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Are Those Void of The Gospel Saved?

From time to time, we will hear a brother or a sister ask, “*what about someone who has never had the chance to hear the gospel? What about someone who is never even heard the name “Jesus”?*” *What about someone who has never had the opportunity to hear the Scripture? Will God condemn them to the Lake of fire?*”

The answer to this question can be complex. The answer to this question is found within the pages of our Scripture however, it is often times hidden from those who do not receive their understanding from the Ruach Hackodesh of the one true God of Abraham Isaac and Jacob.

Today’s modern-day version of Christianity and its denominationally challenged pastors, priests, bishops, and popes will often times wrongly teach that anyone who does not hear the gospel message of our Messiah will surely go straight to hell. But I would submit to you my friends, that this is 180° away from what our God breathed Scriptures actually say.

I once heard a Korean woman stand up in a Christian church, and ask this very same question. You could tell by the quivering in her voice, that she was almost afraid to ask this question. There is no doubt in my mind that she was thinking about a loved one in her family who had never heard the gospel message of our Messiah. And so, this very humble Korean sister asked the pastor, “*what happens to someone who does not ever get the opportunity to hear the gospel message when they die?*” Fortunately... the pastor responded properly, and he told her in a few short moments exactly what we’re about to study here today on our Father’s seventh day Sabbath.

Many people will ask “*how could a loving God who loves his creation, condemn someone who never had the opportunity to hear the gospel message?*” The answer to that question is again found within our God breathed Scriptures. The problem is, that most modern-day professing Christians don’t read their Scriptures. Most modern-day professing Christians are nothing but pew warmers. They sit in what they think is a church... listening to some man that they hardly know... preach out of the back of the book... while programming them not to read the first half of the book... because it’s all been done away with. At least almost all of it has been done away with. The only thing that you have to worry about in the beginning of the book, is the Levitical law of tithing. That... you must obey.

Is our God a loving God? Let me ask you this... have you... or anyone you have ever known throughout your lifetime... ever done this... John 3:16:

Joh 3:16 “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

For a believer to even ask such a question is borderline blasphemous on its face. Is our God a loving God? That is a question that should never leave the lips of a true Christian. So how then, can we believe that our Father in Heaven would condemn the ignorant? This is the question that we should be asking.

And we must also understand that there are different levels of ignorance. There are those who are ignorant because they have never heard... and then there are those who are willfully ignorant who have heard and blatantly chose to be ignorant... There is a difference, and we'll get into that as we move forward. But what we need to understand is that there is such a thing as willful ignorance that indeed will not be tolerated by either our Father in Heaven nor his only begotten Son, but there is an ignorance that will be winked at according to our God breathed Scriptures.

Should we fear God? The answer to that question is a resounding “yes”! The Scripture is very clear, that the fear of God is the beginning of knowledge, but we need not fear whether or not our Elohim is a just Elohim. With that being said... we must always remember that God is God... and we are not. There may be many of our friends and neighbors that we think are good enough to enter into his kingdom, who won't make it into his kingdom. There are many of our relatives... sons, daughters, and uncles, grandparents, nephews and nieces... who will not make it into his coming kingdom. Again we should be clear... God is God... and we are not.

Before we get started into our study today I would like us to all understand that we have all been chosen. Believe it or not each one of us has been predestined according to the Scripture, and I would like us to see that and to explain this concept a little bit farther in detail before we get into the meat and potatoes of our chosen topic here today. Colossians 3:12-15:

WE ARE CHOSEN:

Col 3:12 Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience,

Col 3:13 bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.

Col 3:14 And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.

Col 3:15 And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful.

Colossians chapter 3 verse 12 tells us that we are Gods “chosen ones”. This is important for us to understand. Not one of our brothers and sisters has the ability to force their way to the front

of the line. Not one of our brothers and sisters has the ability to say “*I am chosen*”. We are not the ones who do the choosing. It will indeed be the only begotten son of God who will do the choosing, not us. Let’s continue on with Ephesians 1:3-6:

Eph 1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places,

Eph 1:4 even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love

Eph 1:5 he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will,

Eph 1:6 to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved.

