

A Theological Look at Five Views on Hell and Eternal Condemnation

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1. UNIVERSALISM / PLURALISM

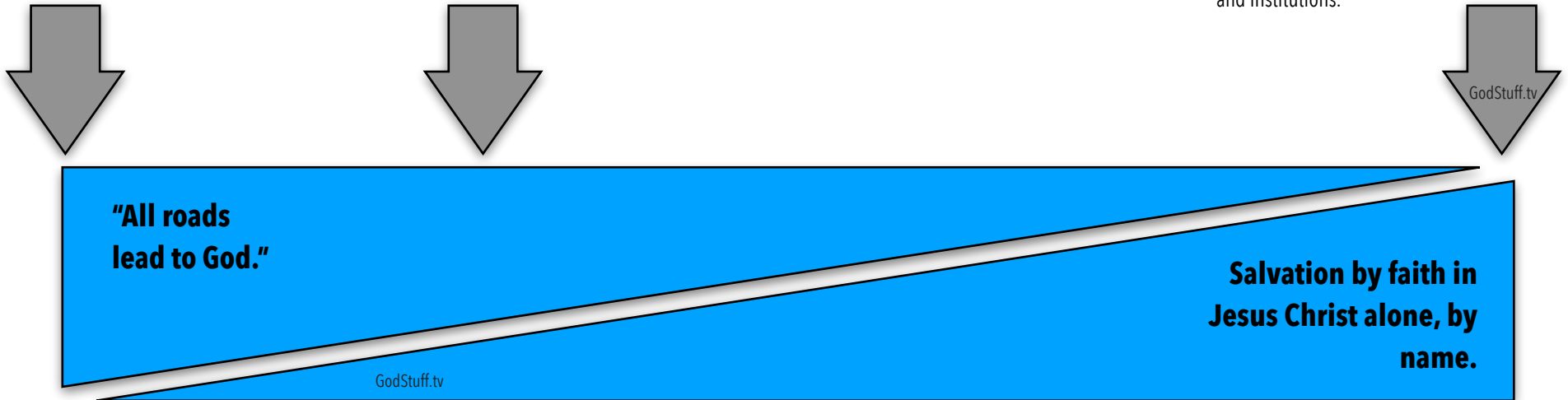
The teaching that all will be saved, or at least can be saved, through sincere devotion to the religion of their culture, choice, or upbringing. Christ is not the only way to God. All roads lead to God. All sincere people of any faith or of no faith will be in heaven. There is no hell, and no such thing as hell.

3. UNIVERSALISTIC EXCLUSIVISM

The teaching that all will come to believe in Jesus, either in this life or the next. This is called "second chance" teaching, and it assumes that after death, a person has another chance to receive Jesus.

5. PARTICULARISM / EXCLUSIVISM

The teaching that faith alone in Jesus Christ alone, BY NAME, is the only way to God or heaven. This is the historic Christian position, and the position of virtually all evangelical churches, school, universities, and institutions.



2. UNIVERSALISTIC INCLUSIVISM

The teaching that salvation is only through Jesus Christ, but that you can be saved without knowing of him at all. These are called "Anonymous Christians" and are said to have "Implicit Faith."

4. ANNIHILATIONISM

The teaching that the personhood of people who reject Jesus simply ceases to exist after death. They are annihilated and do not spend eternity in conscious torment. No one is in hell, because people don't go there. Not everyone is in heaven, because you must be saved to go there.