

JUDGING #3

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Questions

- ***How will God judge those who have not heard the gospel?***
 - Basically, the question is: is ignorance an excuse?
 - Three classes of ignorance
 1. Never learned because of inabilities
 2. Never taken time to learn
 3. Never been taught

The Bible Teaches

➤ ***Sin Condemns not the gospel***

➤ Is. 59:2

➤ *But your iniquities have separated you from your God; And your sins have hidden His face from you, So that He will not hear.*

➤ Rom. 6:23

➤ *For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

➤ “If one could be saved because of ignorance, the gospel is not a gospel of salvation; it is a gospel of condemnation”

The Bible Teaches

- ***Only one way to heaven***

- 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”*

- Acts 4:12

- *“Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”*

The Bible Teaches

- ***Ignorance is not an excuse***

- 2 Thess. 1:7-9

- *And to give you who are troubled rest with us when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with His mighty angels, **in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.***

- These shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power,*

The Bible Teaches

- ***Ignorance is not an excuse***

- Acts 17:30

- *Truly, these times of ignorance God overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere to repent,*

- Rom 1:20

- *For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse,*

Our Challenge

- ***Take the gospel to the lost***
 - Matt. 28:19-20
 - *“Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit”*
 - Mk. 16:15
 - *And He said to them, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.”*

Question

- ***What about those taught wrong?***
- Bible Answer:
 - Matt 15:9
 - *“And in vain they worship Me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.”*

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- Matt 7:21-23

- *“Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. Many will say to Me in that day, ‘Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?’ And then I will declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!’”*

Question

- ***What about Good People?***
- Bible Answer: Cornelius (Acts 10:1-6)
 - A **devout man** and one who **feared God** with all his household
 - Who **gave alms** generously to the people, and **prayed** to God always.
 - Yet he was told:
 - *“Now send men to Joppa, and send for Simon whose surname is **Peter...He will tell you what you must do.**”*

We Have Learned that

- We have no right to sentence others to heaven or hell!
- What we believe and do will be judged by Christ and His Word.
- People are lost because of SIN!
- People have the responsibility to determine truth.
- People can NEVER be good enough once they sin to save themselves!