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## Rom. 1:20, "For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities-His eternal power and diving nature-have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are <u>without excuse</u>."

The Greek word for the phrase *without excuse* is **anapologetos** which means *without defense, indefensible, or inexcusable.* One of the questions that I have been asked in the many years of ministry is: *"What about people who have not heard the about Jesus? Can they be saved?"* I have a two-fold answer to that question. First, I believe every person is born with a desire to know God. In the 47 years of ministry that I've been involved in, I've never once asked a child if they believed in God and have one of them tell me "no." They all believe in God. It takes a few more years and a lot of lies of this world and the evil one, for someone to say they don't believe that there is a God. God has shown Himself to every person through His mighty works. There are some things that are just plain obvious. Anyone with a functional mind can look at this world and know it didn't just come into being through some sort of big bang. It was created by the only One Who could create something out of nothing; our LORD God Almighty. And it has been clearly seen!

Secondly, it is His command that we go to the utmost parts of the world and tell people about Jesus and the gospel of salvation. Jesus gave the church the Great Commission, not the Great Suggestion. He has commanded us to go and tell all people. It is not the fault of some lost tribe that they don't know about Jesus. We have been given the task of telling them about Jesus and His great salvation. Through God's qualities, power, and nature, we have the opportunity to share the "good news" with friends, family, neighbors, co-workers, or even the stranger that we meet.

Dear LORD, help us to be reminded of the fact that we are not here to do what we think will make us happy; we are here to glorify and honor You. Help us LORD, to reach out to those around us. In Jesus Name, Amen