So, what does this mean exactly? Does this mean that you and I existed before the foundation of the world? Does it mean that we are preexistent? Does it mean that each one of us individually was predestined for adoption before the foundations of the world?

What we must first understand is that we are never told anywhere in the Scripture that any of us were preexistent. What Paul is telling the church at Ephesus is that, before the foundation of the world... it was God’s plan (God’s logos) that all who picked up their crosses and follow after his only begotten son would be chosen. Paul is not trying to tell the church at Ephesus that we were all preexistent, or that we all existed before the foundation of the world. Paul was simply telling the church at Ephesus that it was God’s plan to only save those who would truly love him. Anyone who freely chose to follow him of his own accord would indeed be saved. But before someone can be saved, they must fully understand the biblical definition of the love of God First John 5:3:

1Jn 5:2 By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments.

1Jn 5:3 For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome.

It’s important as Christians that we understand the biblical definition of the love of God if we are going to even attempt to understand how someone who has never heard the gospel message can possibly be able to be saved. Let’s continue with Ephesians 1:7-14:

Eph 1:7 In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace,

Eph 1:8 which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight

Eph 1:9 making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ

Eph 1:10 as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

Eph 1:11 In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will,

Eph 1:12 so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory.

Eph 1:13 In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit,

Eph 1:14 who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

I want us to understand how it is that we are sealed. According to a Ephesians chapter 1 verse 13 we are sealed by the Ruach Hackodesh of God. Now with that understanding... we must then ask ourselves, when does one receive the Ruach Hackodesh God? According to Ephesians chapter 1 verse 13... we are sealed with his Ruach Hackodesh when we hear the word of truth, the gospel of our salvation, and when we believe in him. And so, the question then begs... can someone believe in him without knowing who he is? Is it possible for someone to believe in the only begotten son of God without knowing who he is?

We're going to answer this question found in Romans chapter 2:1-29:

Rom 2:1 Therefore you have no excuse, O man, every one of you who judges. For in passing judgment on another you condemn yourself, because you, the judge, practice the very same things.

I want to stop right here for just a moment because there are a lot of misunderstood preconceptions concerning this particular Scripture. Many of our modern day professing Christian brothers and sisters will proudly proclaim that we are not to judge, however... this is not at all what the Scripture is telling us. What we're being told here is that we should not judge someone, when we ourselves are guilty of the same thing. And so, want to be clear about this before we move forward into Romans 2:2-4:

Rom 2:2 We know that the judgment of God rightly falls on those who practice such things.

Rom 2:3 Do you suppose, O man—you who judge those who practice such things and yet do them yourself—that you will escape the judgment of God?

Rom 2:4 Or do you presume on the riches of his kindness and forbearance and patience, not knowing that God's kindness is meant to lead you to repentance?

I want us to notice here, in verse four... that it is God's "kindness"... that is meant to

lead us to repentance. And I want us to keep that in mind as we move forward. Romans 2:5-6:

Rom 2:5 But because of your **hard and impenitent heart** you are storing up wrath for yourself on the day of wrath when God's righteous judgment will be revealed.

Rom 2:6 He will render to each one **according to his works**:

Woe! Hit the skids! Drop the anchors! He will render to each one according to what? "According to his works"? That can't be right can it? "He will render to each one according to his works?". I thought works were dead? Obviously not, according to the Scripture. And knowing and understanding this will help us to understand the very topic of today's study. Let's move forward. Romans 2:7-11:

Rom 2:7 to **those who by patience in well-doing seek for glory and honor and immortality, he will give eternal life**;

Rom 2:8 but **for those who are self-seeking and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, there will be wrath and fury.**

Rom 2:9 **There will be tribulation and distress for every human being who does evil, the Jew first and also the Greek,**

Rom 2:10 but **glory and honor and peace for everyone who does good, the Jew first and also the Greek.**

Rom 2:11 For God shows no partiality.

