

Chapter 1 : Richard J. Vnuk (Author of Tested in the Fire of Hell)

*Tested in the Fire of Hell [Richard J. Vnuk] on blog.quintoapp.com \*FREE\* shipping on qualifying offers. Although many young Americans are highly trained to be skilled soldiers, they have little or no training in dealing with the realities of combat.*

Because of the extensive underlining in the original book format, this particular question would be best studied by downloading the book. Refer to pages , of the revised edition Hope Beyond Hell. It should never be taken literally. To do so falsifies Scripture. It is comforting to know that our loving Father is committed to consume all evil in us. For more on fire, see pages Fire Not Quenched Thomas Allin wrote: Cyril calls the fire that consumed the burnt offering, unquenchable. Here we have a fire kept continually burning by the constant efforts of the priests each day. It is a fire with a purpose. Once it accomplished its purpose in the Aaronic priesthood, it was allowed to go out. Who believes the fires burning on those Old Testament altars are still burning today? The prevalent theology is built on the latter. For this shall the earth mourn,â€ because I have spoken. Why does the fire of His fury burn so that no one can quench it? Is there a purpose? He consumes to correct Jer. If they continue to refuse, He continues to consume, for He is relentless Jer. If unquenchable is not forever for beasts, trees, and fruits, why must it be so for people? Have the palaces stopped burning yet? They say of me, Does He not speak parables? These are the means by which we are transformed into the image of Christâ€”the purpose of our salvation. If we resist His purifying fires in this age, we will need to go through them in the next, for our God is relentless unstoppableâ€”Jer. He will not give up on us until His purposes for us are accomplished! Consider the following texts: He will sit as a refiner and a purifier of silver; He will purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer to the LORD an offering in righteousness Mal. God refines, purifies, and purges us to richly fulfill us, that we may offer a righteous offering! Fire is a good thing. It is for our fulfillment regardless of its pain. The undying worm concept, in my view, has been greatly misunderstood. The term is not saying people cannot die and thus must live on in perpetual torment. William Barclay pointed out: The Valley of Hinnom [Gehenna] became the place where the refuse of Jerusalem was cast out and destroyed. It was a kind of public incinerator. Always the fire smoldered in it, and a pall of thick smoke lay over it, and bred a loath-some kind of worm which was hard to kill Mark 9: Both act as purifying agents by destroying disease carrying organisms. They represented the purifying aspect of the Gehenna judgment. They are relentless until all dross and decayed matter are consumed. This offers no support for the idea that judgment must be endless. I see this as also dying to our sinful self Ro. Once God, as a Consuming Fire, consumes the dross in us, destroys the death in us if you will Ro. This is not torture. Charles Pridgeon, president and founder of the Pittsburgh Bible Institute, wrote: The meaning and usage harmonizes with the idea of divine purification and the torment which is the test to find whether there has been any change in the sufferer. The verb derived from Theion is Theioo, which means to hallow, to make divine, or to dedicate to a god see Liddell and Scott Greek-English Lexicon, Edition. The lake of fire and brimstone means a lake of divine purification. The death of death! The last enemy is destroyed! The closer we look at the language of judgment in Scripture, the more it contradicts the prevalent view. This refers to the time prior to their judgment as it is unthinkable they would continue to worship the beast while being chastised for doing so. Even if they did, it indicates nothing about the duration of their judgment. This is extremely significant. For in the context of His first mention of it, He confirmed the Mosaic code of justice: This code established that each crime merits a just and fit punishment, one obviously measurable: If Christ understood Gehenna to be everlasting, He could not have associated it with the Mosaic code. What is measurable about everlasting? And furthermore, He specifically confirmed this by saying that the same measure we use on others will be used on us! This indicates Gehenna is not eternal. For example, no derogatory remark afflicts everlasting pain, and therefore cannot merit everlasting punishment in return. It is directly linked to Gehenna in the preceding verse Mt. The final clincher is that the Lord identifies the Gehenna judgment as a most serious judgment we are all to fear. What other judgment could he possibly be referring to in this context but the Gehenna judgment? Once the penalty is exacted, release follows, but not before. Note He addressed these

