What happens to the person who never hears the gospel?

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INTRODUCTION

- Jesus said, Go make disciples of all the nations.
- This crowd of people that we call the lost becomes a very different and diverse group of people.
- We do struggle with people who don't know the Lord at all. People who are untaught.

1 He Does Not Change the Facts of Our Faith

Psalm 19:1; Acts 4:12; Matthew 7:21

- Whatever we conclude about the man who has not heard, it does not alter the things that we believe to be so.
- Number one, this man's situation in no way changes our belief that God exists.
- Secondly, his situation in no way changes the fact that the Bible is the Word of God.
- Number three, his predicament does not change the fact that Jesus is still the only Savior.
- It does not change the fact that to be saved from sin, men must obey the gospel.
- Whatever we decide about this man has to be decided within this biblical framework.

2 He Is Not Innocent

- This man who has not been taught, we need to appreciate that he is not innocent.
- This man who lives in this far-off place has within him the same moral sensibilities that all of us have.
- Because we are God's creation, and the Bible says in Genesis that we are made in his image, we are possessed from our God with a moral sensibility.
- Even though he knows some things are right and some things are wrong, and he ought to do what's right, he still does wrong sometimes. Every person does.
- These primitive cultures are often just as violent and corrupt and wicked as our own.
- I'm not trying to suggest that the primitive cultures are particularly corrupt. In fact, what I'm suggesting is just the opposite. That they're a lot like our own.

MY NOTES