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says, "thou art inexcusable, thou who judgest. You talk about," Paul says, "about wonderful ethics, but you don't live up to your ethics. You deserve punishment." The Romans aren't condemned because they didn't go over to Jerusalem and inquire about Christ and find out about Him and be accepted through Him. They are condemned because they have lived wicked lives and they deserve condemnation, And then the salvation through Christ is a taking out from the mass of fallen/wicked/humanity individuals those/who are saved through Christ, and of course you might say a person who hears the gospel of Christ specifically and clearly presented some time and definitely rejects it increases his punishment by his definite rejection but certainly millions and millions on the earth never hear it in that form, and yet there is nothing unjust about punishing those millions because they are treated according to their works. Mr. Toms? (Student) We couldn't say about that but Revelation 20:15 doesn't say whoever was found written in the book of life was given eternal life. There is nothing said of anybody being saved in 15. All it talks about is that whoever was not found was cast into the lake of fire. (Student) No, it doesn't. It doesn't say one way or the other. It seems to me that it is rather basic in most theological systems that the saved are saved because they have believed on Christ. The lost are lost because they have sinned, not that the lost are lost because they haven't accepted but lost because of their wicked deeds on this earth and they are judged according to their works and we also are judged according to our works but our works were judged in Christ on Calvary and therefore we do not come into the judgment in which we would be condemned. I hadn't thought that rejection of Christ was the cause of the people being thrown into hell. Now of course an individual who has had numerous opportunities to accept Christ has, you might say, deepened his guilt but the man who has never had an opportunity can't say,