words to a mixed audience of believers and unbelievers Mt. We can all imagine the sceneâ€”not pleasant. Nevertheless, these are concepts we can identify with in this physical world. With Gehenna, however, we know little. We have to trust Christ implicitly. So what does He say? That is all He chose to say. Is this all He could say to contrast momentary and unending pain? Such a phrase can only describe another finite penalty, though to a degree more severe. Whatever judgment fire entails, we can be confident it conforms to the character of our Father. Please note that His judgment fire is administered in the presence of the Lamb who was slain for us from the foundation of the world Re. He certainly will not rest day and night as He looks on our sufferings with His unchanging heart of compassion Mt. Everything God does was planned before the world began. Gehenna was not something God was forced to create because man surprised or disappointed Him. Nothing is an afterthought. It is critical we know that God is in full control of His world. After this it became the common refuse-place of the city, into which the bodies of criminals, carcasses of animals, and all sorts of filth were cast. From its depth and narrowness, and its fires and ascending smoke, it became the symbol of the place of the future punishment of the wickedâ€” As fire was the characteristic of the place, it was called the Gehenna of fire. Unless the Spirit opens our understanding, we will see much contradiction in the Bible. So, which is it? Do we fear, or do we not? God uses adversity, persecution, sickness, and suffering in all of their forms to refine and mold us into the image of Christ Ja. Here God is urging us to accept the cross of suffering in this case, persecution for our spiritual development. Those whom He is not allowed to refine and mold now, must yet be refined in the Gehenna fire of purification in a more encompassing wayâ€”body and soul. The Gehenna destruction must break down the resisting strongholds of self-will in the soul. This apparently is a more painful process warranting a greater degree of fear than that which is experienced merely in the physical body. We consist of more than just soul and body, but also of spirit. Even if our soul and body were to be annihilated if God were to do that , our spirit is not mentioned. The apostle Paul identified three parts of our being. And why are we commanded to love God with all our heart, soul, mind if there are no distinctions Mt. What is meant by the Word of God piercing even to the division of soul and spirit He. What is the difference between these two terms? In defining soul, W. For light here, we must search the whole revelation of God. Those of the Calvinist and Reformed traditions do not see this as a real threat to the elect or first-fruits. They support this with Mt.

**Chapter 2 : Purgatory: The Purifying Fire :: Catholic News Agency**

*Tested in the Lake of Fire October 31, Fire, Fire!, Lake of Fire, Lake of Fire, Mistranslated Words in SOME Bible Translations 17 The King James Bible and other leading selling translations state many people will be tormented or tortured in the lake of fire and brimstone.*

But each one is tempted when he is carried away and enticed by his own lust. We are being Judged and Tested on our: We can hide nothing from Him Heb 4: You have Discovered they are Liars. Look how far you have Fallen! But this is in your Favor: I wish that you were one or the other! Yes, he Humbled you by letting you go hungry and then feeding you with manna, a food previously unknown to you and your ancestors. He did it to teach you that people do not live by bread alone; rather, we live by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord. And this hope will not lead to disappointment. When we were utterly helpless, Christ came at just the right time and died for us sinners. But they are also filled with abundant joy, which has overflowed in rich generosity. Afterward they will receive the Crown of Life that God has promised to those who love Him. End Times Events Revelation 3: I am coming soon. Hold on to what you have, so that no one will take away your Crown. Once again the Result is Eternal Death Rom 6: We too, like Jesus, must Humble Ourselves Phil 2: Learned, how much we Know, or do Not Know. It corrects us when we are wrong and Teaches us to do what is right. How Do You Spend Your: We will all have to give an Account of what we did in this lifetime. Judgment Scriptures - 2 Cor 5:

**Chapter 3 : Why Do Refiners Use Fire to Purify Gold? - Urban Faith**

*The(Hell is) is a series of books, short stories, based on the lives of people, who by choice Lived a life of continuous sins. These stories tell both the natural and spiritual side of Individual lives, and the destiny.*

