

A BOOK FOR BAD PEOPLE

I am glad you decided to take a look at this book. I believe the Holy Bible is the Word of God. It is written by men, but God is the ultimate Author of it. He made sure that men wrote what He wanted them to write; and He also made sure that we still have this Bible to read today.

You may think the Bible was written for only *good* people to read. But notice what God teaches us in this Bible:

1 Kings 8:46...there is no man that sinneth not...

Please read the above words carefully, and think about them. It is sad; but it is true! There is no man that has ever lived that has never sinned - that is, except Jesus Christ, the Son of God (but more about that, later).

What does it mean to sin? You probably already know the answer. It means to be bad; to disobey God. Notice:

1 John 5:17 All unrighteousness is **sin**...

1 John 3:4...**sin** is the transgression of the law.

God has a moral law. He has commandments. When we do things our own way, and break His moral laws, it is called *sin*.

We have already seen that there is no man that does not sin. Therefore, this means that there is no person that has ever lived (except Jesus) that has kept God's commandments *perfectly*.

The Bible does tell us that some men like Noah, Job, etc., lived *perfectly*. But the Bible means they were perfect in a relative sense. They were perfect compared to other sinners around them. But they were not absolutely perfect.

Maybe you thought the Bible was written about good people for other good people to read. And perhaps you already had some idea that *you* are not good. I hope you will now see, from the Bible itself, that it is written, in one sense, for bad people! And it is filled with stories about bad people.

For example, the Bible does not hide the fact that David (who wrote most of the *Psalms*, and was the king of Israel) once committed adultery! He even tried to cover it up, and went so far as to have the woman's husband killed!

King David married the woman, and later had a son with her named Solomon. Solomon wrote the *Book of Proverbs*, *Ecclesiastes* and *Song of Solomon*. Solomon was very wise. But bad women turned Solomon's heart against God and he sinned. He wrote about some of his sinful pursuits in the *Book of Ecclesiastes*. He found that no matter what he accomplished it was all *vanity* (meaningless) without God.

We could go on and on in showing the sins of the people in the Bible, for there is no person who has not sinned (except Jesus). Please read the following words, slowly. They might surprise you!:

Proverbs 20:9 Who can say, I have made my heart clean, I am pure from my sin?

Ecclesiastes 7:20 For there is not a just man upon earth, that doeth good, and sinneth not.

Isaiah 53:6 All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way...

Isaiah 64:6 But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags...

Galatians 3:22 But the scripture hath concluded all under sin...

1 John 1:8 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

Now, let us learn something about God, who ultimately wrote these words of the Bible to us:

Numbers 23:19 God is not a man, that he should lie...

Titus 1:2...God, that cannot lie...

You have probably heard that God is all-powerful. This is true. But one thing God cannot do is lie! He cannot sin. It is impossible.

This means that when He tells us that there is no man who has not sinned, He is not

lying. He cannot lie. We are all sinners.

In fact, the above Scriptures actually tell us that that one of the worst things we can do is to deny that we are sinners:

1 John 1:10 If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

I hope no one wants to call God a liar! But if we say that we have not sinned, that is what we are doing. God tells us in many places in the Bible that we *all* have sinned:

Romans 3:10 As it is written, There is none righteous, **no, not one:**

19...that every mouth may be stopped, and **all the world may become guilty** before God.

23 For all have sinned, and come short...

Romans 5:12...all have sinned...

We see that every person is a bad person. But the worst person of all is the person who does not know that he or she is bad! There are some people who imagine that they have obeyed God in everything! They do not realize that they have lied before; they have stolen; they have done many things that God says is sinful. One important thing God tells us we should not do is to take His name in vain. There are many ways that people sin; and we all have sinned. The worst thing you can do is to call God a liar and say that you have not sinned.

Perhaps you never knew before that the Bible teaches that every person is *bad*. Perhaps, as mentioned before, you thought the Bible was written to only *good* people. But now you know there is no such thing, in one sense, as a good person (other than Jesus).

I assure you it was not God that made things so confusing:

1 Corinthians 14:33 For God is not the author of confusion...

There is a Devil whose name is Satan, and *he* is the author of confusion. Satan wants people to stay away from the Bible so they will not hear the really good news that God has for sinners:

John 8:44...He was a murderer from the beginning...for he is a liar, and the father of it.

