

EPISODE 012: "WHAT ABOUT PEOPLE WHO HAVEN'T HEARD THE GOSPEL?? CONDEMNING PEOPLE TO HELL AIN'T RIGHT."

Context:

If God is loving and good, how will he resolve the destiny of so many people who will never get a chance to be introduced to Jesus Christ? This has been a troubling question for so many believers, especially when statistics say there are 3 billion people on this planet who are considered to be the "unreached" because they have no access to the Gospel.

Before we answer this question, we must first consider

The big question is: what happens to someone who never hears the Gospel? Are they condemned to hell?

1. How does God judge people?

The Bible indicates that people are judged on the information they have.

A. Two Ways God reveals himself to humanity

1. _____ (Romans 1:19-20)

What can be known about God is plain to them because God has shown it to them. His invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived in the things that have been made

- a. ever since the creation of the world. They are without excuse.
- b. It doesn't matter where one lives, Little Rock, AR, or in a hut in South Africa; God's _____ has been revealed to humankind through creation.
 - i. Psalm 19:1-6 talks about how creation testifies to the existence, greatness, power, and glory of God.
- c. God's existence can be seen through creation.

2. _____ (Romans 2:14-15),

For when Gentiles, who do not have the law, by nature, do what the law requires, they are a law to themselves, even though they do not have the law. They show that the work of the law is written on their hearts, while their conscience also bears witness, and their conflicting thoughts accuse or even excuse them.

- a. If someone responds to this general revelation that God exists, God will intentionally find a way for _____ to get to them, be it a _____, _____, _____, _____, or the _____.

If a person truly desires to know God, God will make His Gospel truth known.

Deuteronomy 4:29

B. What's the issue?

- a. People _____ the knowledge that has been presented to them through creation and in their conscience.
3 Romans 1:21-30 ***They knew God, they did not honor him as God***
4 ***Their foolish hearts were darkened.***
- b. They denied God's existence, became _____, were filled with wickedness, worshiped _____ rather than the _____, and did the very thing that deserved death.
- c. Romans 3:11 says, "***No one seeks for God.***" V 12 says, "***All have turned away.***"
- d. There will be individuals who _____ suppress the truth, but Scripture tells us *we are without any excuse.*

2. What about people who don't respond to God's revelation? What happens?

- A. John 14:6
- B. Matthew 10:33
- C. John 12:48
- D. John 8:24

Those who intentionally reject the Gospel will be _____ lost, and they will spend eternity apart from God.

3. What am I supposed to do?

If we are so concerned about that person who has never heard the Gospel, we can't reject the Gospel, and we have to be intentional about sharing our faith.

- A. Get the Gospel out!! (Act 4:12)
 - a. _____ ***the Great Commission.***
- B. (Matthew 28:19)
 - a. ***Go therefore and make disciples of all nations.***
- C. Instead of asking what happens to those who have never heard the Gospel, **Charles Spurgeon said, "It is more a question with me whether we – who have the Gospel and fail to give it to those who have not – can be saved."**
 - a.
- D. As believers, we are called to make disciples.