Now I want us to understand what the Scripture is telling us. Paul is speaking to an audience of both Jew and Gentile. When Paul says "*the Jew first and also the Greek*", he's talking about the Jew and the Gentile. The "*Greek*" is the Gentile. They are not Jews, and they are not circumcised, and they do not have the law. Only the Jews have the law, and only the Jews are circumcised. And I want us to keep that in mind as we move forward in Romans 2:12-13:

Rom 2:12 **For all who have sinned without the law will also perish without the law, and all who have sinned under the law will be judged by the law.**

Rom 2:13 **For it is not the hearers of the law who are righteous before God, but the doers of the law who will be justified.**

Once again it is very important that we pay attention to what the apostle Paul is telling us in the Scripture. The apostle Paul himself tells us and I quote, "*for it is not the hearers of the law who are righteous before God, but the doers of the law who will be justified.*" And I hope that's clear to everyone. It will not be the hearers of the law who

will be found righteous before God, but only the doers of the law will be justified in the eyes of God.

Now I know and I understand that this is a far cry from what today's modern-day version of Christianity teaches. I am well aware of the snare that has been set by our adversary and the many wolves in sheep's clothing that are now standing behind today's modern-day pulpits, who proudly proclaim that the law of God has all been conveniently nailed to some tree somewhere. But I would submit to you my friends that nothing could be farther from the truth according to what we find in our God breathed Scriptures if we would just take the time to sit down and study our God breathed Scriptures.

In order to understand how someone who has never heard the gospel message can possibly be saved... we must first understand the importance of God's law and how it applies to his children. Many will wrongly proclaim that the apostle Paul preached against God's law. And many will wrongly proclaim that Paul taught us that we don't have to be bothered with our Father's law because his only begotten Son did away with it. But the truth is my friends... even our own Messiah in his red letter words tells us in Matthew 5:17-20, that not the crossing of a T, or the dotting of an I, will pass from his Father's law until heaven and earth pass away and all things are accomplished. And we all know that heaven and earth does not pass away, and all things are not accomplished, until clear at the end of the book in Revelation chapter 21 versus one through six. And for those of us who study the word of God, we already know that the apostle Paul never taught against the law of God. And I know that many of our congregation are familiar with this next slide, but I would like to present it again just for the benefit of anyone new who might be listening. This my friends, is what the apostle Paul taught concerning the law of God.

Rom 2:13 For it is not the hearers of the law who are righteous before God, **but the doers of the law who will be justified.**

Rom 3:31 Do we then overthrow the law by this faith? By no means! On the contrary, **we uphold the law.**

Rom 6:1 What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound?

Rom 6:2 **By no means!** How can we who died to sin still live in it?

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Rom 7:12 So **the law is holy**, and the commandment is holy and righteous and good.

Rom 8:7 For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, **for it does not submit to God's law;** indeed, it cannot.

Rom 8:8 Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

Rom 8:2 For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from **the law of sin and death.**

And I mention this because this is tectonically important for us to understand as we move forward in this study. Because if we don't understand these things, we will never even begin to understand how it is that someone who has not heard the gospel message could possibly be saved according to the Scripture. Let's continue with Romans 2:14-16:

Rom 2:14 For when Gentiles, who do not have the law, by nature do what the law requires, they are a law to themselves, even though they do not have the law.

Rom 2:15 They show that the work of the law is written on their hearts, while their conscience also bears witness, and their conflicting thoughts accuse or even excuse them

Rom 2:16 on that day when, according to my gospel, God judges the secrets of men by Christ Jesus.

Now I want us to slow down here for just a moment and understand what the apostle Paul is trying to tell this audience of both Jew and Gentile that he has sitting in front of him. What Paul is saying here in verses 14 through 16 is that these Gentiles who do not have the law... in other words... they've never heard the law... when these Gentiles who have never heard the law... by nature do what the law requires, they are a law to themselves, even though they do not have the law. This is massively important for us to understand. There are Gentiles out there in the world even to this very day who do not have the law. In other words, they have never heard the law, or the gospel (which includes the law by the way). And yet Paul says, they are a law unto themselves, and as we see in verse 15 Paul says that "they show that the work of the law is

written on their hearts.” Once again this is massively important for us to understand.

These Gentiles who have never heard the law or the gospel before show that they have the work of the law written in their hearts. Let’s turn very quickly to Hebrews 10:15-17:

Heb 10:15 And the Holy Spirit also bears witness to us; for after saying,

Heb 10:16 “This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my laws on their hearts, and write them on their minds,”

Heb 10:17 then he adds, “I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.”