The Purifying Fire So that the genuineness of your faith, more precious than gold which though perishable is tested by fire Purgatory is not a second-chance for damned souls to repent. Instead it is a state of cleansing and purification for souls destined for heaven. Also Purgatory is not a means to earn our way to heaven, but a gift from God preparing us to see Him face to face. Even though not explicitly referred to by name, the Bible does allude to it, especially in terms of purging fire. The word Purgatory is related to the verb - to purge - which means to cleanse or purify. The Church gives the name Purgatory to this final purification of the elect, which is entirely different from the punishment of the damned. Through Baptism and faith Mark Unfortunately very serious sin - mortal sin - "kills" our friendship with God. By willfully committing mortal sin, we reject God, and we lose this sanctifying grace Titus 1: If we do not repent and die in this graceless state, then we suffer the loss of eternal life. This loss is eternal punishment or hell Matt Hell is not punishment from a vengeful God, but the natural consequence of rejecting God - the Source of joy and life. Our redemption does not interfere with our free will; we can still reject our Lord through serious sin Heb Now not all sin is mortal 1 John 5: Some sin is not serious enough to kill our friendship with God, but still it is harmful to us and neighbors. This correction is temporal punishment Hebrews We can be corrected and cleansed through personal penance on earth or later in Purgatory - thanks to our Redeemer, Jesus Christ. Jesus in the Gospel talks about this correction and indirectly Purgatory at the end of His parable on forgiveness: And in anger his lord delivered him to the jailers torturers , till he should pay all his debt. So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart. Also the punishment referred to here is not eternal as in hell Mark 9: Such tainted souls, though saved, cannot enter heaven directly. As stated in the Bible: These souls need to be purged of all "uncleanness", no matter how slight before seeing God face to face Rev Eventually all souls in Purgatory will go to heaven. Paul makes allusions to this in terms of fire in his Epistle to the Corinthians: If the work which any man has built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward. Inferior works - "wood, hay and stubble" - will be purged by "fire", while only the "gold, silver and precious stones" will survive for heaven. The clause, "he will suffer loss," implies temporary hardship and punishment, even though he will be saved. Peter in his Epistle also reminds us that the genuineness of our faith "is tested by fire. And he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come in your kingly power. This argument has several flaws though. First Christ could have granted this particular repentant sinner what the Church refers to as a "Plenary indulgence" - the total remission of temporal punishment due to already forgiven sins. However a more interesting point is that Jesus after His death did not go immediately to heaven. According to the Epistle of St. For Christ also died for sins It is a third state. Perhaps the repentant thief joined Christ there that very day. In comparison to hell, Purgatory could rightly be described as Paradise. Another way is Purgatory. Soap and water may be enough to cleanse my body; however, both can be applied in different ways: The Church encourages us to pray for the dead since they may be in Purgatory needing our prayers. Praying for the dead is quite biblical. In the Book of Maccabees found in the Catholic and Orthodox Old Testament, Judas Maccabees took a collection for a sin offering for his men who died in battle: For if he were not expecting that those who had fallen would rise again, it would have been superfluous and foolish to pray for the dead Therefore he made atonement for the dead, that they might be delivered from their sin. Paul offers a short prayer for Onesiphorus and his family: May the Lord grant mercy to the household of Onesiphorus Paul intercedes mediates for him to God 1 Tim 2: In the Bible St. Paul writes about a purging fire that will purify our works "for the Day. Peter reminds us that our faith will be refined and tested by fire. Elsewhere in the Bible, the action of the Holy Spirit is described as fire.

**Chapter 4 : 20 Top Bible Verses About Hell - Scripture Quotes**

*"Tested in the Fire of Hell" is Vnuk's indignant assertion that he was drafted against his will to fight in an unpopular war that he would witness acts of violence and death for which he was entirely unprepared [blog.quintoapp.com](http://blog.quintoapp.com) you will read in this memoir, the repulsiveness of close combat as well as the horrific sight of friends and innocent civilians.*

