

Romans 10:9-15:

^[9] because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ^[10] For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. ^[11] For the Scripture says, “Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame.” ^[12] For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. ^[13] For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”^[14] How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? ^[15] And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!”

A word of caution: Insider Movements

Conclusion:

Next Week? The Role of the Local Church

Further Reading:

John Piper, Ch. 4: “The Supremacy of Christ as the Conscious Focus of All Saving Faith” in “Let the Nations Be Glad”

Jonathan Edwards, “The Justice of God in the Damnation of Sinners”
(monergism.com/justice-god-damnation-sinners)

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Core Seminars – Christian Living

Missions:

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IS JESUS THE ONLY WAY? THE NEED FOR CONSCIOUS FAITH IN CHRIST.

Main idea: The necessity of conscious faith in Christ to avoid God’s punishment and wrath displays the infinite worth of God and fuels the urgency of missions.

Introduction

Three questions:

1. Does the Bible teach the doctrine of Hell?
2. Is Christ’s work necessary for salvation or are there other alternatives?
3. Is it necessary for people to hear of Christ to be saved or can there be saving faith apart from Christ?

I. Does the Bible teach the doctrine of Hell? The reality of Hell shows the infinite seriousness of the sin of failing to glorify God.

“... [He will] come in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne... Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels.’” (Matt. 25:31, 41).

Mark 9:48: “Where their worm does not die and the fire is not quenched.”

Rev. 20:15: “And if anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.”

Daniel 12:2: “many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some

to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt.”

“That a solemn separation will then take place; that the wicked will be judged to endless punishment, and the righteous to endless joy; and that this judgment will fix forever the final state of men in heaven or hell” (*CHBC Statement of Faith*, Article 18).

“So sin against God, being a violation of infinite obligations, must be a crime infinitely heinous, and so deserving of infinite punishment... The eternity of the punishment of ungodly men renders it infinite... and therefore renders no more than proportionable to the heinousness of what they are guilty of.” - Jonathan Edwards

II. *Is the work of Christ necessary for salvation? The necessity of Christ’s atonement shows the glory of God’s grace.*

Romans 5:17: “For if, because of one man’s trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ.” (cf. 1 Corinthians 15:21; Rev. 5:9-10.)

Luke 24:46-47: “repentance and forgiveness of sins should be preached in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.”

“And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved:

III. *Can people be saved through Christ without realizing it is Christ who saves them? The necessity of conscious faith in Christ shows off the infinite worth of Christ.*

Romans 3:10-12: “None is righteous, no, not one; no one understands; no one seeks for God. All have turned aside; together they have become worthless; no one does good, not even one.”

“As all men have sinned in Adam, and have become exposed to the curse and eternal death, God would have done no injustice to any one, if he had determined to leave the whole human race under sin and the curse, and to condemn them on account of sin.” (Synod of Dort, Canon 1, Article 1)

Romans 9:20: “Will what is molded say to its molder, ‘Why have you made me like this?’”

Acts 4:12: “there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”

Acts 17:30-31: “[N]ow he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed.” (cf. Eph. 3:4-5; Rom. 16:25-27)