

What if they haven't heard?

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If God doesn't send anyone to hell and we send ourselves by rejecting Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior, what happens to the person who never heard the gospel? The people living in the most remote parts of the world or in a nation that serves and worships another God?

That's a great question but it is sprinkled with a bit of ignorance. Meaning how do we know what God is doing around the world? I seem to have a hard time just knowing what God is doing in my life.

So, let's explore the scriptures and find an answer.

A. Evangelism should be _____ by intercessory prayer.

Ezekiel 22:30-31 "I looked for someone among them that would build up the wall and stand before me in the gap on behalf of the land so I would not have to destroy it, but I found no one. ³¹So I will pour out my wrath on them and consume them with my fiery anger, bringing down on their own heads all they have done, declares the Sovereign LORD." (NIV)

- Speak to people about God, share the message of Christ.
- Pray for God to hold back judgement and instead release to them mercy, grace and forgiveness.
- Call people everywhere to repent.

B. God speaks to people everywhere _____ the created things.

Romans 1:19-20 "...since what may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them. ²⁰For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities-his eternal power and divine nature-have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse." (NIV)

Psalms 19: 1-4 "The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands. ²Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they reveal knowledge. ³They have no speech, they use no words; no sound is heard from them. ⁴Yet their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world." (NIV)

Jeremiah 29:13-14 "You will seek me and find me when you seek me with your whole heart. ¹⁴I will be found by you," declares the LORD....." (NIV)

**C. If people truly seek for and _____ who this creator God is -
He will reveal himself to them!**

HOW?

1. Missionaries
2. Theophany, a visible or tangible appearance of God to human beings.
Theos = God Phaino = to appear or make visible
 - The burning bush Exodus 3:1-6,
 - The vision in the temple Isaiah 6:1-8 ,Isaiah saw the Lord seated on His throne
 - Paul getting blinded by the light of Jesus presence Acts 9:3-5
3. Creation
4. Voice of God

John 16:12-13 "I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear. ¹³But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come..." (NIV)

1 Corinthians 2:9-10 "what no eye has seen, what no ear has heard, and what no human mind has conceived – the things that God has prepared for those who love him – ¹⁰these are the things God has revealed to us by his Spirit..." (NIV)

D. If God can do all of this, why do we need to evangelize?

1. He does all of this in _____ of the people of God.

1 Corinthians 3:8-9 "The one who plants and the one who waters have one purpose, and they will each be rewarded according to their own labor. ⁹For we are co-workers in God's service; you are God's field, God's building." (NIV)

- We co-labor with God, it's not either _____ but _____ working together for the evangelization of people worldwide.