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From: Jon W, Scotland

Dear Gerry

I was brought up as a Christian and I've been to various churches; Baptist, Anglican, Pentecostal, and I've always believed in hell. It has also been a subject that I've had great difficulty coming to terms with. I never liked the idea but then again I wasn't God so what did I know? If hell was OK with Him then who was I to argue? In my large family there were only a few believers so that meant that there were a lot of souls to damn and very little I could do about it... I read a book by Randy Alcorn on Heaven and his attempt to justify hell and our feelings at seeing loved ones there made me physically sick. Would I really view my dad (or my wife!) as a thing of sin, and look on, nodding gravely as what was happening before me was dished out by the Being I was absolutely terrified of? Add to that the teaching by David Pawson that even as a Christian, I was not safe, and that my salvation could be lost at the end; my inability to follow God made my life sometimes unbearable. He'd become a monster...yet one who could not be mocked. I wanted to love Him but couldn't...

[Eventually, after a long period of backsliding, he says he was led to...]

...led to your brilliant book where I found nothing but sound teaching and a reason to actually hope. I found myself falling in love with my God (though like I say I have good days and bad days!). It was as if something dark had been removed from my eyes. I actually wanted to dance...but I'm a self conscious Brit so I didn't...

Life is still hard and I still mess up big time, but I am now convinced that God is far more wonderful and loving than I ever thought possible and that one day He will be All in all.

So thank you Gerry. And everyone who has supported you. Your book is essential reading and I love your YouTube videos too. I've probably missed out so much of what I wanted to say, but I'm writing this on my kindle fire and it's hard to see all that I've written so I apologize for that.

In Jesus's Name I thank you again.  
Jon W