Notice that Paul tells us in Hebrews chapter 10 verse 16 that our father will put his laws on our hearts and write them in our minds... and then... after he has put his laws in our hearts and written them in our minds... he will remember our sins and our lawless deeds no more.

According to Romans chapter 2 verse 15, these Gentiles who do not have the law show that the work of the law is written on their hearts. And so, it should be understood, that according to the Scripture, because his law is written in their hearts... he will remember their sins in their lawless deeds no more. Now once again my friends I want to make this clear. This is not according to any denominationally challenged early church father, nor is it according to any Bible commentator, nor is it according to any pastor, priest, Bishop, or Pope. But this is according to our God breathed Scripture. These Gentiles who do not have the law, and yet by nature do with the law requires, show that they have the work of the law written on their hearts. This my friends, always has been the main focus of our Father in Heaven’s ultimate plan from the very beginning. Lets turn to Jeremiah 31:33:

Jer 31:33 For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

Let’s make no mistake about it my friends, this is why our Father in Heaven sent his only begotten son. This is the very reason why our Father in Heaven made his word flesh. This is the very reason why our Messiah went to the cross. This is the very reason why we needed an innocent sacrifice to atone for our sins. All of this took place so that our Father could finally put his law within us and write it on our hearts and within our minds. So that we would finally understand the biblical definition of the love of God found in first John 5:3... For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments, and his commandments are not burdensome.

If these Gentiles who did not have the law, and yet have the law written in their

hearts... how then, could they possibly be rejected by our Father in Heaven, whose ultimate goal was to do just that? Can someone without the law, and without the gospel come through Yeshua? Once again, we must ask ourselves who is Yeshua? Is he not the law made flesh? If the law is written on their hearts, do they not have the son?

The next part of the speech that we see Paul giving to the church of Rome is directed towards the Jews. Let's hear the rest of what Paul has to say to the Jewish portion of his audience. Romans 2:17-24:

Rom 2:17 But if you call yourself a Jew and rely on the law and boast in God

Rom 2:18 and know his will and approve what is excellent, because you are instructed from the law;

Rom 2:19 and if you are sure that you yourself are a guide to the blind, a light to those who are in darkness,

Rom 2:20 an instructor of the foolish, a teacher of children, having in the law the embodiment of knowledge and truth—

Rom 2:21 you then who teach others, do you not teach yourself? While you preach against stealing, do you steal?

Rom 2:22 You who say that one must not commit adultery, do you commit adultery? You who abhor idols, do you rob temples?

Rom 2:23 You who boast in the law dishonor God by breaking the law.

Rom 2:24 For, as it is written, "The name of God is blasphemed among the Gentiles because of you."

And so here we have Paul now chastising the Pharisees and the upper echelons of the Jewish people who believe themselves to be teachers of the Jews. And Paul is warning them that they're basically heaping coals over their own heads by teaching and preaching not to do things that they themselves are doing. These very Jews are preaching the letter of the law, and yet they themselves are not obeying the law. So at this point in time Paul moves on to the topic of circumcision to try and help them understand how the law works. Let's continue in Romans 2:25-29:

Rom 2:25 For circumcision indeed is of value if you obey the law, but if you break the law, your circumcision becomes uncircumcision.

Rom 2:26 So, if a man who is uncircumcised keeps the precepts of the law, will not his uncircumcision be regarded as circumcision?

Now again, it's important to understand that Paul was talking about an uncircumcised man who does not have the law. He doesn't know anything about circumcision. Let's

continue.

Rom 2:27 Then he who is physically uncircumcised but keeps the law will condemn you who have the written code and circumcision but break the law.

Rom 2:28 For no one is a Jew who is merely one outwardly, nor is circumcision outward and physical.

Rom 2:29 But a Jew is one inwardly, and circumcision is a matter of the heart, by the Spirit, not by the letter. His praise is not from man but from God.

Now, I cannot tell you how many modern-day professing Christians and their denominationally challenged charters have completely bent, twisted, and distorted these last few Scriptures found in Romans chapter 2. So, I want to be very clear about exactly what it is that the apostle Paul is trying to convey in the Scriptures.

