

THE DOCTRINES OF GRACE

LESSON 13

HEATHEN SALVATION

What is the fate of those who have never heard the gospel of Jesus? Can they be saved? Let's consider the following questions:

- Are heathens really lost?
 - Romans 2:12-16
 - Romans 3:10, 23
 - Romans 6:23

- Is there salvation outside of Christ?
 - The Arminian dilemma

 - Can general revelation save?
 - Romans 1:18-21

 - Special revelation of Jesus is needed for salvation after the cross
 - Jesus is the only Savior
 - John 14:6
 - 1 Timothy 2:5
 - Hebrews 9:26

- Faith in Jesus is required for salvation (and hence the knowledge of Jesus is required for salvation)
 - John 3:36
 - John 10:9
 - Acts 4:12
 - Romans 10:8-15
 - 1 John 5:10-13

- Is there a second chance to believe after death?
 - Hebrews 9:27

- Is God unfair or unjust to condemn those who have not heard the gospel?
 - God is not unfair or unjust in condemning those who have never heard
 - Furthermore, God is under no obligation to save all or offer salvation to all
 - Matthew 20:15- “Is it not lawful for me to do what I wish with what is my own?”

- Knowing what we know about God’s unconditional election, we can safely say that if any heathen truly sought God, God would provide the special revelation needed for them to be saved
 - How does this special revelation come?