

# THE REMNANT



“WHEREFORE LIFT UP THY PRAYER FOR THE REMNANT THAT ARE LEFT.” 2 KINGS 19:4

## FREE

Article By: Greg Miller

Salvation is FREE.

There aren't many things in this world that are free. Most things that come with the claim of being “free” have strings attached. But God gives a gift called “eternal life” and it is absolutely FREE.

The mind-boggling thing is that we have earned DEATH. Because of our sin, we have earned the “wages of sin”. We deserve death. But God offers to absolve you of the “pay day”, the **death**, that you deserve and to give you eternal life!

The Apostle Paul contrasted it this way in Romans 6:23, “For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.”

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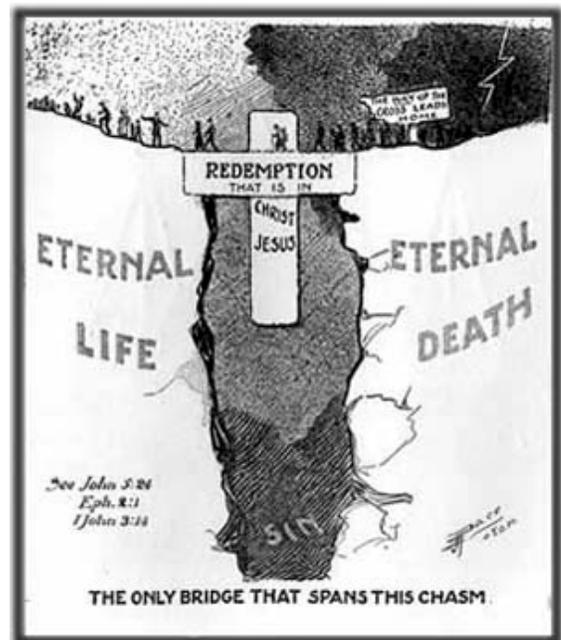
## THE CROSS OF JESUS CHRIST

Many people wonder why it was necessary for Jesus to die. But as the picture next to this paragraph illustrates, the Cross that Jesus died upon serves as a bridge from eternal death to eternal life.

Adam and Eve were placed in a world with no sin. And since there was no sin, there was also no sickness, crime, death or pain, etc.

But our first parents chose to sin. When they did, they introduced all the consequences of sin into the world: sickness, crime, death, pain, etc.

God foretold of a “seed” who would come and bruise the head of the serpent, also called Satan. When He did so, this “seed” would overcome the curse of sin and undo all of its effects. (Genesis 3:15)



That “seed” would later be known as Jesus of Nazareth. He came to this earth with one purpose in mind. (Galatians 3:16)

Jesus repeatedly told his followers that He had come to live a perfect life and be offered as a sinless substitute to pay for the sins of the world. On one occasion Jesus said, “I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep.” (John 10:11)

The Apostle Paul discusses this many times. In Romans chapter 5, he explains how that Adam's sin brought death but the death of Jesus brought life. It was a GREAT EXCHANGE.

“For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous.” (Romans 5:19)

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# ARE YOU GOOD ENOUGH?

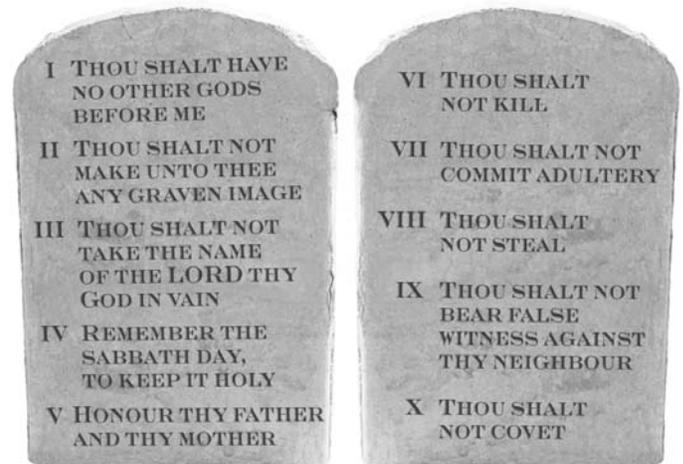
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Most people believe they will go to Heaven because they are a good person? But is that true?