No, God knows that every person has sinned, many times. The very first man, Adam, sinned. And we all have been sinning ever since.

SOME HARD NEWS

You may have heard that God in the Bible tells sinners that they are going to a place of fire forever. This is true; and God, remember, cannot lie. But don't forget that every person has sinned.

Please do not stop reading! This is the really bad news. But good news is coming! Yes, it is true that we all have sinned. And it is true that sin deserves punishment. God is eternal, and His law is eternal, and He must punish sin by casting the sinner from His presence eternally:

Revelation 20:15 And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.

But wait! God does not want people to end up this way. He knows that every person has sinned. And He knows that, technically, this is what every person deserves.

But the good news is that God loves every person. Because of this fact, many people simply get rid of the parts of the Bible they do not like. They say that God does not notice when people sin, or that He does not care. This is wrong:

Psalms 94:7 Yet they say, The LORD shall not see...

Psalms 10:13...he hath said in his heart, Thou [God] wilt not require it.

Job 22:12 Is not God in the height of heaven?...

13 And thou sayest, How doth God know? can he judge through the dark cloud?

Many say that since God is loving, He will never punish sinners (all mankind). But this is also wrong. God is very loving. But He is also perfect, and He cannot sin. He cannot look at sinners, and just sweep their sins under the rug. He cannot

simply pretend that sin does not exist:

Romans 11:22 Behold therefore the goodness **and** severity of God...

1 Samuel 2:3 Talk no more so exceeding proudly; let not arrogancy come out of your mouth: for **the LORD is a God of knowledge, and by him actions are weighed.**

So how can God be both loving, and yet severe at the same time? How can God be merciful, and overlook our sins, and yet be just? How can this debt of sin be paid, and justice satisfied, and still allow God to show mercy to people?

GOD'S AMAZING PLAN

This is how God worked it all out: He knew that every person has sinned. He knew that every person must be eternally punished. That is all the bad news. But He also knew that He is loving and merciful. So He worked out a perfect plan! He sent His Son to die for the sins of the whole world! That includes you and I!

Jesus Christ was born of a virgin, and He lived a sinless life:

1 Peter 2:21...Christ also suffered for us...

22 Who did no sin...

And, since He is the Son of God, His shed blood was able to pay for the eternal debt of sin for every person!:

Isaiah 53:6...and the LORD hath **laid on him** the iniquity of us all.

Hebrews 2:9 But we see Jesus...that he by the grace of God should **taste death for every man.**

John 1:29 The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which **taketh away the sin of the world.**

2 Corinthians 5:15 And that he died for all...

1 Timothy 2:6 Who gave himself a ransom for all...

The word "all" surely means me; and it surely means you, too! Jesus died for us. God the Father judged Him in our place!:

2 Corinthians 5:21 For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin...

Therefore, God in the Bible wants to show us that we are very bad. And He wants to show us what we deserve. This way, with His help, we will love Him. We will be thankful for His mercy. We will be thankful for what He did for us! Please read the following Bible verses very slowly and think and pray about them. What precious news!:

John 3:16 For **God so loved the world**, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

Just keep reading these verses, even if you do not fully understand every word. The main point is that Jesus died for our sins!:

Philippians 2:5 Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:

6 Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God:

7 But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men:

8 And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.

Jesus did not stay dead. His sacrifice was accepted by God the Father. He then rose again from the dead, and was exalted to the throne of God in Heaven:

1 Corinthians 15:3 For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that **Christ died for our sins** according to the scriptures;

4 And that he was buried, and that **he rose again** the third day according to the scriptures:

Now, let me ask you a question: What kind of people did Jesus die for? If people are good, why would Jesus come to this earth to die for us? If God does not take note of our sins, why would He send His Son to die? If mankind was not really in danger of torment in eternal fire, then why would He send His only begotten Son to suffer for us?

So, again: What kind of people did Jesus die for? Is it not obvious that the only

kind of people He died for are sinners?

You may admit that you are not good. You may admit that you know you are in trouble with God. You know this because His Spirit has been sent to convict you. He wants to prick your heart and bring you awareness of your guilt. God has placed a conscience inside all of us that tries to tell us that we are sinners in trouble before God.

