

The Three Eternal Destinies #98 *People of the Nations*

The people of the nations, if they are not included in God's forgiven people, are included in the death of Adam (Gen 2:17; Heb 9:27). In these last days — in this present evil age — they would be included in the wrath to come (2 Ths 1:8-9). Mt 6:31-32 shows plainly how people live who do not personally know God in Messiah. Mt 6:33 shows how people live who *do* know Him and who are *in* Messiah.

As far as the Christians are concerned, what more do they do than the others in the world (Mt 5:47)? 1 Cor 12:2 says, *You know that when you were pagans, you were led astray to the dumb idols, however you were led.* They go to rock concerts and whatever else one might feel like doing, led by spirits of the world. Gal 2:15 distinguishes Jew from Gentile, as does Rom 2:1-16 (Rom 2:17-29; Eph 4:17-19).

The nations did not have the laws of Moses as a *light*, but they had the natural law in their heart (Rom 2:12-16). Their own conscience told them that the things in Rev 21:8 were wrong, and what things were right. They knew "good from evil" and by this knowledge they will be judged (Rom 2:16). Rev 20:12 — Whoever chose the right and did not do wrong or evil was found in this Book of Life, but a Jew who was worse than they were, or a Christian who was even worse, would be cast into the Second Death, the Lake of Fire, men like Calvin and Augustine.