

To Die Without Hearing The Gospel is One Condemned?

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The Question was asked: HOW WILL GOD JUDGE THOSE WHO DID NOT HAVE A CHANCE TO HEAR THE GOSPEL AND HAD NO CHANCE TO ACCEPT JESUS, WILL THEY GO TO HEAVEN?

This is a very difficult question and is answered in different ways by those with different theological positions. Here is my answer.

I. The LORD GOD **chose HIS Family** before the foundation of the world and **wrote their names** in "**The Book of Life.**"

Ephesians 1:3-6 Blessed be the GOD and **FATHER** of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with **EVERY spiritual blessing** in the heavenlies in Christ, ⁴just as **HE CHOSE US in HIM BEFORE THE FOUNDATION OF THE WORLD.**

- The LORD GOD ALMIGHTY is first and foremost a **FATHER**. HE wanted and chose HIS CHILDREN. AND WROTE **ALL** THEIR NAMES IN HIS BOOK OF LIFE BEFORE THEY EVER WERE.

Philippians 4:3 . . . these women . . . together with Clement and the **rest of my fellow workers, whose NAMES ARE IN THE BOOK OF LIFE.**

To HIS Disciples HE said: **Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice that your NAMES ARE RECORDED IN HEAVEN.** Luke 10:20

If The LORD makes a decision to write something -> it will NEVER be CHANGED OR ERASED. It is THERE FOR an ETERNITY.

Isaiah 46:9-10 **I am GOD, and there is no one like ME, Declaring the end from the beginning. MY PURPOSE WILL BE ESTABLISHED.**

- HE had a beginning for You and the end is already determined.

Isaiah 55:11 **MY Word which goes forth from MY mouth; it will not return to ME empty, without ACCOMPLISHING WHAT I DESIRE, and without SUCCEEDING IN THE MATTER FOR WHICH I SENT IT.**

Revelation 3:5 He who **OVERCOMES** will thus be clothed in white garments; and **I WILL NOT erase his name from THE BOOK OF LIFE**, and **I will confess his name before My FATHER** and before HIS angels.

WHO is the one who overcomes . . . he who believes that JESUS is the SON of GOD. 1 John 5:5

1 John 5:4 **WHOEVER IS BORN OF GOD** (is HIS Child) **overcomes the world**; and this is the victory that has overcome the world — **our faith**.

- **OUR FAITH** is a Gift from GOD: 2 Peter 1:1 . . . to those who have **RECEIVED a FAITH** of the same kind as ours (Peter and the disciples).

So, **WHOEVER is BORN OF GOD overcomes the world** 1 John5:4 by the **FAITH** given to them (2Peter1:1) and their name **WILL NEVER BE ERASED from the BOOK OF LIFE** Rev.3:5

- **BORN OF GOD** Means our **NATURAL BIRTH** on this earth because **HE CHOSE US in Him before the foundation of the world** GUARANTEEING THAT WE WOULD BE BORN.
- **Born:** γεννάω (ghen-nah'-o) to procreate; to reproduce; to give birth to (Greek Dictionary) This same word is in each of the following verses:

John 1:13 **who were born** not of blood natural birth nor of the will of the flesh natural birth nor of the will of man natural birth **but of GOD** is also **natural birth** by true translation guidelines.

- In John 3:3 **the word "again" is literally** ἀνωθεν **"FROM ABOVE"** and **not** the word for **again** which is πάλιν so the verse reads: Unless one is born **from above** he cannot see the Kingdom of GOD
- 1 John 2:29; 5:1 & 18 are all referring to **first or NATURAL birth**. γεννάω (ghen-nah'-o) **NOT SPIRITUAL BIRTH**.

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- Those whose names **were not written** in **the book of life**
 - will worship "the beast" Rev.13:8; 17:8.
 - Will be "thrown into the lake of fire" Rev.20:15
 - The New Jerusalem: **no one . . . shall ever come into it, but only those whose names are WRITTEN IN THE LAMB'S BOOK OF LIFE.** Rev 21:27

II. Not only has The LORD **CHOSEN US** HE has also (Ephesians 1:5) **PREDESTINED US** to **Sonship**, to Maturity according to **HIS WILL**. And if The LORD has PREDESTINED, it is our ASSURED Destiny. The LORD GOD ALMIGHTY IS SOVEREIGN.

III. And to Redeem HIS Children and forgive their sin . . . JESUS CHRIST COMPLETELY SATISFIED the just demands of a Holy GOD for the judgment of sin by **HIS BLOOD** on the cross.

