

Whaddya Mean She's Not a Christian?

"The Life of Paul" episode 19

Acts 16:11-15

"The sprawl of the shopping mall helps to explain our oneness with God and with each other....Acquire in any religion a spiritual thought to take home, and you are as one with God as Abraham or Jesus or Buddha or Mohammed or Vishnu or White Eagle or the Baab ever was.... ' Be at peace with God, however you conceive God to be.'" *Interfaith of Topeka Newsletter, Fall 2001*

Christianity's most outrageous claim? That Jesus is the only way to heaven. "What about those who've never heard?" "What about the sincere Hindu or Muslim?" "Hey, Lydia is a spiritual person; whaddya mean she's not a Christian?"

1. B in God doesn't get your sins forgiven.

📖 General revelation isn't enough. Romans 1:18-20

☞ *universalism: all will be saved, through Jesus Christ or not.*

2. W God doesn't get your sins forgiven.

📖 General revelation plus spirituality isn't enough. Romans 2:1-3:20

☞ *inclusivism: all who are saved are saved through Jesus Christ, but conscious faith in JC is not required for salvation.*

3. Believing in gets your sins forgiven.

📖 Special revelation is needed. Romans 3:21-24 10:13-15

☞ *exclusivism: all who are saved are saved through conscious faith in JC.*

† One _____. John 14:6

† One _____. Acts 4:12

† One _____. 1 Timothy 2:5

Westminster Confession of Faith (10:4): "[Those] not professing the Christian religion [cannot] be saved in any other way whatsoever, be they never so diligent to frame their lives according to the light of nature, and the laws of that religion they do profess. And, to assert and maintain that they may, is very pernicious, and to be detested."