

## COMMON OBJECTION

### **If accepting Jesus is the only way to Heaven, then what about people in the Amazon that have never heard of Jesus Christ? Do they go to hell?**

First, we know that somehow, at least some people from EVERY nation on earth end up in heaven!

Revelation 5:7 says: And they sang a new song: "You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because you were slain, and with your blood you purchased men for God from every tribe and language and people and nation."

Second, this is not a tiny minority of people. Lets read Revelation 7:9: "After this I looked and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and in front of the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands."

Third, the Bible speaks about universal revelation knowledge of God. Let us read Romans 1:19-20: "The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against ALL the godlessness and wickedness of men who suppress the truth by their wickedness, since what may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them. For 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 men are without excuse."

This is an emotional question. God is just to send people to Hell based on five points.

First, People are responsible for the truth that they have, as Romans 1:20-24 shows.

Second, all people have some truth, from nature (Romans 1:20) and their own conscience. (Romans 2:13-15)

Third, God is just. He does not hold people responsible for the truth they do not have, as Romans 4:15; 5:13 says (Sin is not counted where there is no law). Acts 17:30 says that God overlooks times of ignorance.

Fourth, However, all ignorance is not necessarily innocent ignorance. Romans 1:18-20 shows that people can suppress the knowledge that they have. While God is understanding of someone who only had very little light, people are still condemned if they are in darkness because they themselves "blew out the candle".

Fifth, for people who reject the truth that they do have, God is not obligated to give them additional truth. (Romans 11:20; Matthew 13:14-15; 23:29) In fact, for those who reject

the way of truth, the less they know the better off they are. (2 Peter 2:20-22; John 15:22-24)