family and all the time I called them out of love. Truly wishing heaven for this person and wishing what is best for them. I'll be honest. In today's readings, I feel very shouted by St. Paul's letter to the ephesus. St. Paul tells us that we must keep a close eye on how we live. It reminds us not to live in stupidity and ignorance. It reminds us not to get drunk on the guilt and lies of debauchery, but to try to understand the will of the Lord. It reminds us to fill our and our minds with the Spirit of God in Thanksgiving prayer. We Are We be prosecuted to try. He tells us that we must give our absolute best to God. We must always strive to understand God's will for each of our lives, which cannot be done without prayer. How often do I need to be reminded, encouraged, and held accountable for something as simple as postponing genuine time with Christ and putting in a real effort to try. In Gospel Reading, we hear the gentle voice of Jesus. I swear, every time Jesus calls me in Scripture, it is done with such love and tenderness. He shares with us good news that He offers us the bread of life! He reminds us that we remain in Him, and He remains in us when we receive the Eucharist. He shares that whoever receives this bread will live forever! As I look at the words of St. Paul and the words of Christ in the gospel, I feel the attraction to the Eucharist. I feel called to more prayer time before the Blessed Sacrament. I don't know where your heart is today. I don't know how much effort you put into trying in your relationship with Christ. I don't know if you go to a daily mass, have a weekly holy hour, or what your prayer life is like. I don't know if you feel shouted out by these scripture readings the way I do. But I know that each of us is called upon to give 100% effort in our choice to try today. That each of us should set aside more time for Christ today than we did yesterday. I hope that we will follow our words and our actions more closely on this day and remain in His Sacred Heart. Choosing to try today makes the choice of our daily makeover. The choice of Christ at this moment, on this day is a victory. Let's choose to give it our hearts today. Let us choose him and stay with him today. Briana is a Catholic doctrine teacher at Our Lady of Mount Carmel School in Cleveland, Ohio. She received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Theology and Catechism from the Franciscan University of Steubenville, Ohio and is happy to use these skills to bring her students closer to Christ and His Church. My soul has been refined and I can raise my head like a flower after a storm. -St. Teresa's Success So it tugs in my heart, and my wish that everyone reading this will read this poem, watch this video, review the scriptures, and sincerely accept Jesus as his Lord and Savior. Friends, do you know if you're going to heaven? Aren't you quite sure? What is eternity anyway? Don't wait until it's too late. Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life. No one goes to the Father except through him. God did not create hell for people. We choose hell if we do not choose life with Jesus as the Lord and Savior. Choosing Jesus is the only way to go to heaven. Baptism with water, be good, be decent to help the poor, none of this will lead you to heaven. I said that. And it's true. I had to rip off this Band-Aid for you. Hell, heck, never prepared for us. However, we (humanity) have sold our legal rights to Satan. And Satan became our god. And as our god, he's our father. And we live where our father lives. We had to live with God. We had to have this absolutely amazing, prosperous, prosperous life where we could never want for anything because everyone in need would be satisfied. We were originally in God's house. However, we messed up. And we lost our legal right to be there. And God had to find a way to get us back because he didn't delete us. We ran away like rebellious teenagers, and threw away our legitimate right to be with Him. And He gave us Jesus. Through Jesus we were restored to his home and removed from Satan's house. -BUT - Only if we reach our hands up and say: Father will forgive me, Jesus is my Lord and Savior. We have to get back to our law. If we do not, we decide to stay in the house of the god of this world (hell), and willingly do not accept legal rights to enter back into the house of God. Just like the same rebellious teenagers over and over again. We are not meant to be perfect. We are called to be real, to repent and to do everything in our power. And we kind of stink at it. That is why God gave us the gift of repentance. Yes - it's a gift. Not a chore. And we don't have to fore to the priest. It's only between us and God. Which makes it less scary. Also - the priest can't forgive your sins in any way. Your pastor, Sunday school teacher or your friends can't. Repentance is done to you and God if you don't need to ask someone to personally forgive you. Repentance is a gift that enables us to walk without guilt and have the right to stand with our Heavenly Father again. Friends, let me tell you. Here's how you get to heaven. It's super simple. God didn't make the path difficult. You don't have to be perfect. You should not give up who you should be welcome. You just have to ask Jesus in your heart. Make Him His Lord and Savior instead of letting Satan be your god and ruler. That is. And that's all he ever was. Say it to yourself (whisper if you're around people and want it to be private) just get it out of your head and on your lips. And not only will everything you have ever done be forgiven, but you will be written into God's book and return to His kingdom. Jesus, I make you my Lord and Savior. You can get more complicated if you want and pray more. Ask for forgiveness, thank God for this gift. What ever on your heart. It's your personal time. But it doesn't have to be a huge production, so don't feel like you have to wait until later to say it. Scroll back to this offer and say it right now. You can always go back and talk to God more. It's actually highly recommended that you return talk to God all the time. All must do the right thing is to make Jesus your Lord, and confess it with your mouth. 9 If you openly declare that Jesus is the Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. -Romans 10:9 (NLT) - Video: This video is so good. It's going to be 23 minutes. If you are a skeptic, I ask you to write the scriptures as he says them, then go and read them for yourself and see that his testimony is lining up in the scriptures. We must check everything we hear according to the Word of God. So your skepticism is a positive trait that should be used to verify and evaluate that what you hear is always aligned with the Word of God. Check the scriptures for yourself by lining up with what he says. I think you'll really enjoy this video. For more information on his : References to Scripture: John 3:36 ESV Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life: whoever disobeys the Son will not see life, the Romans 10:13 ESV For anyone who calls the name of the Lord will be saved. John 3:16 ESV For God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son that those who believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life. John 1:12 ESV But to all who received Him, who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God, Acts 2:21 ESV And must pass that everyone who calls the name of the Lord will be saved. Acts 4:12 ESV And there is no salvation in anyone else, for there is no other name under the sky given among the people by which we must be saved. John 14:6 ESV Jesus said to him: I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. Colossians 1:13 ESV He will notify us from the realm of darkness and take us to the Kingdom of His Beloved Son, 1 John 3:10 ESV This is evident who are the children of God, and who are the children of the devil: the one who does not practice righteousness is not from God, nor the one who does not love his brother. Some bonus information: Truths about Satan: He confused the non-unintases and blinded them from the truth. 2 Corinthians 4:4 ESV In their case, the god of this world blinded the minds of the unbelievers so that they would not see the light of the gospel of Christ's glory, which is the image of God. 2 Corinthians 4:3-4 ESV And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled only to those who perish. In their case, the god of this world blinded the minds of the unbelievers so that they would not see the light of the gospel of Christ's glory, which is the image of God. Matthew 13:19 ESV When someone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, evil comes and snatches what has been sown in his heart. He is being tried, and any of his children follows him by his same decision John 16:11 ESV ... ruler of this Judge. Satan is the father of those who did not make Jesus their Lord. If you don't accept the truth, it's easy to understand why it's an issue. John 8:44 ESV you are from your father of the devil, and your desire is to make your father's wishes. He was a murderer from the beginning, and has nothing to do with the truth, because there is no truth in him. The land belongs to Satan. It's his dominion. 1 John 5:19 ESV We know that we are from God and the whole world lies at the mercy of evil. Faith Hope and Gro ... LaCota Overton \$9.99 Faith Growth Hope Lives Love Uncategorized Video friends don't let friends go to hell

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