



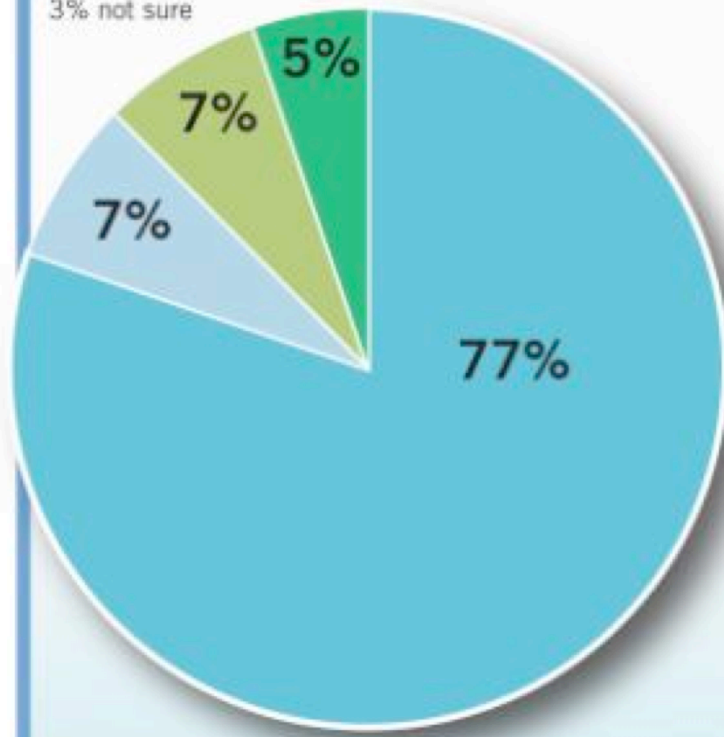




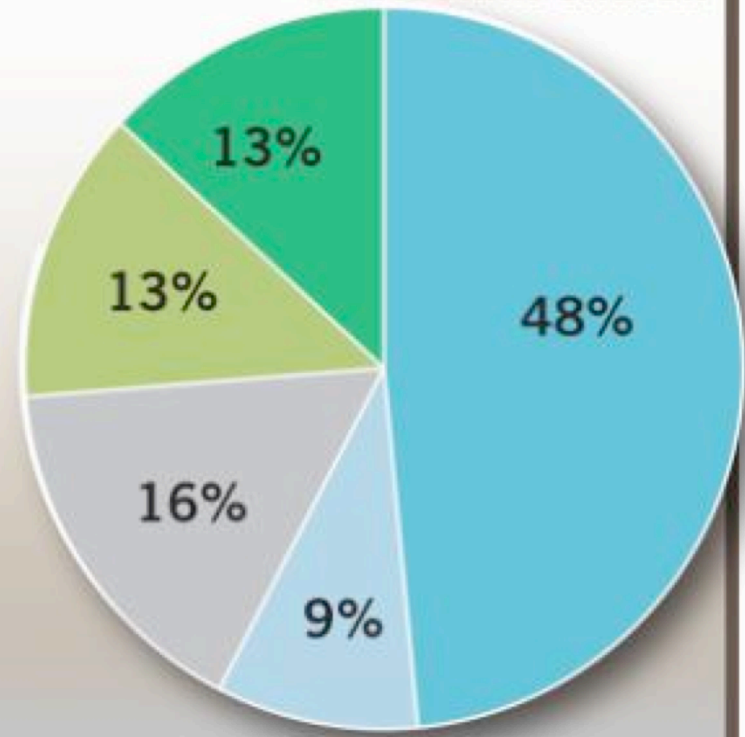
**“If a person is sincerely seeking God, he/she can obtain eternal life through religions other than Christianity.”**

