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## What About Those Who Have Never Heard?

Romans 10:5-17

### Questions Everyone Eventually Asks and Encounters

*Will billions of people who can respond but never hear the gospel ever be saved?  
Is the spirituality and sincere worship of people in other religions sufficient to save them?  
Is salvation possible WITHOUT hearing and responding to the gospel of Jesus Christ before death?*

### Four Answers to Questions Like These

#### 1. **UNIVERSALISM** says everyone everywhere will be saved eventually.

##### What Does Universalism Typically Teach?

- ❖ God is **LOVE**, therefore, sending **anyone** to hell is inconsistent with His **character**. *1John 4:8*

##### But the Bible Also Teaches...

- 1) God is **LIGHT**. *1John 1:5-7*
- 2) God's ultimate character quality is **HOLINESS**. *Isaiah 6:2-3; Revelation 4:8*

- ❖ Jesus died for the sins of all people, therefore, His sacrifice for sin will be **APPLIED** to all people. *1John 2:2*

**But the Bible Teaches:** Salvation is received by grace alone through **FAITH** alone in Christ alone. *Romans 3:21-26*

- ❖ Heaven cannot be heaven as long as there is a **HELL**.

##### But the Bible Teaches...

- 1) People in heaven are unfulfilled until God's full justice has been **EXECUTED** for all eternity. *Revelation 6:9-11*
- 2) People in heaven will **not** be sad because of who is **not** there, but they will be forever happy because of who **IS** there... *Revelation 21:1-8*

### There Are Different Kinds of Universalists

<b>"Hopeful"</b> Universalists	<b>"Purgatory"</b> Universalists	<b>"Evangelical"</b> Universalists	<b>"Silent"</b> Universalists
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#### 2. **PLURALISM** says everyone everywhere will eventually be saved by many paths to many gods that represent the same Divine Reality.

##### What Does Pluralism Typically Teach?

- ❖ All religions are basically the **SAME** and all religions are basically **DIFFERENT**.

**But the Bible Teaches...** There is **ONE** Mediator between the one God and all people. *John 14:6; Acts 4:12; Luke 2:10-11; 1Timothy 4:10; 1John 4:14*

#### 3. **INCLUSIVISM** says everyone everywhere will eventually be saved by Jesus, even if they follow other religions, never hear the gospel message, and die without trusting in Jesus.

**UNIVERSALISM** says everyone everywhere will be saved eventually!

**PLURALISM** is **UNIVERSALISM** with **DIVERSITY** added in.  
*There are many ways for everyone everywhere to be saved eventually!*

**INCLUSIVISM** is **UNIVERSALISM** with **CHRIST** added in.  
*There are many ways for everyone everywhere to be saved by Christ eventually!*

##### But the Bible Teaches...

- 1) There is no **SECOND** chance for salvation after death. *Hebrews 9:27; Revelation 20:11-15*
- 2) Inclusivism makes the **Gospel Message**, the **Gospel Mediator**, the **Gospel Mandate**, and the **Gospel Means** unnecessary. *Romans 10:12-17*

#### 4. **EXCLUSIVISM** says many from everyone everywhere will be saved by Jesus through hearing the gospel and responding to Him with repentance and faith before death.

##### The Gospel Is God's Exclusive Way to Be Saved!

- ❖ The Gospel is **universal**: *There is only ONE universal way to God for everyone everywhere.*
- ❖ The Gospel is **inclusive**: Some from **EVERY** people group, tribe, language, and nations will be saved.
- ❖ The Gospel is **exclusive**: **ONLY** those who hear it and respond to it by grace through faith in Christ are saved.
- ❖ The Gospel is **particular**: **EACH PERSON** must hear the gospel for themselves and respond for themselves before death comes.

*The one true God has mercifully and graciously chosen to save some from every people group even though **no one** deserves it, **no one** is truly seeking it, and **everyone** is rebelling against! But in His abundant mercy...*

*God has provided the **GOSPEL MANDATE** to everyone everywhere that says **GOSPEL MESSENGERS** are to go to everyone everywhere with the **GOSPEL MESSAGE** for everyone everywhere about the **GOSPEL MEDIATOR** for everyone everywhere, so that by the **GOSPEL MEANS** of repentance and faith some from everyone everywhere will be saved! *Revelation 5:8-10**

**Have You Responded to This Good News Yet?**

**Who Will You Pray for and Share This Good News with This Year?**