They base their distortion upon 1 Cor. This is what that passage says: For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ. If any man builds on this foundation using gold, silver, costly stones, wood, hay or straw, his work will be shown for what it is, because the Day will bring it to light. If what he has built survives, he will receive his reward. If it is burned up, he will suffer loss; he himself will be saved, but only as one escaping through the flames. If his building materials survive the testing fires, he will receive a reward. If they are burned up, he will suffer the loss. He himself will be saved but only as one escaping through the flames. What that passage does NOT say is: A single word about sin being the reason why the rewards are lost. Did you notice that? Those facts means the once saved always saved people have read into that passage something that is not there, but which they want to teach in support of their doctrine. Again, eternal security teachers have read into 1 Cor. He represents believers who have no time for the things of Christ, who live their lives for themselves Eternal Security: Can You Be Sure, ed. This passage is so powerful because we are presented with a Christian who at no point in his entire life bore any eternal fruit. And yet his salvation is never jeopardized *ibid*. At a different time Charles Stanley refers to the same passage and gets more specific: One of the messages in this series has to do with those sins we commit as believers. What is God going to do? What are we going to lose in the Judgment, and there is gonna be loss in the Judgment, let there be no question about that. In other words, Stanley thinks that passage says one can go to the ultimate extreme and live like the devil and not lose his salvation. That means the most vile and wicked acts ever committed by a person previously saved will only cause loss of rewards, which is consistent with his false doctrine. Their teachings are understood by their listeners to mean you can even live in sin and you will only lose rewards. This is what one proponent wrote to us: If you choose to live in sin you will be saved, yet so as through fire. How is it possible these eternal security teachers can teach the way they do, which is a clear and definite contradiction to other Scriptures on this same subject? James 2 repeatedly states a saving faith will have good works with it. If the good works are lacking, such is not a saving faith. Just one chapter later, Paul writes about the Judgment: Therefore judge nothing before the appointed time; wait till the Lord comes. At that time each will receive his praise from God 1 Cor. God is interested in the motive behind the things we do, as well as the acts. Here Is Why Rewards Are Lost This issue of motives is also clearly shown at another time which is the only teaching in the New Testament about how potential rewards will be lost. That passage is Mt. That is how we need to understand the doctrine of the reward of the believers and how rewards are lost. Jesus gave specific examples of acts of righteousness, such as praying, fasting and giving to the poor. All of these are to be done in secret and not so that the doer will be honored by men here. If done in the right way, his acts of righteousness will yield a reward. It is not wicked sinful acts which cause loss of rewards! Instead, it is righteous acts done to be honored by men here and now. The danger of wicked acts is that they will cause spiritual death Rom. That simple truth annihilates the eternal security interpretation of 1 Cor. Nowhere does the Bible teach one can live like the devil and be saved. Nowhere does the Bible teach one can be saved and not have even one good work. Those are concepts which originated with the devil and are designed to destroy souls. That is also the perfect way to concisely describe the teaching of eternal security - a doctrine designed by the devil to recapture souls. And by the way, it is too bad the eternal security teachers stop after reading 1 Cor. Do you not know that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you? If anyone defiles the temple of God, God will destroy him. For the temple of God is holy, which temple you are. What do the verses say? Make every effort to live in peace with all men and to be holy; without holiness no one will see the Lord.

**Chapter 5 : Tested in the Lake of Fire – What The Hell Is Hell?**

*Finally, "Tested in The Fire of Hell," which almost never surfaced, shows us that despite the passage of 43 years, the incredible pain, despair and anguish has not diminished one iota for Richard Vnuk.*

November 23, at 6: I am glad you did not take your life. The author I believe gives people false hope and proves that God is always calling us to repent and turn toward him. What alternative do we have? What do we use to back up this speaker's claims? Is he saying that 2 Tim 3: Is all of it inspired by God and if so, then how do we handle scriptures of why Christ came? If Christ is our savior, what are we being saved from? Why did God destroy Sodom and Gomorrah? If there is no hell or punishment for not coming to faith in Christ, then why did Christ die? Where did Jesus go when he died, the spirits in prison 1 Peter 3: No one can come to the Father except through me. Where do they go? Something has to happen to them, right? What does the word repent mean? In Luke 13 we are called to repent. Is he saying that repent – think differently is wrong? If there is no punishment then God is a liar, right? There are so many scriptures that refute what this speaker says. And if one is truly relying on the Holy Spirit, they may come up with touchstone as being an everlasting reminder for those being punished of how they came up short. If the touchstone is to show purification, then in context it would fit these scriptures of how someone who never put their faith in Christ could be reminded forever and ever of how they missed the chance to come to Christ for salvation. The speaker is right if he is talking about a saved person not being judged. We will be admonished of our sin as God is a loving Father to us. But anyone who has not been born into Christ are destined for punishment. It occurs over and over again in the Bible. Is this speaker saying that these are wrong in our translations also? NLT This is Jesus talking. So if this speaker is saying that these verses are wrong, he eliminates much of the New Testament. He also does not indicate why God had destroyed entire cities for their sin Sodom and Gomorrah. If there is no punishment for sin, then there would be no reason to preach Christ, right? There are many scriptures dealing with false teachers. This fella is one of them and seems to not tell us of all the other scriptures about this subject. If there is no punishment for sin then Christ did not have to die for our sin. I encourage you to read your Bible asking God to help you understand and give you the hope that you should have so that you can preach to others Christ.

