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Universalism

Practical Implications

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Let's Review...

- Historical Foundations
- Biblical Foundations
- Theological Implications
- Practical Implications...

How do we “practice” life?

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We are inherently relational people.

We exist within relationships...

- With God
- With others
- With ourselves

*How does the idea of universalism
affect how you treat these relationships?*

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- With God

If everyone was going to heaven, would that affect how you feel about God?

Shows the radical nature of God's grace

What about God's justice, righteousness and holiness?

What about the reliability of God's revelation?

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- With others

If everyone was going to heaven, would that affect how you think about other people, Christian or non-Christian?

We are more unified than we thought.

Does it matter what people believe at all?

What's the point of evangelism?

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- With ourselves

If everyone was going to heaven, would that affect how you think about your own faith life?

Takes away works-righteousness, increases
gratefulness to God.

What's the purpose of church and obedience?

Are all my beliefs just optional?

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Salvation

Eschatological Tension

Now *and* not yet

Universalism vs. Inclusivism

Reformed Tradition

Sovereignty of God

Grace of God

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Christianity seems to be very strongly not universalistic.

All religions are not equal. Jesus is seen as the only way.

It is plain to see that some are not in Christ. Some have not attained salvation. For this reason, we are called to carry the good news to all who so need it.

Whether or not God will have even more grace later on is not our business. And not our call.

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So...

Hopefully no effect on evangelism or our own faithfulness because we do not just follow Jesus to get into heaven.

Perhaps this reminds us that God is bigger than we are, and that God has things under control. We need merely obey, and we can count on God's good and radical grace.