Hebrews 9:24-27 For CHRIST has not entered the holy places made with hands, which are copies of the true, but into heaven itself, **to appear in the presence of GOD for US** (those who are HIS. 2Tim.2:19) . . . but now, once at the end of the ages, **He has appeared to PUT AWAY SIN by the sacrifice of Himself.**

Hebrews 2:11-17 For both He who sanctifies and those who are sanctified are **ALL FROM ONE FATHER**; for which reason He is not ashamed to call them **brethren**, 12 saying, "I will proclaim Your Name to **MY brethren**, in the midst of the congregation . . . And again, "Behold, I and **the children whom GOD has given ME.**" Since the **children** (His children) share in flesh and blood, HE Himself likewise shared in the same, . . . ¹⁷ Therefore, in all things **HE had to be made like HIS brethren** (His brothers & sisters, declaring His children, His brothers & sisters, existed before they were born again) that HE might be a merciful and faithful High Priest in things pertaining to GOD, **to make propitiation** (sufficient sacrifice) for the sins of the people.

2 Corinthians 5:19 GOD was in CHRIST **RECONCILING THE WORLD** to Himself, **NOT COUNTING THEIR TRESPASSES AGAINST THEM**

- The **sin of all is forgiven** and offered to everyone. To **not believe** this is to **reject** the FREE GIFT of eternal life.
- The LORD knows those **who will believe** and HE knows those **who will not believe, NOT BORN FROM ABOVE.**

The LORD - knowing who are His -> who will believe -> or would believe if they had heard the gospel -> **The Blood of JESUS CHRIST HAS FORGIVEN their sin. THEY WILL BE IN HEAVEN.**

- IV. Having (1) written their names in The Book of Life and (2) sending His Son to redeem HIS children by HIS Blood, **The LORD GOD ALMIGHTY WILL NOT FAIL.**

The LORD GOD ALMIGHTY is SOVEREIGN. The Will of the LORD **will be accomplished** even if one or some, die before hearing the gospel.

2 Timothy 2:19 **Nevertheless, the firm foundation of GOD stands, having this seal, THE LORD KNOWS THOSE WHO ARE HIS**

Those **WHO ARE HIS** - whose names were written in the "Book Of Life"- who died without hearing the Gospel - they will hear and they will believe and be saved as the following verses reveal the extent The LORD will go to for HIS children.

1 Peter 3:18-19 **For CHRIST also died for sins once for all, the just for the unjust, so that He might bring us to GOD, having been put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit; ¹⁹ in which also He went and made proclamation to the spirits in prison**

1 Peter 4:6 **For the gospel has for this purpose been preached even to those who are dead, that though they are judged in the**

flesh as men, **they may live in the spirit according to the will of GOD.**

This assures me that **those that are HIS** who do not have the opportunity to hear the gospel, **will not be penalized** for what they had no control over. **This includes aborted children.**

AND LOOK AT THIS: The Apostle Paul declares that **ALL HAVE HEARD** and **KNOW** THERE IS A GOD OF CREATION

Romans 10:18 But I say, surely **they have never heard, have they? Indeed THEY HAVE;** THEIR **VOICE** HAS GONE OUT INTO ALL THE EARTH, AND THEIR **WORDS** TO THE ENDS OF THE WORLD. This quote is from Psalm 19:4

Psalm 19:1-4 **The heavens declare** the glory of God; **the skies proclaim** the work of his hands. 2 Day after day **they pour forth speech;** night after night they display **knowledge.** 3 **THERE IS NO SPEECH OR LANGUAGE WHERE THEIR VOICE IS NOT HEARD.** 4 **Their VOICE** goes out into **all the earth,** their **words** to the ends of the world.

Romans 1:20-21 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.** 21 For although **they KNEW GOD,** they neither glorified him as GOD nor gave thanks to HIM, but **their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened.**

- The Heavens declare and prove The Glory and Majesty of GOD. Every man knows, deep down, there is a Creator GOD but those who are not “born from above,” **their thinking and their hearts are darkened.**

John 1:9 declares that JESUS is: the TRUE LIGHT which, coming into the world, **ENLIGHTENS EVERY MAN.**

- Those whose natural birth are Born from Above, Chosen, predestined and **whose NAMES ARE IN THE BOOK OF LIFE**, believe in their heart and mind that there is a Creator GOD even though they may not have ever heard the gospel. And their sin HAS BEEN forgiven (2Cor.5:18-19 & 21) and therefore they are Justified (Rom.5:18 Col.2:13-14) and **have Eternal Life.**
- Those who **are not** Born of GOD, are **not** chosen, whose names are **not** in the Book of Life, even though they have been **ENLIGHTENED** they **ARE WITHOUT EXCUSE and their foolish hearts darkened**

