

# WHAT IS UNIVERSALISM?

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... belief that everyone will be saved, regardless of whether they are good or bad, repentant or unrepentant, accepting or rejecting Jesus, and, consequently, there is no such thing as hell.

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# Reasoning to justify universalism

- God is love – hell & eternal punishment is inconsistent with a loving God.
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# TYPICAL CHRISTIAN VIEW

- It is a heresy  
(an opinion or doctrine contrary to the orthodox tenet of a religious body or church)
- Is a desire for all to be saved a heresy?

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- **1 Peter 3:9** The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.
- **John 3:17** For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

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- **2 Cor 5:19** that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. **20** We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: **Be reconciled to God.**

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- Christ's work on the cross is universal / cosmic.
- All are included and belong to Christ – but not all are in communion with Him.
- No one is left out of God's grace & love.
- Human freedom is not violated.
- The Bible does not confirm all will accept God's reconciling grace.

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- Universalism is a biblically unsound doctrine, which says that in the end all souls, whether human, angelic or demonic, will be saved by God's grace. Some Universalists argue that repentance toward God and faith in Jesus Christ are irrelevant. Universalists typically deny the doctrine of the Trinity, and many Universalists are Unitarians. Contrary to universalism, the Bible teaches that there is salvation only in Jesus Christ ([Acts 4:12](#)).

## WHAT IS THE GCI POSITION? (Cont ...)

- In Jesus Christ, who is God's elect for our sakes, all humanity is elect, but that does not necessarily mean that all humans will ultimately accept God's free gift. God desires that all come to repentance, and he has created and redeemed humanity for true fellowship with him, but true fellowship can never constitute a forced relationship. We believe that in Christ, God makes gracious and just provision for all, even for those who at death appear not to have yet believed the gospel, but all who remain hostile to God remain unsaved by their own choice.

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