



The Bible Says



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GOOD NEWS !

Last week we observed that Adam and Eve sinned and brought sin and death into the world. We do not inherit Adam's sin. Instead we are free moral agents as were Adam and Eve. According to the New Testament, "for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23). But how do all sin? "Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law." (I John 3:4) "All unrighteousness is sin: ..." (I John 5:17). "Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin" (James 4:17).

Friends, there is good news! Jesus came into the world "to seek and save the lost" (Luke 19:10). His reason for doing so: "But I will forewarn you whom ye shall fear: Fear Him, which after He hath killed hath power to cast into hell; yea, I say unto you, Fear Him" (Luke 12:5). Thus the good news is, "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" (John 3:16). Paul said in Romans 6:23, "For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." Yes, God gave His Son, and His Son gave His life. The Scriptures also teach that salvation is a gift. "For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, ⁹not of works, lest anyone should boast" (Ephesians 2:8-9). But, a gift may be conditional or unconditional. Hebrews 5:9 says, "And having been perfected, He became the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him." After His death, burial and resurrection Christ said, "He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned" (Mark 16:16). (More Next Week)

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