

Have you heard



the

Good News?

About THE BIBLE

I was told that I needed special training to understand the Bible. I was told not to read it. But one day I read it and it was like sunshine to my heart. The Bible really is God speaking to me, and I *can* understand it.

“God so loved the world that He gave his only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life” (John 3:16).

Does it take a Bible scholar to understand this *good news*? It’s so simple! God means what He says, and says what He means. I am trusting what God says.

About SALVATION

Although the Bible says I am a sinner and deserve death – “All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God” (Romans 3:23), and “the wages of sin is death” (Romans 6:23) – yet there is *good news* that took away my fear of death and judgment.

It says that all our sins can be forgiven by believing on Jesus Christ: “Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved” (Acts 16:30-31). “The blood of Jesus Christ His

Son cleanses us from all sin” (1 John 1:7). “He who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life” (John 5:24).

About GOOD WORKS

And there’s more *good news*! We don’t have to work for this forgiveness. We get it as a *free gift*, because Jesus Christ already paid for it by dying on the cross.

“It is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast” (Ephesians 2:8-9). “Not of works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us” (Titus 3:5).

What great news! Our sins are forgiven by believing – apart from good works. Good works will not save us. They are the *results* of our salvation, not the *reason* for it.

About PURGATORY

My religion told me that when I died I had to be cleansed by fire of purgatory before going to heaven. But Jesus told the repentant thief on the cross: “*Today* you will be with me in Paradise” (Luke 23:43).

That thief did not go to purgatory. He went straight from his cross to be with Christ, whose blood cleansed him from his sins.

The apostle Paul says that when a believer is “absent from the body” he is “present with the Lord” (2 Corinthians 5:8). There is *no purgatory* in the Bible. What *good news!*

About YOU

Anyone who truly believes on the Lord Jesus Christ and repents of his sins is saved and ready for heaven. God cannot lie and His Word does not change. Won't you accept His full salvation today?

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