

## **Doctrine of Annihilation**

1. Annihilationists maintain that the Biblical passages used to support the doctrine of eternal hell do not teach that hell is suffered eternally, only that its consequences are eternal.
2. It is argued that the damned suffer '*eternal punishment*', '*eternal judgment*' and '*eternal destruction*' the same way the elect experience '*eternal redemption*' (Heb 9:12, cf. 5:9).
  - *Hebrews 9:12 Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us.*
  - *Hebrews 5:9 And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him;*
3. The elect do not undergo an eternal process of redemption. Their redemption is eternal in the sense that once the elect are redeemed, it is forever.
4. In like manner the damned do not undergo an eternal process of punishment or destruction. Once they are punished and destroyed, it is forever.
5. One logical response to the position of annihilation is that life and death are radically antithetical to each other in Scripture. The qualifying adjective "*eternal*" or "*everlasting*" needs to be understood in a manner appropriate to each respectively.
6. Everlasting life is existence that continues without end, and everlasting death is destruction without end, which is, destruction without recall, the destruction of obliteration.
7. Both life and death hereafter will be everlasting in the sense that both will be irreversible; from that life there can be no relapse into death, and from that death there can be no return to life.