*Among Protestant pastors*

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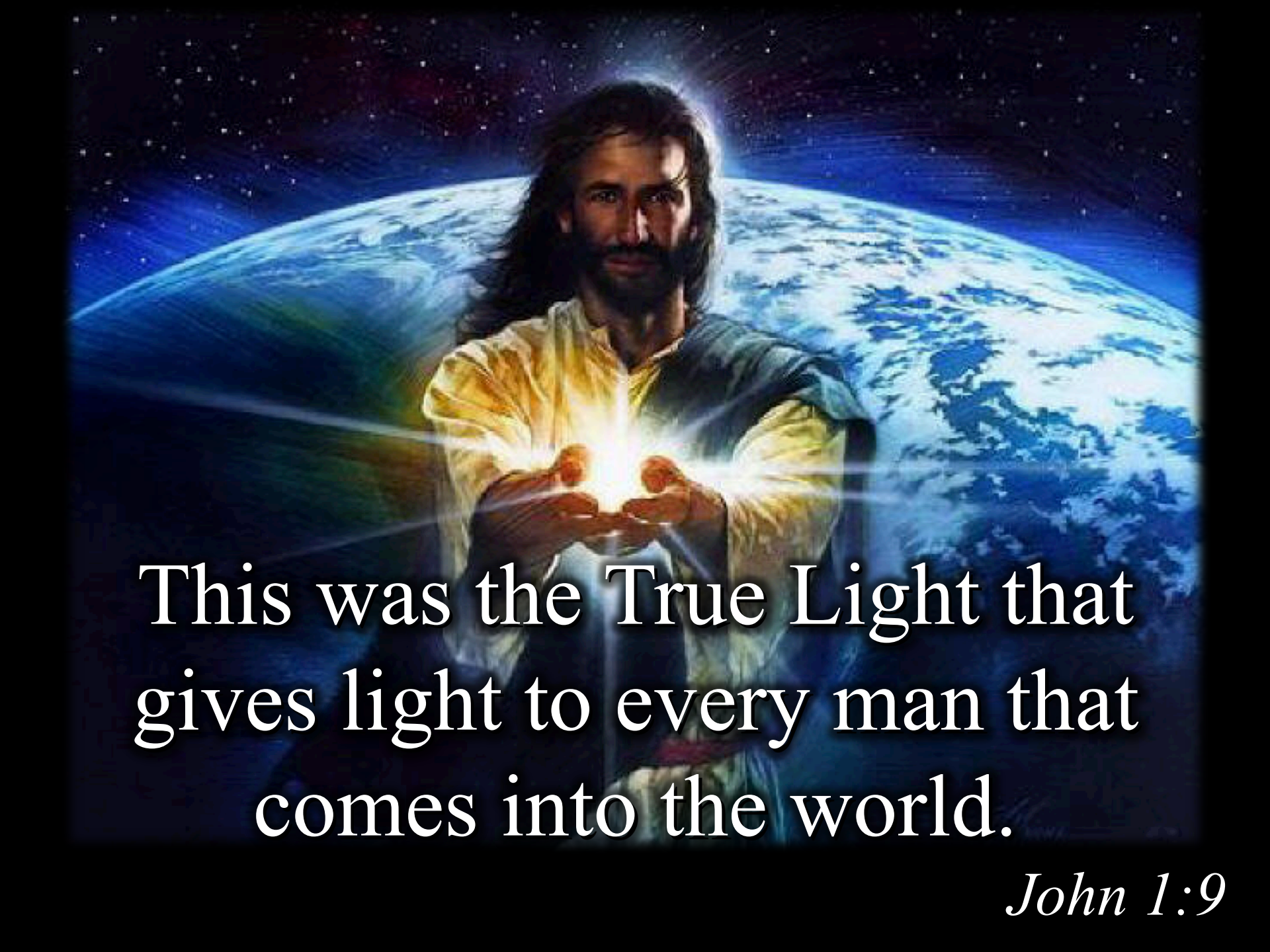
*Among adults who attend a Protestant church*



Strongly disagree    Somewhat disagree    Neither agree nor disagree    Somewhat agree    Strongly agree

# John 1





This was the True Light that  
gives light to every man that  
comes into the world.

