Recommended reading (2)

Rescue for the Dead

http://www.oxfordscholarship.com/view/10.1093/0195140990.001.0001/acprof-9780195140996

a book review of this book

https://ojs.lib.byu.edu/spc/index.php/BYUStudies/article/viewFile/6862/6511

This book is one of the few works that deals with early Christian attitudes towards the state of souls who died without the salvation offered by Jesus through the Church. It is helpful to understand that this topic was discussed a great deal by the early Church. The discussion mostly ended after Augustine wrote the City of God and the Council of Toledo ruled on the matter.

I discuss this matter in my book Waging War with Hell p 119 – 121. I also made use of the research in this book in my first book Salvation in Hell.