

Requirement #1 to become a Christian

Must believe we are sinners, deserving to be eternally separated from God.

HOW COULD
GOD ALLOW
GOOD PEOPLE,
OUTSIDE OF
CHRISTIANITY,
TO BE
**SEPARATED
FROM GOD**
FOR ALL
ETERNITY?

8 PRIMARY QUESTIONS SERIES

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Four Common Assumptions

1. People are typically good, with a little bad.
2. Some people never get a sufficient opportunity to know about God.
3. God only deals with people as individuals.
4. It would be best if God would forgive everyone and punish no one.

Four Presuppositions of the Christian Faith

1. Good people are not necessarily righteous people—There are no innocent people.
 - Little girl in North Africa
 - Golf professional analogy (Grip, Posture, and Alignment)
 - Good
 - Good with a little bad
 - Bad with a little good
 - Bad
 - “There are none good, no not one.”
 - David (Psalm 14)
 - Paul (Romans 3)
 - Jesus “Why call me good?” (Mark 10:18)
 - “Dead in your sin” (Ephesians 2:1)
 - Funeral home illustration

2. Everyone has a sufficient opportunity to know about God.

- Yes, though not the same opportunity, but never the less, a sufficient opportunity
- What are all people guilty of?
 - Not of rejecting Jesus
- If guilty of neglecting Jesus
 - Why the Great Commission
 - God would be unjust for not sending His son and would make salvation no longer a gift of God’s grace
 - “No one will be judged for not obeying revelation they did not have.” John Piper
- Man innately knows there is a God (Romans 1)
 - Ecclesiastes 3:11 - “God has set eternity in their (man’s) heart.”
- Man is guilty of rejecting God, not Jesus (Romans 1:18)
- Those who desire God will be given an understanding of Him.
 - Story of Cornelius (Acts 10)
 - Dreams and visions in Muslim countries
- Not treating people the same is not being unfair (Matthew 20 parable)

3. God does not deal only with individuals.

- Westerners = Individualistic
- Easterners (Biblical days) = Corporate personality
 - Story of Achan (Joshua 7)
- We tend to dislike corporate personality, yet it is one of mankind’s greatest gifts
 - Play out scenario with and without corporate personality (1st Adam and 2nd Adam)

4. God would not be righteous if sinful people were not punished.

- To not punish sinful men would require God to lie
- Numbers 23:19