

And in Romans 2:14-15 he says:

(Indeed, when Gentiles, who do not have the law, do by nature things required by the law, they are a law for themselves, even though they do not have the law, since they show that the requirements of the law are written on their hearts, their consciences also bearing witness, and their thoughts now accusing, now even defending them.)

The problem with those who have never been exposed to the law of God or to the gospel is not that they do not have truth about God; the problem is that they suppress the truth by their wickedness, distort it, pervert it, and exchange it for a lie! Thus the light they have does not benefit them.

Second, the Bible clearly teaches the reality of endless punishment in the lake of fire and sulfur. Three key texts may be mentioned:

In Matthew 25:41 and 46 we read: "Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and angels. . . . Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life."

In Revelation 14:9-11 we read:

A third angel followed them and said in a loud voice: "If anyone worships the beast and his image and receives his mark on the forehead or on the hand, he, too, will drink of the wine of God's fury, which has been poured full strength into the cup of his wrath. He will be tormented with burning sulfur in the presence of the holy angels and of the Lamb. And the smoke of their torment rises for ever and ever. There is no rest day or night for those who worship the beast and his image, or for anyone who receives the mark of his name.

And in Revelation 20:10 and 13-15 John writes:

And the devil, who deceived them, was thrown into the lake of burning sulfur, where the beast and the false prophet had been thrown. They will be tormented day and night for ever and ever. . . . The sea gave up the dead that were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead that were in them, and each person was judged according to what he had done. Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. The lake of fire is the second death. If anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.