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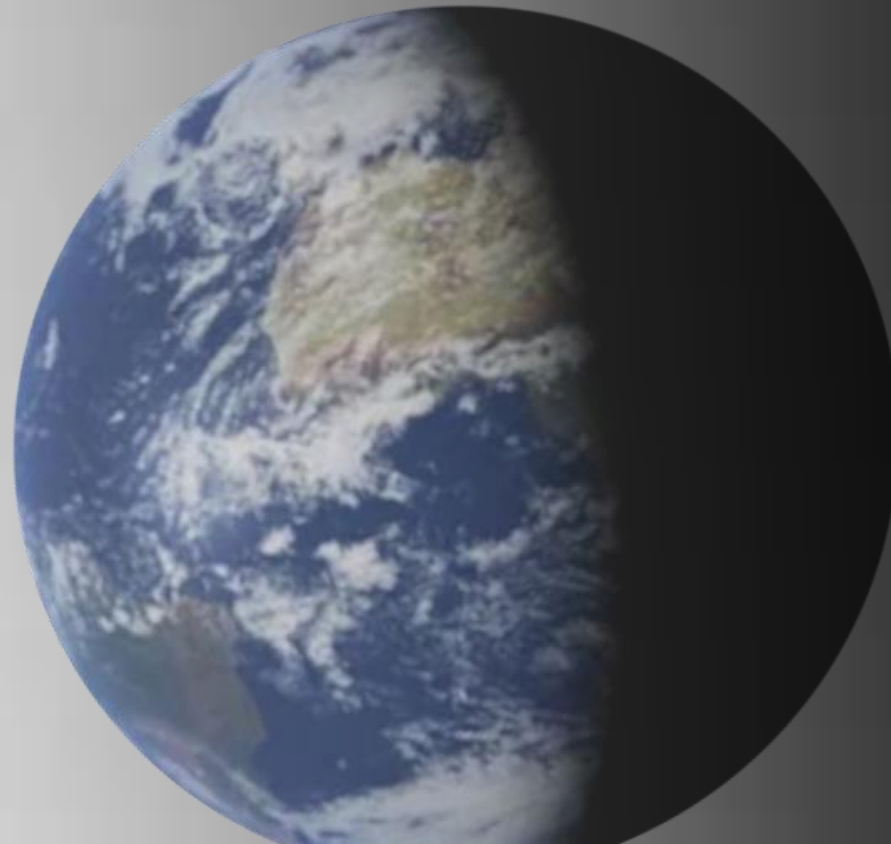
So the disobedient and 'outsiders' can do 'good' and receive goodness and blessings?

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Common Grace: Between Heaven and Hell

Acts 14:15-17



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God is Love ¹ John 4:8

HEAVEN

To be fully and eternally
in the Presence of
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They will see His face, and His
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HELL

To be fully and eternally
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They will suffer the punishment
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from the presence of the Lord and
from the glory of his might. ²
Thessalonians 1:9



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To be fully and eternally
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He will wipe away every tear from their eyes,
and death shall be no more, neither shall there
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To be fully and eternally
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the fiery furnace Mt 13:42 **Love**

...the outer darkness, where
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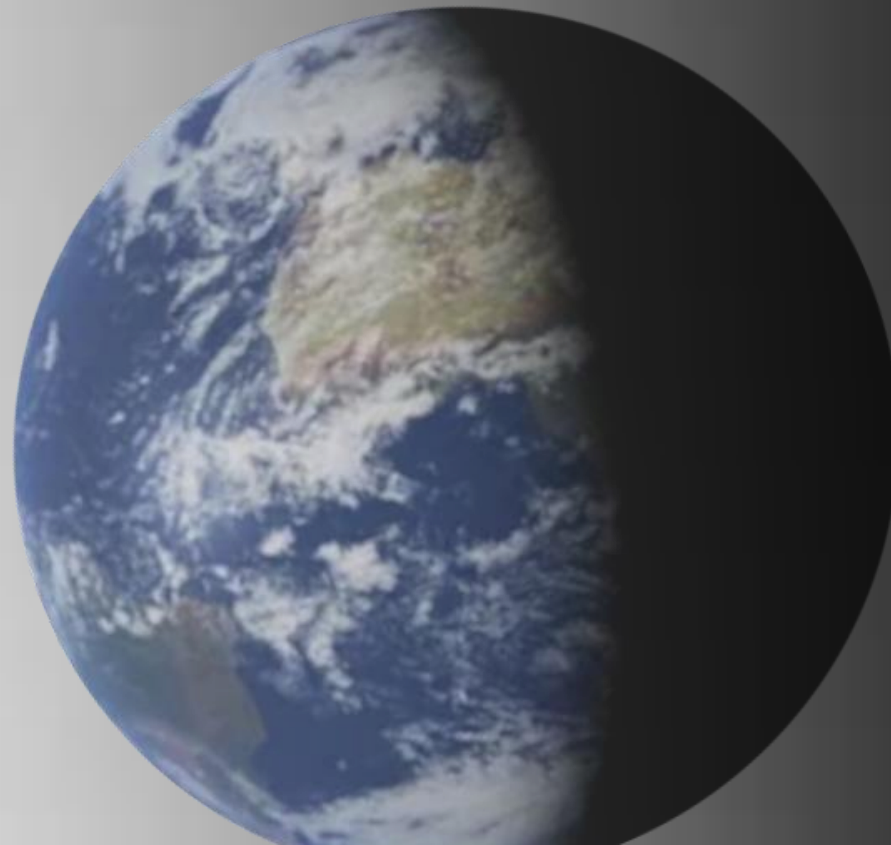
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But your iniquities have separated you from your God; your sins have hidden his face from you, so that he will not hear. Isaiah 59:2

For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully

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HERE AND NOW

God is present , but we have turned
from Him, and sin separates us from
seeing His face. Is 59:2

Though we have turned from Him, He
has not abandoned us... He stands at
the door and knocks

SAVING GRACE

Undeserved Love/Forgiveness for those who trust God, allowing us to be with God eternally

HEAVEN

To be fully and eternally in the Presence of **Love/God**

HELL

To be fully and eternally Separated from **God/Love**

COMMON GRACE

Undeserved Love , goodness and blessing temporarily offered to all people while we are in this world, as a witness and testimony of

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