

## **The real reason most Christians resist universalism**

Most Christians resist the doctrine of universal reconciliation because they don't feel that everyone "deserves" to go to heaven and/or be forgiven. They believe there are two kinds of people, "good" people and "bad" people, and only two eternal destinies, Heaven or Hell. That would put Jesus in Hell forever, because He said that He was not good, only the Father in Heaven. The reality is that people are not innately good or bad. All are the same in the eyes of God. He is not a respecter of persons. He loves all equally. Bad thoughts lead to bad actions. Jesus taught that it all begins in the heart. What differentiates us is our level of ignorance of who we really are (in Christ) and how much God really loves us, and how much more wonderful our lives could be if we would yield ourselves to His leading. If we could put ourselves in the place of an enemy, or someone we despise, and be able to understand why they think and feel as they do, we wouldn't be so quick to rush to judgment. While suffering horribly on the cross of Calvary, Jesus asked God to forgive His tormentors, "*because they don't know what they are doing.*" I believe God answered that prayer in the affirmative.