See, the fact that you know you are a sinner is actually a good thing. This is what God wants you to know. Notice who God sent His Son to die for in the following verses:

Romans 5:6...in due time Christ died **for the ungodly**.

Who did He die for? Was it the *godly*? Who are the *godly*? *There is none righteous, no, not one:*

Romans 5:8...**while we were yet sinners**, Christ died for us.

See, God wants you to know that you are a *sinner*, in trouble with Him. Do you know this?

A STORY OF TWO MEN

Which man represents *you* in the story below?:

Luke 18:9 And he spake this parable unto certain which trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and despised others:

10 Two men went up into the temple to pray; the one a Pharisee, and the other a publican.

11 The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, God, I thank thee, that I am not as other men are, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this publican.

13 And the publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, God be merciful to me a sinner.

14 I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other: for every one that exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted.

The Pharisees were very religious. The publican was a tax collector. They were known by many to be very deceitful. They were obviously disliked. Which man represents you?

Do you think that you are a sinner in trouble with God, or do you think that God is happy with your life, and that you are without sin?

Do you have any fear at all of the coming judgment? Notice that God shows mercy to those who fear Him and who know that they are sinners in need of His mercy:

Psalms 103:11 For as the heaven is high above the earth, so great is **his mercy** toward **them that fear him**.

Do you have any fear at all?:

Revelation 20:15 And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.

Doesn't this make you want to be found written in the book of life?

Let us not call God a liar, or pretend that He is just pretending! Sin is real. The lake of fire is real. These warnings are real.

But how can we be found written in this book of life so that we will escape this coming fire? Is it by denying that you are a sinner? Is it by denying that these warnings are real? No.

It is by *admitting* that we are sinners that we find mercy! It is by admitting that we are in trouble, like the publican, that we find mercy. It is by fearing God's warnings that we find mercy.

Sin is illustrated by blindness. Notice:

John 9:40 And some of the Pharisees which were with him heard these words, and said unto him, Are we blind also?

41 Jesus said unto them, If ye were blind, ye should have no sin: but now ye say, We see; therefore your sin remaineth.

These men said that were not blind. In colorful language, they were saying that they were without sin! But do not miss what Jesus says to them. He says, "If ye

were blind, ye should have no sin." Why does He say that? He is saying that if they would only *admit* they were sinners, like the publican, they would have no sin. Why? Because He would forgive them! He paid for our sins on the cross.

Who did He die for? He died for the whole world. That includes you and I. But the only people who get the blessings of what Jesus did are those who believe it.

CASH THE CHECK

Imagine that a rich boss gave to every man employed in his business a wonderful bonus check. Who gets to enjoy the blessings of their bonus check? Only those who cash it! Wouldn't it be sad if someone forgot about it, or did not even bother to look at it? If they did not cash the check they would not receive the blessing. This is not a perfect analogy. But it does help to show how Jesus paid for the sins of the whole world, but only those who will receive what He did for them will get the benefit of it!

With this understanding, let's read the following Bible verses again:

John 3:16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

17 For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.

18 He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

36 He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.

Let's start in verse 16. *God so loved the world.* Are you part of the world? I am. You are, too. This means that God loves *you*. No matter what you have done, God loves you. God may be very angry. God may be bound by His holiness to send you away for all eternity. But please don't miss the fact that God loves you!

He loves you and the whole world so much He did something for all of us: *He gave His only begotten Son.* This is the Son of God. This is Jesus Christ.

Now, do not miss the next part:

"...that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

A hymn writer once wrote that "whosoever surely meaneth me." It means you! The check is written to all of us. No matter what you have done or not done, God has loved you and written this check for you. He has paid the price already. Now, you simply need to cash it! How?

Well, what does He say to do? Does He say that whosoever is perfect? Whosoever is good? Whosoever has not sinned? Whosoever has lived a good life and not wasted it?

No. He says, "whosoever **believeth** in him."

But who is the "him"? It is Jesus, the Son of God, who paid the price for our sins by shedding His blood.

Whosoever believes in Him will not perish. They will live forever. On the final Judgment Day they will be found in the book of life.

What does it mean to believe in Jesus? It means to know that you are a sinner, and to know that He has paid the price for your sins. It means to know that you are saved by what He did for you. It means to receive what He did for you by believing it is true.