John 3:19 This is the judgment, that the **Light has come into the world**, but **men loved darkness rather than the Light** for their deeds were evil. Why were their deeds evil? As JESUS said:

John 8:43-44 why do you not understand what I am saying? It is because (1.) you cannot hear My word. (2) You are **of** your father the devil, and (3) you want to do the desires **of your father.**

V. The Will of The LORD will be accomplished:

HE WILL NOT be disappointed, crying or wringing HIS hands because one of HIS children did not make it.

John 18:9 **to FULFILL THE WORD which HE spoke**, "Of those whom **YOU have given ME I LOST NOT ONE.**

Isaiah 14:24 The LORD of hosts **has sworn** saying, "Surely, **just as I have intended so it has happened**, and **just as I have planned so it will be.**

Isaiah 46:9-11 Remember the former things long past, for **I am GOD**, and there is no other; I am GOD, and there is no one like Me, ¹⁰ **Declaring the end from the beginning**, And from ancient times things which have not been done, Saying, **My purpose will be established**, and **I WILL accomplish all My good pleasure**; ¹¹... **Truly I have spoken; truly I will bring it to pass. I have planned it and I will do it.**

Isaiah 55:11 So will **MY Word** be which goes forth from MY mouth; **It will not return to Me empty, without accomplishing what I desire**, and **without succeeding in the matter for which I sent it.**

Psalms 33:11 **The counsel of the LORD stands forever**, the **plans** of His heart from generation to generation.

John 6:39 **This is THE WILL OF HIM** who sent Me, that **OF ALL THAT HE HAS GIVEN Me I LOSE NOTHING**, but raise it up on the last day.

Ephesians 1:11 also **we** (whom HE chose vs.4) **have obtained an inheritance**, having been **predestined** according to **HIS purpose** who **WORKS ALL THINGS AFTER THE COUNSEL OF HIS WILL**

Jude 24 Now to **HIM** who **IS ABLE** to **keep you** from stumbling, and **TO MAKE YOU STAND IN THE PRESENCE OF HIS GLORY BLAMELESS** with great joy, ²⁵ to the only GOD our SAVIOR, through JESUS CHRIST our LORD, be glory, majesty, dominion and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

If someone takes this teaching and says "well, *I can do whatever I want to do since my sin is forgiven and I will go to heaven.*"

Then there are two options:

1. He **is chosen** and **is** one of the LORD's children but he has **little or no understanding** of God's ways and what the LORD has done **for him**. Therefore **his love for the LORD is small**.

1 Corinthians 3:1-3 **BROTHERS**, I could not address you as spiritual but as worldly — mere **infants** in Christ. 2 I gave you milk, not solid food, for you were not yet ready for it. Indeed, you are still not ready. 3 You are still worldly. For since there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not worldly? Are you not acting like mere men?

And he does not realize that when **he sins** he opens a door and allows **satan to attack him** causing great anguish and misery.

BUT HE STILL HAS ETERNAL SALVATION because he is chosen, born from above, a child of GOD, Name in Book of Life, his sin is forgiven by The Blood (2Cor.5:19).

However, **He does not have day-by-day salvation** because his sin allows satan limited access to cause him problems.

John 5:14 Afterward JESUS found him in the temple and said to him, **Behold, you have become well; do not sin anymore, so that nothing worse happens to you.**

Ephesians 4:27 **and do not give the devil an opportunity.**

2. Or, he is **not chosen** and is not truly one of the LORD's children and therefore has **no love for JESUS** and therefore **no motivation** to live a life pleasing to the LORD. He may say "he believes" from his head, but **he does not believe with his heart**.

Romans 10:9-13 That if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and **BELIEVE IN YOUR HEART** that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For it is **WITH YOUR HEART THAT YOU BELIEVE** and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved. ¹¹As the Scripture says, "Anyone who trusts in him will never be put to shame." ¹²For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile — the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, ¹³for, **Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.**

John 14:23-24 Jesus answered and said to him, **If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word**; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our abode with him. ²⁴**He who does not love Me does not keep My words**; and the word which you hear is not Mine, but the Father's who sent Me.

