

What about those who have never heard about Jesus?

Introduction: The problem

I. The Answer.

II. The Evidence for the Answer

a) God has left a witness of himself in:

i) Creation

(1) Ps 19:1-6, Ps 50:6, Ps 89:5, Ps 97:6, Rom 1:18-20

ii) His provision

(2) Acts 14:17, Acts 17:26-28, Jer 5:24-26

iii) His image, in which we are made.

(3) Rom 2:12-15, Acts 17:26-28,

iv) Common grace

b) The effects of this witness are:

i) There is much testimony to God's goodness.

ii) It renders all of us guilty before God.

c) What are the limitations of this evidence?

i) It is insufficient for salvation.

ii) Sin acts to suppress this truth

The Objections to the Answer

a) You can be saved without explicitly hearing or accepting the gospel.

i) Rom 2:12-16

b) God overlooked times of ignorance

i) Acts 3:17, 17:30

c) We were predestined for salvation or damnation; therefore, we are not responsible.

How This Affects Us

The normal way that God speaks to us is in the Bible. Christians should read the Bible and be taught from the Bible regularly. This outline is to help you follow the talk. You may use it to take notes, to note a particularly helpful point, or to raise a question for future discussion.