**Chapter 6 : HELL & THE LAKE OF FIRE**

*Richard J. Vnuk is the author of Tested in the Fire of Hell ( avg rating, 1 rating, 1 review, published ).*

Click For Plain Text The Word of God compares the tongue to fire, Says that it sets things on fire, That it gets its fire from hell. One end rooted in the physical, the other breaching that mystical gap between the souls of men. One end anchored, the other unchecked and free We see the great loss of virgin timber because of a small campfire left unattended. So the tongue is a small member of the human body But it can quickly create major problems. Too often in a local church there is a brother or sister who digs up evil and spreads it around the congregation till it burns out of control and destroys lives. Thoughtless words can burn like fire and often leave lasting scars. As physical fire destroys wood so the tongue, uncontrolled, destroys the unity and peace of the body of Christ. The Bible warns that an evil tongue will: An evil tongue is perverse. The controlled tongue of the child of God: Remember that the tongue is as a fire and it can kindle great harm. Behold, how great a matter a little fire kindleth! The Bible say that an angry countenance is a way to drive away a backbiting tongue. The mouth of the righteous is used for wisdom and judgment. We are exhorted to keep our tongue. We are exhorted to use our tongue in a soft manner. We are exhorted to use our tongue with wisdom and kindness. When the brethren do not love each other, they abide in death. He that loveth not [his] brother abideth in death. When we become angry with a brother, we should go to them, not talk about them. The tongue is a test of whether we are living for the Lord. The tongue is not the way we show love that we have for others, but it can show we do not love them.

**Chapter 7 : Dante's Inferno Test - Impurity, Sin, and Damnation**

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November 10, Contact: It is as if it was just yesterday that the author heard these sounds, despite a span of forty three years elapsing since he last listened to them. Instead of working on calculus, trigonometry, zoology, Mark Twain and Ernest Hemingway, Vnuk would watch B strikes, observe enemy artillery hurling hunks of metal over his head at supersonic speeds, and witness in horror the "death mask look" on the corpses of his fellow soldiers, whom just hours before were men he had thought of as his friends, sharing his hopes, dreams and aspirations with. While this might sound absurd, after reading "Tested in the Fire of Hell" the reader will commiserate and identify with Richard Vnuk as to why he would make such a statement. You will also understand why the author described himself at an impasse; which was to either go insane and lose touch with reality or spend all his time and energy on trying to survive this war physically and pray to his higher power to empower himself to control his emotions and maintain his sanity. He chose the latter and as a consequence is here today to embody the sagacity of that choice. There is much to be said to the cover of this book. You can see Richard Vnuk with three other soldiers, all dying in the presence of the author. Just moments before this, they all walked into the killing zone of an NVA ambush, with Rocky and Vnuk side by side. Even today, the author writes of Rocky during that ambush with the following wonderment; "He was killed and I was not touched and I always wonder why I was destined to survive. The last member of the ill fated quartet was Glen Williams, who died on November 4th, right after Vnuk left the foxhole they had shared together to pick up their lifeline, i. As the author went to pick up supplies, Williams tried to bury their garbage. This was necessary because the North Vietnamese were capable of turning even the most innocuous leftover refuge into a lethal weapon of war. Williams shovel struck an NVA landmine, instantly killing him. One simply has to find a pictorial history book of the First World War to find the identical gazes of lost souls of that war. As an example, if you look at a photo album of British soldiers that had spent time on the front lines after experiencing "trench warfare" combat, you can see almost the same countenance as the author. The conflagration of to was known by the misnomer as the "War to End All Wars. A similar system of warfare occurred during the U. Civil War, as evidenced at the Battle of Gettysburg in The goal was to numerically overwhelm the opposing force despite being exposed to a murderous fusillade of gunfire, cannon balls and eventually poison gas. Ground troops were nothing more than human bullets and targets. I, British casualties were so high that their doctors were deluged with soldiers claiming to suffer from mental breakdowns. Rich Vnuk unintentionally described symptoms in this memoir that would identically coincide with what official British literature would deem as "shell shock. Vnuk claimed he was at one point so close to a mental breakdown that his only choice was prayer and to remind himself that the only way he would see his parents again was to get his act together. Many men in both W. I and Vietnam would not be able to collect themselves and in fact did suffer mental breakdowns. I deemed as "shell shock. I, despite physicians concurring that the only cure for shell-shock was a complete rest away from the fighting, these were different times with different rules. Only British officers were given the privilege of rest and stand down. Regular conscripts suffering from shell shock thereby rendered unable to perform as an effective infantryman were castigated as cowardly malingerers. Any soldier claiming this would be sent right back to the front lines, often to the scenes of the heaviest fighting. Faced with the possibility of being killed or permanently disabled, soldiers would shoot themselves in an attempt to end their misery on the frontline. In comparison, all American soldiers in Vietnam were given at least one rest and recuperation period during their tour, where they would be taken out of the fighting completely to rest and recharge themselves. I, a self-inflicted wound was a British capital offense if discovered by the British Army, and a man found guilty of either this or desertion faced execution by a firing-squad at the most, or prison at the least. A common British punishment for disobeying orders or self inflicted wounds was the infamous "British Field Punishment 1. These men were often put in a known area of heavy enemy bombardment. I besides desertion or combat refusal; "A bullet fired deliberately at the foot was the only way out. Others killed themselves rather than carry on in the trenches. The usual method of suicide