Matthew 7:19-20 Every tree that **does not bear good fruit** is cut down and thrown into the fire. ²⁰So then, **you will know them by their fruits.**

Matthew 13:37-39 The one who sows the **good seed** is the **Son of Man**, ³⁸and the field is the world; and as for **the good seed, these are the sons of the kingdom**; and the **tares** are the **sons of the evil one**; ³⁹and the enemy who sowed them **is the devil**

¹ John 2:19 They **went out** from us, but **they were not really of us**; for if they had been **of us**, they would have **remained with us**; but they went out, so that it would be **shown** that **they all are not of us.**

2 Peter 2:1 . . . **false prophets** . . . and also **false teachers** even **denying the Master who bought them**, bringing swift destruction upon themselves.

- **Who bought them** refers to 2 Corinthians 5:19 **GOD reconciled the world to HIMSELF** not counting their trespasses against them. Their sin was forgiven, purchased by the **BLOOD of JESUS**. However
- They **WERE NOT The LORD's children** and therefore would never believe, because . . . John 8:44 **You are "of" your father the devil,** ⁴⁷**you are not "of" God.** **"of"** is the Greek word **ἐκ** meaning -> **out of as a source of origin**. Their origin was **"of"** their father the devil.

2 Thess 2:10 . . . for **those who perish, because they did not RECEIVE the love of the truth so as to be saved.** ¹³ But we should always give thanks to **GOD** for you, brethren beloved by the **LORD**, because **GOD has CHOSEN YOU FROM THE BEGINNING for salvation** through sanctification by the **SPIRIT** and faith in the Truth. ¹⁴ It was for this **HE** called you through our gospel, that you may **gain the glory of our LORD JESUS CHRIST.** ¹⁵ So then, brethren, stand firm and hold to the traditions which you were taught, whether by word of mouth or by letter from us.

Another strong verifying verse is Amos 9:9

Behold, I am commanding, and I will shake the house of Israel among all nations as grain is shaken in a sieve, **BUT NOT A KERNEL WILL FALL TO THE GROUND.**

Every sifting comes by divine command and permission. Satan had to ask before he could lay a finger upon Job 1:6-8 and on Peter. Luke 22:31

The text says, "I will sift or shake the house of Israel." This was because of their disobedience. Satan, may hold the sieve, hoping to destroy **the seed**; but the overruling hand of the Master will separate the precious from the vile. The husks and chaff being of no value must be blown away by the wind and only the **pure seed** remain.

We must recognize that this is the LORD's way to accomplish the purifying of the grain -> **HIS Seed**, by the very process which the enemy intended to be destructive. Gen. 50:20 Rom. 8:28

Be comforted by the blessed fact that the LORD directs both the shaking and sifting to SANCTIFY and PURIFY us to our eternal profit that we might bring Glory to HIS Name.

Observe the **complete safety** of the **LORD's Seed**; even the least grain HAS HIS PROMISE of preservation. GOD Himself sifts, and therefore it is from a Heart of LOVE and Concern for HIS FAMILY. And to prepare us for gathering **HIS SEED** that is among the nations and preparing a BRIDE for HIS SON.

Hebrews 12:5-12 **MY son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the LORD, nor faint when you are reprov'd by HIM; 6 for those whom THE LORD LOVES HE DISCIPLINES**, and he scourges every son whom HE receives. 7 It is for discipline that you **ENDURE**; GOD deals with you as with **sons** (mature) for what son is there whom his father does not discipline? 8 But if you are

without discipline, of which all have become partakers, **then you are ILLEGITIMATE children** and not sons. 9 Furthermore, we had earthly fathers to discipline us, and we respected them; shall we not much rather be subject to the FATHER of Spirits, and live? 10 For they disciplined us for a short time as seemed best to them, but HE disciplines us for our good, **so that we may share HIS holiness**. 11 All discipline for the moment seems not to be joyful, but sorrowful; yet **to those who have been trained by it**, afterwards it yields the **peaceful fruit of righteousness**.

Every individual believer is precious in the sight of the LORD, a shepherd would not lose one sheep, nor a jeweler one diamond, nor a mother one child, nor will the SOVEREIGN LORD GOD ALMIGHTY lose one of HIS Precious Redeemed CHILDREN. And I am Thoroughly Convinced . . . EVEN IF THEY HAVE NOT HEARD THE GOSPEL.

Now unto THE KING eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise GOD, be honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

1 Timothy 1:17

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Psalm 37:28 For the LORD loves justice and **DOES NOT FORSAKE HIS GODLY ONES; THEY ARE PRESERVED FOREVER**, but the descendants (literally: **seed**) of the wicked **will be cut off**.