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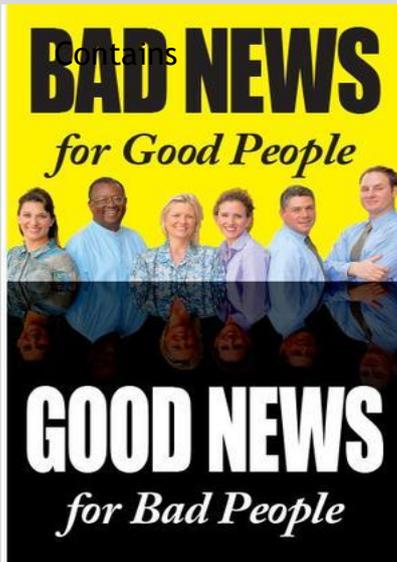
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...that you may know that you have eternal life.' 1 John 5:13

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Jesus said:
"I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance"
(Mark 2:17)

BAD NEWS FOR GOOD PEOPLE

You may be surprised to learn that the Bible contains much bad news for people who would consider themselves to be good. The following verses are examples of this:

- We are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags. Isaiah 64:6
- There is none righteous, no, not one: there is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God. Romans 3:10,11
- All things are naked and opened unto the eyes of Him with whom we have to do. Hebrews 4:13
- God requireth that which is past. Ecclesiastes 3:15
- Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us. Titus 3:5
- Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in His [God's] sight. Romans 3:20

- Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish. Luke 13:3
- God ... now commandeth all men everywhere to repent. Acts 17:30

GOOD NEWS FOR BAD PEOPLE

You may be equally surprised to know that there are other Scriptures which show that there is much good news for bad people. Here are a few:

- Christ died for the ungodly. Romans 5:6
- Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. 1 Timothy 1:15
- God commendeth His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Romans 5:8
- 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
- For the Son of Man is come to seek and to save that which was lost. Luke 19:10
- Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved. Acts 16:31
- Whosoever shall call upon the Name of the Lord shall be saved. Romans 10:13
- Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Romans 5:1

Perhaps you are one of those people who is trying to be good enough to merit heaven when you die. You may be seeking to "do the best you can" or "live by the golden rule."

These things are all well in their place, but we must tell you plainly that the Bible has nothing but bad news for you. Heaven cannot be gained that way. **“All have sinned”** (Romans 3:23) and are under condemnation and must have someone to save and justify them. Sinners are unable to save or even help to save themselves.

But if on the other hand you know that you are guilty before God and lost and without a doubt—going to hell—then the Bible surely holds good news for you. Christ Jesus died for you on Calvary’s cross that you might be saved and He offers a pardon for all your sins. If you will, just as you are, look by faith to Him, you can know the forgiveness of your sins and have the assurance of eternal life.

Jesus said, “Him that cometh to Me I will in no wise cast out.” (John 6:37)

Moments with the Book

WHO IS A PARDONING GOD LIKE THEE?

1

Great God of wonders! All thy ways
Are worthy of thyself—divine;
But the bright glories of thy grace
Beyond thine other wonders shine:
Who is a pardoning God for thee?
Or who has grace so rich and free?

2

Such deep transgressions to forgive,
Such guilty, daring worms to spare;
This is thy grand prerogative,
And none may in this honour share:
Who is a pardoning God for thee?
Or who has grace so rich and free?

3

Pardon from an offended God!
Pardon for sins of deepest dye!
Pardon bestowed through Jesus’ blood!
Pardon that brings the rebel nigh!
Who is a pardoning God for thee?
Or who has grace so rich and free?



ABOVE THE LINE

A blue line is painted on the road that leads to my house on the hill. It is unlike any other road markings. As you will see from the picture, there’s a blue strip across the road, a wave symbol, and the words tsunami safe zone.

The idea is, if you get above the line you will be safe from a tsunami. Wellington, New Zealand, where I live, is a hilly city; it is by the sea and is also very prone to earthquakes and, therefore, tsunami.

So, there are blue lines on all the roads that lead uphill, a continual reminder indeed, a warning – of potential disaster. A lot of planning, based on elevations above sea level, went into deciding the placing of the blue lines. Yet can the people of Wellington be certain that, if they are just above the line, they would be safe from the devastating effects of a tsunami? Nobody knows for sure – but everyone hopes so!

Can I ask you, are you sure of going to Heaven, or do you hope so?

What about God’s way of salvation?

Did Christ die on the cross so that we could only hope to be safe from God’s judgment on our sins?

No, the Bible is certain:

Jesus said,

I am the way (John 14.6). He spoke of a narrow way that leads to life (Read **Matthew 7:13–14**), and He was speaking of eternal life.

When you trust in Him you enter on the narrow road is like getting above the blue line and you will be saved and safe.

The blue lines are distinctive from other road markings, which is good. However, as people see them daily, they get used to them and begin not to notice them. Also, in some places they get worn down by traffic, so that unless they are repainted, you would hardly be able to see a line in an emergency, especially in the dark.

Could it be that you have heard the gospel story so often you have got used to it like the drivers going every day over the lines? Or, has it become for you like the worn-down blue line – faded from your consciousness? If so, may this article stir you up your eternal destiny is at stake. There is a tsunami of judgment coming your way!



Wellington city had a huge reality check on November 16, 2016, just after midnight, when a 7.8 earthquake struck. After the violent shaking stopped, the continuous broadcasts began, warning of a possible tsunami. If you are in low lying suburbs, move to higher ground immediately.

From my house, high on the hill, I could see the head-lights of vehicles moving up nearby hills. Whole families huddled in their cars during the night, taking refuge on high ground.

But many families didn't listen to the warning or ignored it. They went back to sleep! They took an awful risk.

Thankfully there was no tsunami that night for they were in the danger zone.

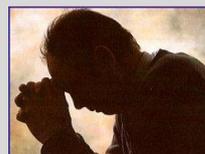
We are told what to do if there's danger of a tsunami. There is a difference, however, with the warnings in the Bible about God's coming judgment. It's not a case of if, but when. God is incredibly merciful and patient towards sinners and offers the gift of eternal life (Romans 6.23).

But when His righteous judgment falls, it will be swifter than a tsunami. There will be no escape for the unbeliever.

The good news is that you can get into the safe zone of salvation. Here are just two of the assurances in the Bible: ***Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved*** (Acts 16:31). And, ***He who believes in the Son has everlasting life*** (John 3:36). Can you get anything more beautifully simple and sure than that? But you need to heed this message! It's as urgent as the rescue of Lot and his family from Sodom, who were told, ***Escape for your life! Do not look behind you*** (Genesis 19:17).

If you stay in your sinful state, will you perish forever? YES! Can you get into God's safe zone, and live forever? YES! So, why are you waiting? *Via Magazine*

POINT TO PONDER



There is a tsunami of judgment coming your way! Have you sought refuge in the person of Christ?

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