In verse 25 Paul is telling the Jews that circumcision is only of value if you keep the law. But if you break the law your circumcision becomes un-circumcision. In other words, you might as well not even be circumcised if you're not going to keep the law. Is it important to keep the law? You bet it's important to keep the law. Paul just got done telling them that these Gentiles who don't even have the law, who have never even heard the law, who have never even seen the law, have the law are written on their hearts... Why? Because they were keeping the precepts of the law. They were loving their brothers, they were kind, and patient, and giving, they truly cared about people, they are not covetous, they are not boasters, they are not slanderous, they are not gossipers, they were doing the law without ever even seeing it. They may not have known who the one true God of Abraham Isaac and Jacob even was... but they knew the difference between right and wrong. They knew the difference between good and evil, and they chose good.

So, Paul asks that all-important question in verse 26, *“so if a man who is uncircumcised keeps the precepts of the law, will not his own circumcision be regarded as circumcision?”* In other words, this Gentile is keeping the moral part of the law that you Pharisees and Jews have been neglecting! So what Paul is doing here is he is grabbing the Jews and the Pharisees from off of their high Hills and their pedestals... and he's yanking them down to earth so that they can understand that they are no better than their Gentile brethren. The Jews and the Pharisees naturally thought that they were above and beyond these new Gentile converts because they had the law, and they were circumcised according to the law, but the apostle Paul has a rude awakening for them. Now before we go any farther important that we clearly understand that the apostle Paul was not telling anyone not to be circumcised... he was simply telling them that the Gentiles had a better understanding of the law than the Jews did, even though the Jews had the written law or right in front of them.

In verse 26 Paul asks that all-important question *“so, if a man who is uncircumcised keeps the precepts of the law, will not his own circumcision be regarded as circumcision?”* The answer to

that question is yes! How could that be? Circumcision is a part of the law is it not? Yes it is, but the Gentile did not have the law to know that. The new converted Gentile has no idea what circumcision even is or why it's command because he did not have the written code of the law, but... because this Gentile had kept the moral part of the law that most concerned our Father in Heaven... and did not know what circumcision was... his own un-circumcision, has become circumcision.

Now I want to be clear here, Paul is not teaching the Gentile not to be circumcised. This has nothing to do with whether you should or should not be circumcised as a Gentile. This has everything to do with the dissension that was going on between the Jew and the Gentile. And just to make this clear I want us to understand that Paul was chastised by James the brother of our Messiah, and the Jerusalem Council for not being more clear about this teaching. Let's turn to acts 21:18-24:

Act 21:18 On the following day Paul went in with us to James, and all the elders were present.

Act 21:19 After greeting them, he related one by one the things that God had done among the Gentiles through his ministry.

Act 21:20 And when they heard it, they glorified God. And they said to him, "You see, brother, how many thousands there are among the Jews of those who have believed. They are all zealous for the law,

Act 21:21 and they have been told about you that you teach all the Jews who are among the Gentiles to forsake Moses, telling them not to circumcise their children or walk according to our customs.

Act 21:22 What then is to be done? They will certainly hear that you have come.

Act 21:23 Do therefore what we tell you. We have four men who are under a vow;

Act 21:24 take these men and purify yourself along with them and pay their expenses, so that they may shave their heads. Thus all will know that there is nothing in what they have been told about you, but that you yourself also live in observance of the law.

Clearly James and the elders were worried about the Jews in Jerusalem who were told that Paul was teaching the Jews to for sake Moses, telling them not to circumcise their children or walk according to their customs. So, James and the elders put this plan together for Paul to take these four men to the temple and the pay for their expenses so that everyone would know and I quote, "all will know that there is nothing in what they have been told about you Paul, but that you yourself Paul, also live in observance of the law."

According to James and the elders at Jerusalem... Paul always kept the law.

