

# NOT ALL ROADS LEAD *to* HEAVEN

WHAT ABOUT THOSE WHO HAVE NEVER HEARD ABOUT JESUS?  
(PART 2)

Selected Scriptures

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**INTRODUCTION:** : Last time we began to answer the single greatest objection to the belief that faith in Jesus Christ is the only road that leads to heaven: “What about those who never hear about Jesus.” It seems grossly unfair that people would be condemned to Hell for never trusting in a Jesus they have never heard about.

- I. Everyone Is **Guilty** Before God (Romans 3:9-10; 23)
  
- II. No One Is Saved Apart From **Faith** In Jesus Christ (Acts 4:12)
  
- III. **Everyone Has Received A Knowledge Of God** (Romans 1:20; Psalm 19:1)
  - A. The Meaning of “Natural Revelation”

Romans 1:20 “For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made, so that they are without excuse.”

- B. The Reception of Natural Revelation

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1.     God's "**eternal power**" (Romans 1:20; Psalm 19:1)

Psalm 19:1 "The heavens are telling of the glory of God; and their expanse is declaring the work of His hands."

2.     God's "**divine nature**" (Romans 1:20; Acts 14:15-17; Romans 2:4)

Acts 14:15-17 "<sup>15</sup>...Men, why are you doing these things? We are also men of the same nature as you, and preach the gospel to you in order that you should turn from these vain things to a living God, WHO MADE THE HEAVEN AND THE EARTH AND THE SEA AND ALL THAT IS IN THEM.

<sup>16</sup> And in the generations gone by He permitted all the nations to go their own ways; <sup>17</sup> and yet He did not leave Himself without witness, in that He did good and gave you rains from heaven and fruitful seasons, satisfying your hearts with food and gladness."

Romans 2:4 "Or do you think lightly of the riches of His kindness and forbearance and patience, not knowing that the kindness of God leads you to repentance?"

### C.     The Rejection of Natural Revelation (Romans 1:21-23)

1.     The **rejection** of the knowledge of God (Romans 1:21)

Romans 1:21 "For even though they knew God, they did not honor Him as God, or give thanks; but they became futile in their speculations, and their foolish heart was darkened."

2.     The replacement of the revelation of the true God with the creation of a **false god** (Romans 1:22-23)

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Romans 1:22-23 “<sup>22</sup>Professing to be wise, they became fools, <sup>23</sup>and exchanged the glory of the incorruptible God for an image in the form of a corruptible man and of birds and four-footed animals and crawling creatures.”

### D.      The Purpose of Natural Revelation

2 Peter 3:9 “The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance.”

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## **IV.      Anyone Who Wants Further Knowledge Of God Will Receive It**

(Luke 19:10; 1 Timothy 2:3-4)

Ezekiel 33:11 “Say to them, ‘As I live!’ declares the Lord GOD, ‘I take no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but rather that the wicked turn from his way and live. Turn back, turn back from your evil ways! Why then will you die, O house of Israel?’”

Luke 19:10 “For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost.”

1 Timothy 2:3-4 “<sup>3</sup>This is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, <sup>4</sup>who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.”

Acts 8:30-31, 35, 37 “<sup>30</sup>And when Philip had run up, he heard him reading Isaiah the prophet, and said, ‘Do you understand what you are reading?’ <sup>31</sup>And he said, ‘Well, how could I, unless someone guides me?’ And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. <sup>35</sup>And Philip opened his mouth, and beginning from this Scripture he preached Jesus to him. <sup>37</sup>And Philip said, ‘If you believe with all your heart, you may [be baptized].’ And he answered and said, ‘I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.’”

Conclusion