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We believe that the attitude of either reconciliation or enmity toward God is fixed eternally at death, and that the saints of all ages will be forever with the Lord and will become joint heirs with Him as their Redeemer in His inheritance. We further believe that there is an appointed day for the judgment of the wicked when they will be cast into the Lake of Fire, there to remain forever and ever, in varying degrees of torment according to their works.

1 Thessalonians 4:17; 2 Peter 2:9; Romans 8:17; Daniel 12:3, 7:22-27; Revelation 20:11-15, 21:8, 22:11

Discuss the following statements in light of the above AGC article. Do you agree or disagree, and why?

-All people go to heaven when they die because God is love, and He would never condemn anyone to hell.

-Hell is a place of eternal conscious torment.

-A loving and just God could never condemn anyone to an eternity of suffering for temporal sins... so those who believe in Jesus go to heaven when they die; those who didn't believe just cease to exist (i.e. are completely annihilated by God).

-A loving and just God could never condemn anyone to an eternity of suffering for temporal sins... so those who believe in Jesus go to heaven when they die; those who didn't believe are punished in hell for a time, but then cease to exist (i.e. are completely annihilated by God).