Do you know you are a sinner? Do you know you are part of the world? Do you know that you are in trouble with God? Do you know that you are guilty? Do you know that Jesus died for us all? Do you believe the bad news that you are a sinner? Do you believe the good news that Jesus paid the price for your sins?

IS IT TOO EASY?

At this point, many who have been raised like the Pharisees, in some kind of salvation-by-works mindset, will have a problem. They will say that this is too easy. They will say that everyone will be saved if it is this easy to be saved.

No! The reason many will not be saved is that they stumble at this point. They

think it is too easy, so they will not believe it!

See, when God gives us this charity, it hurts our pride. Many want to believe that they have not sinned. Or, if they believe they have sinned, they think they have not sinned so badly that God must declare them bankrupt, and unable to save themselves. They do not think that they are so bad that they must be saved by God's grace!

If anyone thinks this is too easy, let him think what it cost God! Let him think of the Son of God becoming a man, and dying on the cross. Let him think of the Father turning away from the Son, as He was made sin for us. Let him think of God the Father punishing God the Son on the cross. No, it was not easy for God. And it is not easy for most of mankind to admit that they are sinners and unable to earn salvation by being good!

Please read the following Bible verses. We are almost finished with this little book for bad people:

Ephesians 2:8 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:

9 Not of works, lest any man should boast.

What does this say we are saved by? It is by *grace*, through faith. Faith is the same as believing, as seen in John 3:16. It means to trust Jesus for your salvation, and not your own works. Do you believe that your own works will save you? Or, do you believe that what Jesus did for you on the cross will save you?

If Jesus was punished in our place, then He did all the work for us. He lived the perfect life that we did not live, and then He shed His blood to pay for our sins! This is why the Bible says we are saved by grace, and not the good works that we do not have!:

2 Timothy 1:9 Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, **not according to our works**, but according to his own purpose and grace...

1 Timothy 1:15 This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptance, that **Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners**; of whom I am chief.

Paul knew himself better than he knew any other man. What about you? Do you

feel that you are the chief of sinners? It is a good thing to be sorry for our terrible sins, and yet thankful for God's sweet mercy!

Are you saved yet? Can you say that you have everlasting life? If you say No, then why not?

What are you trusting in? Do you really think that you are good enough to work for salvation? No, I doubt that you think this after reading the Bible verses in this book.

AM I TOO BAD?

Do you feel that you are so bad that God will not save you?

But Paul has already said that he believes he is the chief of sinners. He did not believe in Jesus and he made Christians suffer. Yet, he is thankful that he was saved! No one is so bad that they cannot be saved. Jesus died for every man, no matter how bad, or how miserable, or how wicked.

So why aren't *you* saved? Are you stumbling again at that place that stumbles so many? Are you again thinking that this is all too easy? You have seen that God cannot lie, yet He has told you again and again in the verses above, that He saves by His mercy and grace, not by works. Why? Because if He saved people by good works, then no one but Jesus would be saved! The only way to be saved by being good is to be absolutely perfect. And no one has lived absolutely perfect but Jesus.

SALVATION IS A FREE GIFT

Unless you believe you are absolutely perfect (which you are not), there is no other way to be saved but by God's free grace! You know what a *grace period* is, don't you? Grace means you do not have to work for it. It is a free gift:

Romans 11:6 And if by grace, then is it no more of works: otherwise grace is no more grace. But if it be of works, then is it no more grace: otherwise work is no more work.

God punished Jesus in your place, so that He can give you this free gift!:

Revelation 22:17...And whosoever will, let him take the water of life **freely**.

Romans 3:23 For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;
24 Being justified **freely by his grace** through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus:

Romans 5:18 Therefore as by the offence of one judgment came upon all men to condemnation; even so by the righteousness of one **the free gift came upon all men** unto justification of life.

Will you refuse it because it is free? Does this hurt your pride? Remember, Jesus told the Pharisees that if they will admit they are blind, they will have no sin. He means their sin will be forgiven by God if they will admit they cannot save themselves, and will trust Him to save them!

It is a paradox, but the only people that have anything close to goodness, in one sense, before salvation, are the people that admit that they are really bad! It is not good to call God a liar and be dishonest about sins:

Psaalms 34:18 The LORD is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit.