*John 1:9*

In the past, He let all nations go their own way. Yet He has not left Himself without testimony: He has shown kindness by giving you rain from heaven and crops in their seasons; He provides you with plenty of food and fills your hearts with joy.

*Acts 14:16-17*



Indeed, when Gentiles, who do not have the law, do by nature things required by the law, they are a law for themselves, even though they do not have the law, since they show that the requirements of the law are written on their hearts,

their consciences also bearing witness, and their thoughts now accusing, now even defending them.

*Romans 2:14-16.*

If I had not come and spoken to them, they would not be guilty of sin. Now, however, they have no excuse for their sin.

If I had not done among them what no one else did, they would not be guilty of sin. But now they have seen these miracles, and yet they have hated both Me and My Father.

*John 15:22, 24*

Even though I was once a blasphemer and a persecutor and a violent man, I was shown mercy because I acted in ignorance and unbelief. The grace of our Lord was poured out on me abundantly, along with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.

*1 Timothy 1:13, 14*



Those whom Christ commends in the judgment may have known little of theology, but they have cherished His principles. Through the influence of the divine Spirit they have been a blessing to those about them. Even among the heathen are those who have cherished the spirit of kindness;

before the words of life had fallen upon their ears, they have befriended the missionaries, even ministering to them at the peril of their own lives.



Among the heathen are those who worship God ignorantly, those to whom the light is never brought by human instrumentality, yet they will not perish. Though ignorant of the written law of God, they have heard His voice speaking to them in nature, and have done the things that the law required.

Their works are evidence that the Holy Spirit has touched their hearts, and they are recognized as the children of God.

How surprised and gladdened will  
be the lowly among the nations,  
and among the heathen, to hear  
from the lips of the Saviour,

"Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these My brethren, ye have done it unto Me"! How glad will be the heart of Infinite Love as His followers look up with surprise and joy at His words of approval!

*Desire of Ages, page 638*

Wherever there is an impulse of love and sympathy, wherever the heart reaches out to bless and uplift others, there is revealed the working of God's Holy Spirit. In the depths of heathenism, men who have had no knowledge of the written law of God,

who have never even heard the name of Christ, have been kind to His servants, protecting them at the risk of their own lives. Their acts show the working of a divine power. The Holy Spirit has implanted the grace of Christ in the heart of the savage

quickenning his sympathies contrary to his nature, contrary to his education. The "Light which lighteth every man that cometh into the world" (John 1:9), is shining in his soul; and this light, if heeded, will guide his feet to the kingdom of God.

*Christ's Object Lessons, page 385*



## THE LAW

- I  
The first commandment is that thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, with all thy mind, with all thy strength, and with all thy power: this is the first and greatest commandment.
- II  
The second commandment is that thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself: this is the second commandment, which is like unto the first.
- III  
The third commandment is that thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain: for the Lord thy God is one.
- IV  
The fourth commandment is that thou shalt remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy: for in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the Lord blessed the seventh day, and hallowed it.
- V  
The fifth commandment is that thou shalt honor thy father and thy mother: which is the first commandment with promise.
- VI  
The sixth commandment is that thou shalt not kill.
- VII  
The seventh commandment is that thou shalt not commit adultery.
- VIII  
The eighth commandment is that thou shalt not steal.
- IX  
The ninth commandment is that thou shalt not bear false witness.
- X  
The tenth commandment is that thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's house, his wife, his manservant, his maid, his ox, his ass, nor anything that is his.



God's test of the heathen, who have not the light, and of those living where the knowledge of truth and light has been abundant, is altogether different. He accepts from those in heathen lands a phase of righteousness which does not satisfy Him when offered by those of Christian lands.

He does not require much where  
much has not been bestowed.

*Manuscript 130, 1899*

We shall not be held accountable for the light that has not reached our perception, but for that which we have resisted and refused. A man could not apprehend the truth which had never been presented to him, and therefore could not be condemned for light he had never had. *Last Day Events, 218*

I am not bound to win, but I  
am bound to be true. I am not  
bound to succeed, but I am  
bound to live by the light that  
I have.

*Abraham Lincoln*