was to place the muzzle of their Lee-Enfield rifle against their head and press the trigger with their bare big toe. In some cases, when men could endure no more, they stood up on the fire-step and allowed themselves to be shot by an enemy sniper. A few others chose to wound themselves so they would be evacuated safely out of the field. In one instance a man had his buddy shoot him in the calf. The other guy started jabbing himself with a punji stick. He defecated and urinated in a little thing and stirred the stick in there so it would get him infected enough to get out. With no front lines and all men heavily armed, fraggings and friendly fire was a serious fear. Ebert interviewed one soldier who had witnessed another soldier shoot himself in the foot to get out of going on a combat assault. Ebert recorded the witnesses thoughts as follows: In summing up the whole situation of impending combat and the possibility of violent death at any time, Vnuk commented: The author will not leave you hanging on that angle. In fact, aside from his heartwarming rendition of how in he returned to Vietnam as a volunteer teacher and atoned to the Vietnamese people and one female student in particular at the end of this memoir, Vnuk lets it be known that he felt unequivocally used, abused, and manipulated by the politicians in Washington, who in turn were completely indifferent to his survival. Ethically, morally and spiritually against his will, he was forced to kill and in turn he was almost killed by reluctantly participating in an unrighteous, unprovoked war with questionable motives. The powers in control of America manipulated Richard Vnuk by intelligently applying psychology. Compliance was assured by appealing to his moral structure, his patriotism and his love of God. There are several reasons why a Vietnam Veteran would write a memoir in Some think that their experiences were so unique and extraordinary that they envision their names on movie theatre marquees and newspaper periodicals. Vnuk gives clues to his rationale behind penning this memoir by his descriptive verbiage. Asia as a "crisis of conscience. The author challenges readers right in the introduction of this memoir. Thinking that because he was an infantryman, readers will incorrectly assume that Vnuk is incapable of teaching anyone anything important about the war he immediately refutes. His method of doing this is nothing less than ingenious. Vnuk teaches in an abstract fashion by showing all with a touch of indignation what he was not taught. What he was not warned about, he is now doing the warning, with this book serving as his initial volley of education. Vnuk asks; who was there to warn him when he received his draft notice and when he reported for induction that this was a war not worth dying for? Who was there to tell him that this was a conflict that America would ultimately send to South Viet Nam 2., troops between January of to March of with 58, to lose their lives in a war there was no "end game" strategy for? And what about the horrors of war most of these patriotic teenagers were about to be jolted by? Was it a correct policy of the Johnson administration as a result of an ambiguous naval confrontation to send American teenagers to a strange and foreign land with a hostile, unforgiving climate, fraught with booby traps, anti-personnel landmines and punji stakes? Did our leaders care that the troops they were sending would face off against hard core Communist troops who would use tunnel and guerrilla warfare to kill unprepared young Americans? We are talking about the best jungle fighters on the face of the earth whom considered warfare a way of life, traveled swiftly and light, and were unafraid to die. These hit and run soldiers were confronted by nineteen year old Americans who were not used to the terrain or climate, wore 60 lb. Surely they were taught how to shoot a rifle, and were supplied with bullets and grenades. But in a deadly game of survival and senseless loss of life, who would teach the boy-warrior who only months before was playing sandlot softball or going to a picnic at the park to deal with impending death and destruction? Vnuk announces; "It is easy for those who were not personally involved in the war to forget about it. As evidenced by the current standoff at the Korean 38th Parallel, the casualties of that conflagration were indeed a waste of precious human life. The sufferings of the 36, American, , South Korean and , North Korean soldiers who died in that war were all but forgotten in as America embarked in a conflict that would last until It is highly unlikely that this memoir would ever have been written if the terrorist attacks of September 11, did not occur. However, with no definitive end in sight and U. Forces still battling both the Insurgents and Al-Qaeda after a decade despite 4, U. Since he did not know what to expect when the bullets started firing, thus leaving him and many others as well completely unprepared, it was important for the author to inform young readers that being in combat is nothing like what the movies show their audiences. For forty three years the author, a school teacher, maintained a self imposed silence about his experiences. No amount of training can ready even the most

