

**A Typology of Positions Concerning the Salvation of the Unevangelized
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1. Church exclusivism	God saves only through communion with the church
2. Gospel exclusivism	God saves only through faith by means of the gospel as proclaimed by human witnesses
3. Qualified church exclusivism	God normally saves through communion with the church but, in extraordinary cases, the disposition to receive the sacraments communicates justification
4. Qualified gospel exclusivism	God saves only through faith by the gospel but sometimes uses extraordinary means of proclamation
5. Agnosticism	Scripture doesn't tell us that God only saves the evangelized but it also does not tell us whether any of the unevangelized will be saved
6. Postmortem evangelism accessibilism	God saves some who do not hear the gospel in this life by means of gospel proclamation in the next life
7. Molinist accessibilism	God saves those whom he knows would have believed if they had heard the gospel
8. Particular revelation accessibilism	God saves some people through particular revelation that is less specific than the gospel, but not by means of universal revelation alone
9. Universal revelation accessibilism	God saves some people whose faith the Holy Spirit elicits through universal revelation alone
10. "Biblical universalistic" accessibilism	God has elected everyone to salvation except those whom Scripture specifically excludes. The elect may be brought to salvation by means of revelation less explicit than the gospel
11. World religions accessibilism	God uses the numerous religions of the world as his instruments in salvation, though Christianity fulfils all other religions
12. Different ends pluralism	The religions aim at different ends and they are capable of bringing faithful adherents to those ends
13. Unitive pluralism	Many (but not necessarily all) religions have saving potential and lead people to the same end
14. Universalism	God will ultimately save everyone, though many of these will not be saved until after death and even after time in hell