

Ephesians 2:18

For through Him we both have access by one Spirit to the Father.

Let's say that I had the only tickets to fly out and live on the beach in a beach house that would be yours for free for the rest of your life, all expenses paid and I offered them to you letting you know that these tickets were the only way to get to the beach and the beach house, would you take them? Or maybe you would think that there are other ways to get to this beach house on the beach, and you try all your different ways to get there, but are unsuccessful.

Let's also say that you refuse the tickets and instead choose to live on the rim of a volcano with the extreme heat, and gases emitting from it. So I warn you that where you are living is harmful for you and your family, and that soon the volcano is going to erupt, so you need to get away from there. Once again offering you the tickets to go to the beach house that I built for you on the beach as the means to get away from hell's doorstep living on the edge of a volcano, but you still refuse. In time the volcano erupts and you and your family are burned and everything you have is destroyed because of it. Would your response be that it is my fault and curse me because of the volcano erupting saying that I don't love you, because, how can someone who loves you allow the volcano to erupt and destroy you, your family and everything you have?

Yet how many ask the question, "*How can a loving God send anyone to hell?*" Just like my example, God warns everyone that they are living in sin (Rim of the volcano) and headed for hell (erupting volcano), yet not only warns them, but offers them eternal life in heaven (beach house on the beach) through His Son Jesus Christ.

I saw a post on social media that said, "*The question is not, 'Why would a loving God send anyone to hell'. But, 'Why would anyone choose hell over a loving God?'*"

God has done anything and everything to give everyone eternal life in heaven, with no more pain, no more tears, no more sickness, no more sorrows, no more death and losing loved ones, no more depression, no more broken hearts, no more starving people, no more homelessness... Yet people still choose the hell they are living in right now over an abundant life in Jesus Christ, I am not talking money, but simply joy and peace and knowing that there is someone (GOD) there with you all the time watching over you, they are rejecting God's way to eternal life in heaven, with a mansion waiting for them.

But the world blames God for their bad decisions, and they wonder why a loving God would send them to hell, not admitting that it's their own choice to go there, not God's.

† **2 Peter 3:9** *The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.*

- † **John 14:6** *Jesus said to him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.”*

- † **John 5:39** *You search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; and these are they which testify of Me.*