resolute warrior to face hostile fire, violence, death and killing. Richard Vnuk reports that his life was permanently changed on November 16, , the day he received his draft notice. He insists he was not prepared nor was he desirous of war, in any way, shape or form. Claiming he is nonviolent and against war per se as a means of settling a dispute, his language is strong in describing what he witnessed and participated in. Vnuk departed for the killing fields of South Viet Nam on April 28, . Two days before he left, his girlfriend gave him a memento to remember her by, a diary. This memoir is a product of that diary, of which he regularly made entries during his entire tour. Four decades later, Vnuk diligently pointed out all the irregularities and aberrations in the war, the conflicts in himself, and the very essence of why Viet Nam became such a painful hurt from within. It must be noted that in writing this book, Vnuk wanted it read by the youth of America, the people who suffer the most from the effects of war. Despite foul language being endemic as well as macho to the warrior on the battlefield, his memoir is entirely devoid of profanity. Although a pacifist, Vnuk was of a generation that believed that America had a divinely righteous moral obligation. He was also from a deeply religious Christian family, and Vnuk took the fifth commandment of "Thy Shall Not Kill" seriously. How did the current status quo come about? Bud Willis, a Huey helicopter pilot, kept a diary just like Rich Vnuk. A Marine, Willis flew out of Danang in , considered the "build up" period of the war. Arriving in Viet Nam the last few days of February, it took him just one week to realize the course this war would take and the character of the enemy he was protecting the South Vietnamese from. In his book "Marble Mountain," Willis wrote of forcing the North Vietnamese out of mountainous areas by heliborne combat assaults. To his disgust, hard fought for areas were shortly afterwards relinquished back to the enemy despite the loss of American lives. This would later prove true in the U. All three of the aforementioned support bases were abandoned by the U.

**Chapter 8 : FAQ What is fire in the Bible all about? â€“ Hope Beyond Hell**

*3 - Satan Will Be Cast in Hell & The Lake of Fire - Rev After the Millennium has expired and Satan has been let loose from the "pit or hell" for a little season, then Satan himself will be cast into the eternal lake of fire.*

How long does hell burn for? There are some Bible verses that may appear to say that. Let us look at some of these verses. It is better for you to enter into life maimed, than having two hands to go to hell, into the fire that shall never be quenched. First let us go to Malachi 4: And the day that is coming shall burn them up, says the Lord of hosts, that shall leave them neither root nor branch. You shall trample the wicked for they shall be ashes under the soles of your feet. In another place the Bible says in Psalms How can this be explained? It means that these cities were completely burned, until there was nothing left. What does everlasting mean? There is another way to determine the meaning of the word eternal or everlasting. In English these words mean that the fire will go on forever, but in the Greek it has a different meaning. Basil Atkinson explains it this way. No one supposes that we are being redeemed or saved forever. We were redeemed and saved once for all by Christ with eternal results. Thus life itself is eternal. God is love The Bible says, God is love, 1 John 4: God loves His enemies. As the soldiers were nailing Jesus to the cross, He prayed, Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do Luke As I live, says the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live. Turn, turn from your evil ways! For why should you die, O house of Israel Ezekiel God cannot allow sin, crime and violence to continue to cause suffering and death in this world. But He is not one to torture His children. So He does the most loving thing He can do, He destroys them eternally. The Bible says, "he will make an utter end: You may wish to learn more through the Discover Bible Lessons on our Bible studies section.

**Chapter 9 : Baptism by fire - Wikipedia**

*All that is said here is that the fire of Christ's presence - the consuming fire of God's love - shall test the work, not purge it. The fire is probatory, not purgatorial, and it is not in itself a fire of wrath, for it tests the gold and silver as well as the inferior elements of the structure.*