And so, Paul got in a little trouble for not being more clear about his teachings. Now before we get off this topic of circumcision, I want us to understand that many people have been wrongly taught that the apostle James who was the brother of our Messiah removed circumcision from the law for the Gentile in acts chapter 15. But I would submit to you my friends that this once again is nothing but a demonically charged deception. The judgment that James made in acts

chapter 15 was to tell the new Gentile converts to do four things that were already written in the law. What were those four things that were already written in the law? To abstain from things polluted by idols, to abstain from sexual immorality, to abstain from things that are strangled, and to abstain from blood. All four of these things come directly from the law. And I want us to turn to acts 15:19-21:

Act 15:19 Therefore my judgment is that we should not trouble those of the Gentiles who turn to God,

Act 15:20 but should write to them to abstain from the things polluted by idols, and from sexual immorality, and from what has been strangled, and from blood.

Act 15:21 For from ancient generations Moses has had in every city those who proclaim him, for he is read every Sabbath in the synagogues.”

So, James gives them these 4 easy commandments to do that come directly from the law, and what does he say about circumcision? Does he say that they don't have to be circumcised? No! Nowhere in all of acts 15 or anywhere else in the New Testament are Gentiles told not to be circumcised. All we have to do is read verse 21:

Act 15:21 For from ancient generations Moses has had in every city those who proclaim him, for he is read every Sabbath in the synagogues.”

James knew that no man was going to come into the faith and immediately be forced to be circumcised by the Pharisees. James knew that no one could be forced to be circumcised anymore than anyone can be forced to be baptized. The Pharisees were trying to force the new converts to be circumcised, telling them that they were not saved until they were circumcised. And James knew that this was not true. You are under God's grace the minute that you believe. But once a new convert does believe... a new convert must learn what it is that God expects from him and why. Once they learn what God expects from them and why... James knew that they would be moved to be both, circumcised and baptized. Both of these requirements are required for the body of the Messiah. This is why James said “let's get these new converts to do these 4 easy things from the law, because we know that from ancient generations Moses has had in every city those who proclaim him for he has read every Sabbath in the synagogue”. In other words when they hear the law read by Moses, they will then understand the importance of circumcision and then will then be moved by their hearts to be circumcised.

Though many people will ask, where did our Messiah ever command us to keep the Torah? And my reply once again is go read your Bible! But for those who have not read their Bible, let's turn to Matthew chapter 23:1-3:

Mat 23:1 Then Jesus said to the crowds and to his disciples,

Mat 23:2 “The scribes and the Pharisees sit on Moses' seat,

Mat 23:3 so do and observe whatever they tell you, but not the works they do. For they preach, but do not practice.

Once again, we come to the importance of the seat of Moses, also known as the “*bema seat*”. While the scribes and Pharisees sat on Moses seat (also known as the *bema seat*), they could only recite from the Torah (the law). They could not expound upon it, they could not explain it, they could only recite word for word, from the Torah (also known as the law). They did not have a New Testament to read from. The New Testament was not written until 90 years after the death burial and resurrection of our Messiah. The only Scriptures they had to read from was the Torah (also known as the law, also known as the word of God). And what does our Messiah say in the very next sentence found in verse three?:

Mat 23:3 *so do and observe whatever they tell you, but not the works they do. For they preach, but do not practice.*

“*So, do and observe whatever they tell you,*” says our Messiah! What were they telling them? They were telling them the Torah, the law, the word of God. “*Do and observe whatever they tell you*”. Who was Messiah talking to? Was it just the Jews? Verse one:

Mat 23:1 *Then Jesus said to the crowds and to his disciples,*

This my friends is a direct commandment from our Messiah to do and observe his Father’s Torah. Once again my friends, our Messiah did not come to abolish the law or the prophets he came to do them, and not the crossing of a “T” or the dotting of an “I” will pass away from the law until heaven and earth pass away and all things are accomplished in Revelation chapter 21 clear at the end of the book, clear at the end of time as we now know it. Now before we close out this particular study I just want to be absolutely clear. Many people get stuck on Scriptures like John 14:6:

Joh 14:6 *Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.*

Yes this is true... but we must understand who Yeshua is. How do we come through him?

What is “Jesus”? Answer: “The word made flesh” John 1:14:

Joh 1:14 *And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.*

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Rom 2:15 They show that the work of the law is written on their hearts, while their conscience also bears witness, and their conflicting thoughts accuse or even excuse them

Rom 2:16 on that day when, according to my gospel, God judges the secrets of men by Christ Jesus.

