

# What About Those Who Have Never Heard?: An Urgent Call to Rethink Christian Missions



**What About Those Who Have Never Heard?: Three Views on the Destiny of the Unevangelized (Spectrum Multiview Book Series)** by Gabriel J. Fackre

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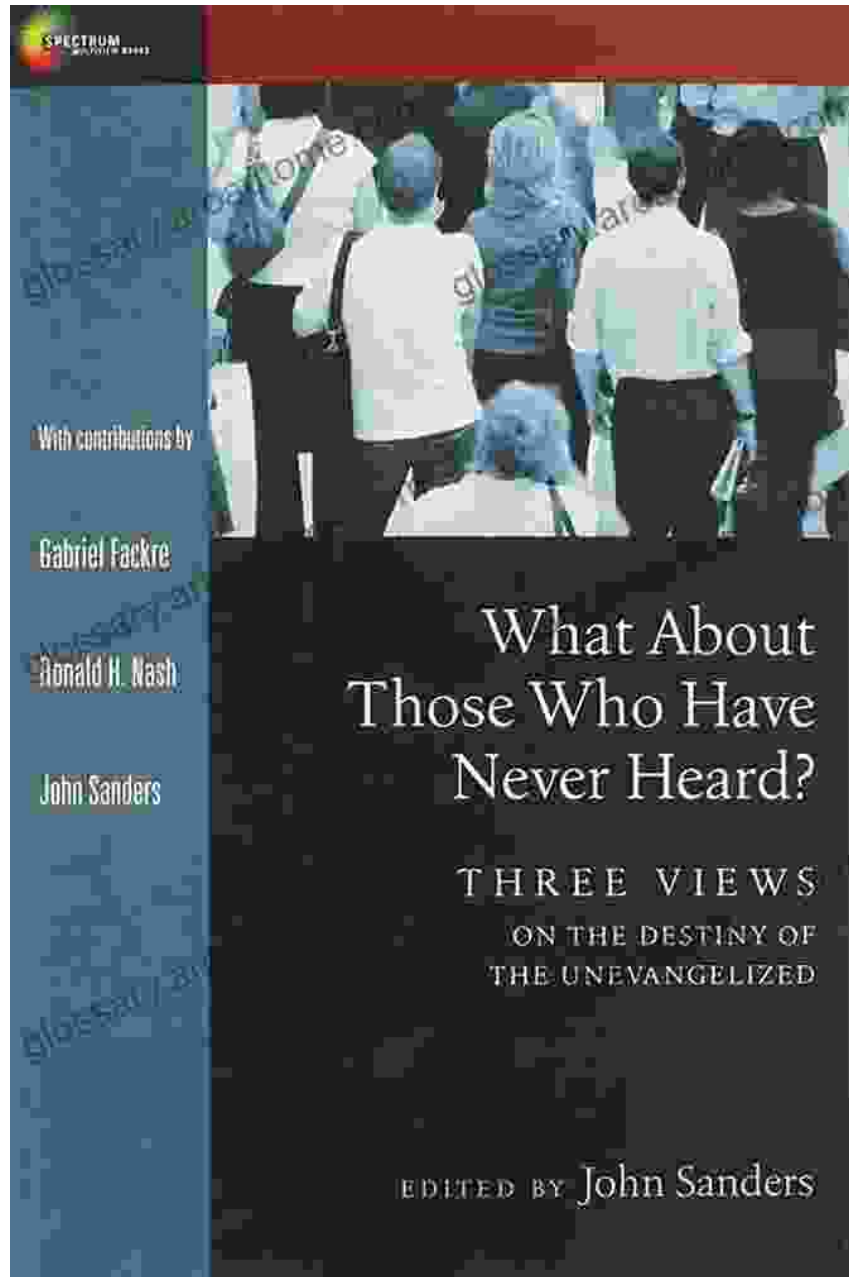
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In his groundbreaking book, 'What About Those Who Have Never Heard?', author Ross Paterson challenges the traditional Christian narrative surrounding the salvation of those who have never heard the gospel. Paterson argues that the traditional view, which often implies that those who have never heard are condemned to hell, is not only unbiblical but also unjust and unloving. He proposes a more compassionate and inclusive

understanding of salvation, one that is based on the character of God and the universal saving work of Jesus Christ.

Paterson's book is divided into three parts. In the first part, he examines the traditional Christian view of salvation and the fate of those who have never heard the gospel. He argues that this view is based on a narrow and legalistic understanding of God's justice and that it does not take into account the love and mercy of God.

In the second part of the book, Paterson proposes a more compassionate and inclusive understanding of salvation. He argues that salvation is not based on our knowledge of the gospel or our ability to believe in Jesus Christ. Rather, salvation is based on the character of God and the universal saving work of Jesus Christ.

In the third part of the book, Paterson discusses the implications of his view for Christian missions. He argues that Christians should not be focused on converting people to Christianity but on sharing the love and compassion of Jesus Christ with the world. He also argues that Christians should be working to create a more just and equitable world, one in which all people have the opportunity to hear the gospel and to respond to it.

'What About Those Who Have Never Heard?' is a challenging and thought-provoking book that will force readers to rethink their understanding of salvation and Christian missions. Paterson's arguments are based on a deep understanding of Scripture and a profound love for God and for all people. This book is a must-read for anyone who is interested in Christian missions, evangelism, or the nature of salvation.

## **Endorsements**

"Paterson's book is a much-needed corrective to the traditional Christian narrative on the fate of those who have never heard the gospel. His arguments are compelling and his vision for Christian missions is both compassionate and inclusive. This book is a must-read for anyone who is serious about following Jesus Christ." - **Miroslav Volf, Professor of Systematic Theology, Yale University**

"Paterson's book is a powerful and persuasive call to rethink Christian missions. He challenges us to move beyond our narrow and legalistic understanding of salvation and to embrace a more compassionate and inclusive view. This book is essential reading for all Christians who are concerned about the fate of those who have never heard the gospel." - **Shane Claiborne, author of 'The Irresistible Revolution' and 'Executing Grace'**

"Paterson's book is a game-changer. It forces us to confront the uncomfortable truth that our traditional understanding of salvation is not only unbiblical but also unjust and unloving. Paterson offers a more compassionate and inclusive view of salvation, one that is based on the character of God and the universal saving work of Jesus Christ. This book is a must-read for anyone who wants to follow Jesus in a more just and loving way." - **Brian D. McLaren, author of 'A New Kind of Christianity' and 'The Great Spiritual Migration'**

## **About the Author**

Ross Paterson is a pastor, author, and speaker. He is the founder of the Church of the Savior in Wheaton, Illinois, and the author of several books, including 'Unveiling the Light: A Journey of Hope into the Heart of the Gospel' and '365 Days of Hope: Rekindling the Fire of Your Faith.' Paterson

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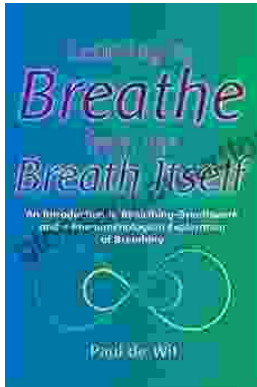
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