You may purchase them directly from this email, or visit our online store at [www](http://www). She is a Godly woman who has a strong love for excellence. At the same time, she has proven to be flexible and submissive, quick to adjust to the priorities of those she serves. She is a woman of faith, grace and spiritual maturity. We are blessed to have her among us. The computer we purchased only a year ago needs more RAM, and the microwave seems to take "forever. However, one characteristic of the fire of God, defies instant gratification. Those saints who will appear to catapult into their destiny overnight will have a different tale to tell. Divine preparation always involves a time of waiting, waiting and, did I mention waiting? Jesus says in Luke But I have a baptism to undergo, and how distressed I am until it is completed. Well, as always, the Father loves to work through His precious daughters and sons as we represent Jesus to the people. The Word shows us in Genesis 22, that Abraham "carried the fire," implying that we, too, are called to be torches. In preparation for a sovereign move upon the earth, rest assured, God would not hide your destiny "from you," however, He may hide it "for you. God may even ask us to lay our dream upon the altar, as with Abraham and Isaac. He wants to see if we are serving the dream, or the Dream Giver. Fear not, He will return the dream unharmed once we pass the test of obedience. It only makes sense, beloved, that we are unable to carry the fire of God to the nations until we ourselves have experienced the furnace. We can impart nothing unless the Creator first deposits it within us. Consequently, the Father perfectly orchestrates our steps so all of us are blessed with his or her unique baptism of fire. What is the Baptism Jesus is Speaking Of? What is this baptism Jesus says He must undergo before He brings fire upon the earth? Jesus speaks of a baptism of agony. He speaks of Gethsemane--the oil press. He speaks of a baptism of pain, anguish, and vicarious repentance. He says, "But I have a baptism to undergo, and how distressed I am until it is completed. Listen friends, "Everyone will be salted with fire" Mark 9: And, if a baptism of fire was necessary for Jesus, it will most certainly be necessary for His followers. The baptism of fire is difficult, indeed. However, we have not sweat drops of blood like our precious Savior. We must not despise the hour of testing in light of the love Jesus poured out on the cross. Jesus proclaims His willingness to drink the cup full of bitterness, betrayal, and mental and spiritual suffering. This cup contains agony and loneliness. He is assured His baptism of fire will not be in vain. As you endure difficulties, challenges or trials, dear ones, consider them purpose driven fires, suitable for the Master Craftsman. We should not be surprised or amazed. When we consider the fiery furnace, we readily think of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. We can compare the furnace of affliction and the process of refining to that of pottery being fired in a kiln. In Genesis 11, the Word speaks of bricks being baked. Another noteworthy feature of a kiln is its insulation. That says to me that we must be appropriately covered in the righteousness of God, cloaked in humility, and clothed in Christ Himself. It is when we are properly "insulated" that we can trust God in the fire for transformation and not cremation. Fleshly running can produce more earthly oxygen, causing the flames to flare even hotter. Allow only the breath of God do its work. Stop, drop, roll, and ask, "Father, what part of self needs to die in here? Jealousy, lust, pride, and greed, for example, cannot withstand the fire of God. Yet, the Lord also uses what the opposition has thrown at us as fuel for the fire of God. This Divine strategy creates the opposite of what the enemy intended. Our Father is the champion of taking potential tragedy and transforming it into triumph! In doing so, He creates an antidote for the glory of His Kingdom! Please, allow me to expound on this: As God longs to bring unity to His Church--He may allow a season of the fiery pain of disunity. As God delights in igniting joy in the morning--He may allow sorrow for a night. As God wants to engender honor--He may allow a season of dishonor in the furnace. As God desires for us to grow in grace--we may first experience a baptism of disfavor. As God longs to entrust us with Kingdom wealth, according to His riches in Glory--He may allow a season of walking through the fire of poverty. As God intends to exalt His servants--He may humble us in the flames. As

God begets us to be love--we may first experience the fiery darts of hatred. However, it was in that very fire that Jesus set them free. We need the refining fire, beloved. We need to see the Church on fire, ignited for Christ Jesus. Since we know our God is a consuming fire, the Spirit of God lives and dwells in us, and we want to do only what we see the Father do, should we not be a consuming fire also? The world is waiting for a consuming fire, one that burns up all that is not of God: This is a fire that will light up the world! Fire Produces Passion In addition to the purity created in the fire, a passion is imparted. If that involves a baptism of fire, so be it! Fire heals, cleanses, purifies. The fire Jesus brings is holy fire! We become more and more passionate for Him and His Kingdom because we realize we must cling to Him, walk with Him, and become one with Him, as exquisite crystal fused in a kiln. They held harps given them by God" emphasis mine. Can I get an Amen here? The Son of God is manifest in the fire! In the fire of our experiences, we truly realize He is all we will ever need. The Savior of the world stands with you. The Rock of my salvation is in that fire with you. Beware, "wet blankets" will attempt to douse the fire and extinguish the passion. Let me ask you this--what really happens when water is poured on the fire in the trenches? I propose to you today, that it only fuels the fire! Where is the God of Elijah? Maintain your faith in the promises of God. Keep an attitude of gratitude, speaking truth so there is redemption, and use the water for fuel to fan the flames. He went all the way to crucifixion! You must set your heart like flint, ready to go all the way with God! Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams. Even on My servants, flames of fire both men and women, I will pour out My Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy. I will show wonders in the Heaven above and signs on the earth below Jesus, descended from the line of David, raised from the dead. This is a sure thing: