

IS THERE
HOPE
For Someone Who Has Never Heard
About Jesus
Romans 1:18-25; 2:14-16

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There Is Only One Way to God and That Is by the Lord Jesus

John 14:6
I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

Acts 4:12
There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to people by which we must be saved.

JESUS IS THE ONLY WAY TO HEAVEN

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The Bible Teaches God Desires All to Be Saved

GOD WANTS EVERYONE SAVED.

1 Timothy 2:4
God wants everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

2 Peter 3:9
The Lord is not wanting any to perish but all to come to repentance.

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Everyone Has Some Truth

Romans 1:18-20

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CREATION THE EARTH IS A WITNESS

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Everyone Has Some Truth

Conscience

Romans 2:14-16

14 So, when Gentiles, who do not by nature have the law, do what the law demands, they are a law to themselves even though they do not have the law. 15 They show that the work of the law is written on their hearts. Their consciences confirm this. Their competing thoughts either accuse or even excuse them 16 on the day when God judges what people have kept secret, according to my gospel through Christ Jesus.



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The Sharp Corners of a Conscience Are Rounded and Worn Off

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Light Rejected Increases Darkness

Romans 1:21

For though they knew God, they did not glorify him as God or show gratitude. Instead, their thinking became worthless, and their senseless hearts were darkened.

A Darkened Heart Yields Perverted Conduct



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Light Rejected Increases Darkness

Idol Worship

Romans 1:23

and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man, birds, four-footed animals, and reptiles.

What are your idols



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Light Rejected Increases Darkness

Sexual Impurity

Romans 1:24

Therefore God delivered them over in the desires of their hearts to sexual impurity, so that their bodies were degraded among themselves.

SEXUAL IMMORALITY

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Light Obeyed Increases Light

Acts 8 – The Ethiopian
 Acts 10 – Cornelius
 Helen Keller
 Even in North Korea the Gospel is Unstoppable

God Has Never Lost a Single Person Who Truly Wanted the Truth

If a Heart Honestly Seeks God, He Will Move Heaven and Earth to Get the Gospel to That Soul

Anyone, Anywhere Who Follows the Light They Have Can Find the Full Truth About God

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People Will Be Judged According to the Light They Had

Matthew 11:23-24

23 And you, Capernaum, will you be exalted to heaven? No, you will go down to Hades. For if the miracles that were done in you had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until today. 24 But I tell you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom on the day of judgment than for you.

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Wrong Question:

How will God judge people who never heard the gospel?
Genesis 18:25 Won't the Judge of the whole earth do what is just?

Right Question:

How will God judge people who have heard the gospel many times?

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When People Ask This, They're Really Asking:

Is God Unfair?
 Is There Hope Beyond What We Fully Understand?
 Do Missions Matter?

The Answer Scripture Gives Is:

God Is Perfectly Just
 Jesus Is the Only Savior
 The Gospel Must Be Proclaimed
 We Can Trust God With Those Situations We Cannot Fully Understand

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