

CROSSPOINTE MIDWEEK FELLOWSHIP
February 19, 2014
Tough Questions

QUESTION 1: WHAT HAPPENS TO THOSE WHO DIE AND HAVE NEVER HEARD THE GOSPEL?

I. What the Bible teaches about sin

- A) It is universal (Romans 3:23; Ephesians 2:1-3).
- B) The consequences of sin are death and eternal separation from God (Romans 6:23).
- C) Is all sin really that bad and worthy of God's judgment?

II. What the Bible teaches about salvation

- A) It only comes through faith in Christ (John 3, 14:6; Acts 4:12; Romans 5; 1 Timothy 2:5; Titus 3:4-7).
- B) How were people saved in the Old Testament before Christ (Romans 4:1-11; Hebrews 11:24-26)?

III. Three truths from Romans 1:18-25

- A) All people have knowledge of God.
- B) All people reject true knowledge of God.
- C) There are no _____ people in the world.

IV. Answer and Implications

- A) Acknowledging our bias
- B) Our witness and missions

QUESTION 2: DO PEOPLE WHO DIE AS INFANTS GO TO HEAVEN?

I. Historically unbiblical views

A) Universalism—infants saved because everyone is eventually saved

B) Baptismal Regeneration—baptized infants saved

C) Pelagianism—people not born sinful

II. Biblical hints about the salvation of infants

A) Israel on the edge of the Promised Land (Deuteronomy 1:35, 39)

B) David's expectation (2 Samuel 12:23)

C) Jesus' statements about children (Matthew 18:1-6, 19:13-15)

D) Paul's logic of accountability due to knowledge (Romans 1:20-21)
Does the Bible speak of an age of accountability?

E) Character of God throughout the Bible (Psalm 86:5; Psalm 145:8-9)

III. Answer and Implications

A) The Bible seems to suggest that infants are saved.

B) Parents and churches should be diligent to evangelize their children from the earliest age.