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BAD News



for

GOOD People



They say...

‘...when she dies, heaven will be the richer!’

‘There’s nothing he wouldn’t do for you.’



*‘...he
hasn’t
got a
mean
bone
in his
body.’*

‘...she’s the salt of the earth.’

*‘...he’s a real pillar of
society.’*

We all know people whose unselfish character is a real example to us. Surely someone like that can be certain of a place in heaven?

You would think so wouldn’t you, but it doesn’t work like that with God...

...no-one will be declared righteous in his sight by observing the law...

Romans 3:20

Even the best of us have fallen short of the standard He sets...



...all our righteous acts are like filthy rags...

Isaiah 64:6

...and with everlasting consequences...

...people are destined to die once, and after that to face judgment...

Hebrews 9:27

But if God is a God of love, won't He overlook our faults, especially if they're not too serious?

Many of us go through life believing this to be the case. However, as He's also a God of justice, all wrong-doing must be punished.

That's why He sent His Son, Christ Jesus, to die on the Cross of Calvary... to take the punishment that we deserve...

...God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Romans 5:8

Does this then mean that we can all be sure of heaven?

Nowhere in the Bible does it say this. The Lord Jesus died and rose to life again that first Easter Day to make it possible for us to have a right relationship with God the Father.



In our daily living even that which we'd consider the most minor weakness is 'sin' in God's sight, separating us from Him...

...your iniquities (sins) have separated you from your God...

Isaiah 59:2

...and the Lord Jesus has become a 'bridge' which we must cross to have the relationship with our Maker put right.

But is belief in the existence of God not enough?

Well, no. Christ Jesus Himself says...

I am the way and the truth and the life. No-one comes to the Father except through me.

John 14:6

And it's through faith in Him alone that we can find true peace, fulfilment, freedom and eternal security...

Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved...

Acts 16:31



So what's the catch?

There isn't a catch, but there is a cost. God has a plan for each of us. But first we must seek His forgiveness, asking the risen Christ Jesus, by His Spirit, into our lives to become our Saviour and Lord...

...to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God.

John 1:12

Then we must face up to the cost of becoming one of His true followers. This means turning away from all we know to be wrong and putting Him first in everything. He says...

Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me.

Luke 9:23

The thing is, once we begin to know Him we won't feel we *have to*... we'll *want to*!



But can't we be 'put right' with God by giving to charity and helping others... by going to church, being baptised or becoming a member... even just doing our best?

These things in themselves are not the way to a right relationship with God - they're more likely to be consequences! Even the most upright of us can be facing an eternity... merely 'hoping for the best'...

There is a way that appears to be right, but in the end it leads to death.

Proverbs 14:12

Therefore this message is **BAD news** for **GOOD people**... if we're trusting in our own merits and refusing to respond to God's 'good news'...

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

John 3:16

So why not use His 'helpline' today?

Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

Romans 10:13