Isaiah 66:2 For all those things hath mine hand made, and all those things have been, saith the LORD: but to this man will I look, even to him that is poor and of a contrite spirit, and trembleth at my word.

Matthew 21:32 For John came unto you in the way of righteousness, and ye believed him not: but the publicans and the harlots believed him...

Very bad people will sometimes have a better chance of admitting that they are bad, than people who have grown up believing they are good. Please hear the following Bible verses. Let them speak directly to you:

Romans 4:5 But to him that **worketh not**, but **believeth** on him that justifieth the **ungodly**, his faith is counted for righteousness.

Romans 3:28 Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith **without** the deeds of the law.

John 6:28 Then said they unto him, What shall we do, that we might work the works of God?

29 Jesus answered and said unto them, This is the work of God, **that ye believe** on him whom he hath sent.

47 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me hath everlasting life.

DO YOU BELIEVE?

Do *you* have everlasting life? Will you live forever with God?

*God so loved the world...*That includes you. Do you believe this?

*That he gave his only begotten Son...*That is Jesus.

That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. Do you believe this? Is God telling the truth here?

If you believe, then you have everlasting life! Let the Devil go to hell. If God said it, He means it. He cannot lie.

If you believe this, you have it, by His grace; by His love; by His charity; by His death for you on the cross.

Doesn't this make you happy? Isn't this the best news in the world? Doesn't this humble us? Doesn't this make you grateful?

If you have believed, you have this free salvation. You will live forever. He will raise your body from the dead; and on the last day, you will live forever with God in happiness. God will never take this free gift away from you. You have become His child:

John 1:12 But as many as **received him**, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:

WHAT GOD WANTS BELIEVERS TO DO

If you have believed the good news, God does ask that you show Him how

thankful you are by obeying His will. He will give you the strength. God wants to make you good. Once you have believed the good news, He will come and live inside of you in a special way. You will have new desires. The old desires will often still be there. But you will notice that you have new power. God will not force you to be good. But He wants you to be good for Him, by His power, to thank Him for saving you.

He wants you to now serve Him, and show Him and others how grateful you are for this free gift of salvation. Think about it! You were headed for the lake of fire! You were lost. But now, if you have believed the good news, you are saved! He wants you to now live a life of gratitude. And He wants you to tell others about this good news that you now understand!:

Romans 6:1 What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound?

Titus 2:11 For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world;

If you choose to be ungrateful, God will not take away the free gift of salvation, but He will give you some whippings that He gives His disobedient children:

Revelation 3:19 As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten...

Hebrews 12:6 For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth.

Luke 12:47 And that servant, which knew his lord's will, and prepared not himself, neither did according to his will, shall be beaten with many stripes.

If you disobey God, you also will not have the fullness of joy that He wants you to have.

God also has some special rewards that He is planning to give all His children that will be obedient to Him. You already have everlasting life if you believe the good news that Jesus Christ died for sinners - including you. But there is a special time period in the future before the eternal age begins. And during this special time period, God will celebrate with His faithful children and show them how pleased

He is that they have obeyed Him in gratitude and joy! But He will also punish His disobedient children during this time. But no one who has believed in Him will perish in eternity! He will not take away the free gift He has given to all who believe.

Some may reply: "You can't just believe in Jesus, and then continue to sin, and expect to be saved!"

But remember, He alone paid for your salvation. And remember that He will give some temporary punishments to His children who misbehave. But they will be eternally saved!

THE ORPHAN BOY

Imagine that we are living in a time and place when there are traditional orphanages. Now imagine a kind, rich man goes to an orphanage and pays whatever price for one of the children. He has a new place, a new identity, and a new wardrobe for the child. And the man is providing it all for the child for free by his grace.

The child asks what he must do to come home with the man and wear these nice clothes and enjoy the privileges of being his son. The child offers to take care of the man's garden. But the man answers that the boy can do nothing to earn this blessing. He tells the boy that sonship is a free gift of his love. He only has to receive it.

Now, imagine that the boy comes home with the man to become part of his family. The father then tells him that there will be some chores to do in the household. The boy is confused. He explains that he thought there was nothing he could do to earn his sonship. The kind father explains that the chores are not performed so the boy can become, or remain, his son. The chores are done as a duty, and for an "allowance" and additional blessings. There are rules in the household. The boy will not be sent back to the orphanage for being lazy. But he will lose some of the additional blessings; and he may be temporarily punished; but the love of his new father remains unconditional!

