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AND

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Because God not only desires to save sinners who believe in whatever light of revelation they have received, but also desires for them to experience reconciliation with Christ and the indwelling Holy Spirit, He has graciously chosen to bring the full light of Jesus Christ to any one who lives up to the light they have received.