If indeed they are doing the righteousness of the law... then they are indeed coming through the Messiah who is the word made flesh (also known as, the law made flesh) . Are they being baptized? Are they being circumcised? Are they keeping the feast days? No... they are not... because they do not have the law. And because they do not have the law... God winks in the eye of ignorance.

Act 17:30 The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent,

Act 17:31 because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

So, if during times of ignorance... God winked in the eye of ignorance... and he overlooked those who were ignorant and did not have the law... how can we think for even one moment that he would not wink in the eye of ignorance for one person, and not wink in the eye of ignorance for another person?

And yes it does say “*but now he commands all people everywhere to repent*”... however... if we read the rest of the text, he clearly tells us that he has “*fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed*”. If a Gentile... who does not have the law... and has never heard the gospel of the Messiah... “*By nature, does what the law requires, they are a law unto themselves, even though they do not have the law*”. Says the apostle Paul. They are doing the spiritual things of the law and keeping the moral part of the law, but they are not doing the civil parts of the law because they have never been told to do the civil parts of the law. So, in other words being baptized, and being circumcised, and wearing blue cords from the corners of their hips, and keeping the feast days, are not being done by these Gentiles who do not have the law, because they’ve never been told to do these things, however... they indeed are keeping the moral law...(Also known as the word of God). And God will indeed wink in the eye of ignorance concerning the civil parts of the law that have never been put into their hearing.

Now with all that being said, we must also understand that once someone has indeed heard the law... and once someone has heard the gospel of our Messiah and his coming kingdom... they will be held responsible for keeping his commandments.

Rom 2:6 He will render to each one according to his works:

Rom 2:13 *For it is not the hearers of the law who are righteous before God, but the doers of the law who will be justified.*

Once we hear the word of God, and we hear the gospel of his only begotten son, we cannot reject it and walk away from it. Because if we do, and we return like a dog to our vomit or a pig to its mire... We will indeed be lost forever.

Heb 10:26 *For if we go on sinning deliberately after receiving the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins,*

Heb 10:27 *but a fearful expectation of judgment, and a fury of fire that will consume the adversaries.*

Heb 10:28 *Anyone who has set aside the law of Moses dies without mercy on the evidence of two or three witnesses.*

Heb 10:29 *How much worse punishment, do you think, will be deserved by the one who has trampled underfoot the Son of God, and has profaned the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified, and has outraged the Spirit of grace?*

Heb 10:30 *For we know him who said, "Vengeance is mine; I will repay." And again, "The Lord will judge his people."*

Heb 10:31 *It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.*

Now before I let you go I just want to put this in your hearing because I know that there will be those who will fight against this biblical teaching. There are many prestigious Bible commentators and so-called "early church fathers" who will say "*well then it's better not to even teach the Gentiles the gospel message, because they would be better off not knowing the gospel message*". Where I come from my friends this is called "stupid on a stick". How could anyone be better off not knowing the truth? How could anyone be better off not having the assurance? How could anyone be better off not being encouraged by what the only begotten son of God has done for us? Just as James tells us in Acts chapter 15... "*Let's give them 4 easy commandments to do right now and then... they will hear the truth of our Father's word being preached every seventh day Sabbath by those of us who love him, understand him, know him, and worship him.*" Once they hear the rest of the story... there should be no doubt in our minds that they will indeed do... the rest of the story, just like the new Gentile converts did back in the days of the apostle Paul.

So, if you are from North Korea, or China, or from Africa, or from anywhere around the world, and you have relatives that have never had the opportunity to hear the gospel of our Messiah... know this day... that the God we serve is indeed an awesome God. And the God we serve who is the one true God of Abraham Isaac and Jacob, and his only begotten son, who is Yeshua, Hamashiach will not leave your loved ones behind if they have qualified in kindness, and in love, and in stewardship. The God of Abraham Isaac and Jacob is indeed a loving God. He is a

kind God, and is patient with everyone, and it is not his will that even one should perish, but that all should come to repentance. And I daresay... that his overreaching plan is far bigger than any one of us can fully understand. Let not your hearts be troubled, for the day of his return is closer now, than when we first believed.

Mat 24:14 And this gospel of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.