Like the boy in the story, all who believe in Jesus have a new identity. They are freely saved by the Lord's grace and mercy. He has paid the price by his blood. They will never perish eternally.

Like slaves who have been redeemed from a terrible master, God has purchased us with a great price. He asks that we show our gratitude by our obedience:

1 Corinthians 6:20 For ye are **bought with a price**: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

Part of this obedience is to find others who are confused about the Bible, and help them to understand. Just show them what you know! Tell them what Jesus did for you!

A BAD WOMAN IN THE BIBLE

There was a bad woman in the Bible who Jesus met. She soon believed in Jesus. She believed that He was the Christ, the Son of God, the Saviour. And after she believed, she went quickly into the city to tell others about Jesus. This pleases God:

John 4:7 There cometh a woman of Samaria to draw water: Jesus saith unto her, Give me to drink.

9 Then saith the woman of Samaria unto him, How is it that thou, being a Jew, askest drink of me, which am a woman of Samaria? for the Jews have no dealings with the Samaritans.

10 Jesus answered and said unto her, **If thou knewest the gift of God**, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water.

13 Jesus answered and said unto her, Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again:

14 But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him **shall never thirst**; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into **everlasting life**.

16 Jesus saith unto her, Go, call thy husband, and come hither.

17 The woman answered and said, I have no husband. Jesus said unto her, Thou

hast well said, I have no husband:

18 For thou hast had five husbands; and he whom thou now hast is not thy husband: in that saidst thou truly.

25 The woman saith unto him, I know that Messiah cometh, which is called Christ: when he is come, he will tell us all things.

26 Jesus saith unto her, I that speak unto thee am he.

28 The woman then left her waterpot, and went her way into the city, and saith to the men,

29 Come, see a man, which told me all things that ever I did: **is not this the Christ?**

30 Then they went out of the city, and came unto him.

Think of the people you can reach for Jesus! Receive the gift of God - the free gift of eternal salvation through Jesus - and then go and tell others about it!

IS IT TOO LATE FOR ME?

There are many bad people out there that think it is too late to be saved. They do not realize that if they are still living, it is not too late, as long as they will respond to God! God died for *all* sinners, young *and old*.

God has a lot work for aged men and women to do. They can really help younger people to avoid the mistakes they may have made. If you haven't already done so, please receive God's free gift of salvation at this time. God only gives it to sinners!

Don't become paralyzed by regret. Be sorry, but don't let it trap you into neglecting what God has for you. Believe the good news, and find a good church that teaches salvation by grace through faith alone:

Psalms 92:13 Those that be planted in the house of the LORD shall flourish in the courts of our God.

14 They shall still bring forth fruit **in old age**; they shall be fat and flourishing;

Philippians 3:13...this one thing I do, **forgetting those things which are behind**, and reaching forth unto those things which are before,

14 I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

Believed and be saved. Then, quit looking back. Start telling people about Jesus as you obey Him, as long as you have breath. Look for the extra prize that He will give His children who will be obedient to Him!

A POSSIBLE PRAYER

A prayer does not save us. All you must do to be saved is believe the good news. But the following prayer (or something like it) is fitting to pray to God as you believe in His good news, and thereby receive the free gift of His eternal salvation:

"Dear God, I am a sinner. Like the publican in the story, I have wasted my life in many ways. I have spent my years largely on myself, trying to avoid You, and Your Good Book. I see now that You have sent Your Son Jesus to die for sinners like me. I am sorry for how I have sinned against You. I see that You have paid the price for my sins so I can live forever with You. I never understood this before. I thought I had to live up to some standard, and I knew I always fell short. God I am so sorry. You have been there, all along, waiting for me. Thank You for being so kind to open my weary eyes before I die. Thank You for letting me know about your grace and mercy and kindness. I receive the free gift of eternal life that You are giving to all sinners like me who will simply believe. I do believe! I believe You love me. I believe You sent Your Son to die for me. I believe You punished Him in my place. I believe I now have everlasting life by Your grace. I now want to live my remaining years in Your service. I know that I can never repay You. But I want to help as many as I can find You! Thank you for saving me, dear God!"

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