The Bible says in James 2:10 that if we break one of God's laws then we are guilty of breaking all. Have you EVER broken God's law? Even once?

Look at this picture of the Ten Commandments. Can you honestly say you have never broken a single one?

- #I:** Ever put something before God? That's IDOLATRY.
- #II:** Pray to Mary or Saints. or used images or statues?
- #III:** Use the name of Jesus like a swear word or add "damn" to the word "God"?
- #IV:** Neglected to take a day of the week to rest, meditate on God's word and pray?
- #V:** Disobey or disrespect your parents?
- #VI:** Never killed anyone? The Bible says that if we hate our brother, we're a murderer! (See 1 John 3:15)
- #VII:** Have sex with anyone that you're not married to? Jesus said to lust after another is adultery! (Matthew 5:28)
- #VIII:** Take anything that didn't belong to you?
- #IX:** Ever told a lie? Even a so-called, "little white lie?"



**“For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all.”**

**James 2:10**

•**#X:** Desire things that don't belong to you and that you don't deserve or need?

Jesus said, “none is good, save one, that is, God.” [Luke 18:19] No matter who you are, you are not good enough to get to Heaven by your “good works”.

**The word of God is clear:** “Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us...” (Titus 3:5)

The book of Ephesians clearly says that salvation is “Not of works, lest any man should boast.” (Ephesians 2:9)

It's not that we don't do good works. but the reason WHY do we do good works. We don't work to be saved. We work because we ARE saved.

That is why Jesus said that we need to be born again. (John 3:3-7) Only by believing in the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus for salvation can we be saved and then receive His Spirit into our bodies, enabling us to do God's work.

Christians don't work to be saved. We work out of appreciation for what HE has done for us. Don't get it backward!

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## “FREE”

Jesus died on a Cross in YOUR place. You deserve death. Jesus did NOT deserve death.

Jesus died so that you might live. If you trust in the payment for sin paid in full by Jesus on the Cross, then you do not have to die!

I have heard it put this way. “You owed a debt that you could not pay. Jesus paid a debt He did not owe.”

You sinned but Jesus died. If you reject Him, you are basically telling God that you WANT to die. If you trust Jesus, then you are telling God that you want to LIVE. So, which is it?

Will you accept the FREE gift of salvation by trusting Jesus, believing on His death as full payment for sin and His resurrection as full guarantee that He will raise you to eternal life

“If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.”  
**John 8:36**

# THE GOSPEL MESSAGE

God made the Gospel simple. Yet, religions have made it so complicated.

**The message that Jesus preached was simple:** “The Son of man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again.” (Luke 24:7)

**The message that Paul preached was the same:** “...that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures.” (1 Corinthians 15:3-4)

**Jesus confronted Thomas and asked him if he “believed”:** “Then saith he to Thomas, Reach hither thy finger, and behold my hands; and reach hither thy hand, and thrust it into my side: and be not faithless, but believing.” (John 20:27)

**Thomas responded the way that we should respond:** “And Thomas answered and said unto him, My Lord and my God.” (vs. 28)

**Jesus repeatedly said that we would be saved by believing upon His death and resurrection:** “That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life.” (John 3:15)

**Paul preached the SAME thing that Jesus did—that believing the Gospel SAVES sinners:** “For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth.” (Romans 1:16)

**Jesus taught that salvation was not of works (plural) but of one “work”, which was believing on Jesus alone for salvation:** “Jesus answered and said unto them, This is the work of God, that ye believe on him whom he hath sent.” (John 6:29)

**Paul also taught that salvation was not by works:** “Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us...” (Titus 3:5 and see also Ephesians 2:8-10)

**Religion comes along and corrupts the Gospel in order to control your life, your wallet and your soul:** “But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.” (2 Corinthians 2:11)

**The Bible uses the strongest terms to condemn ANY gospel other than the one you have just read:** “If any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed.” (Galatians 1:9)

**The Apostle John summed up the reason God gave us the Bible and just how easy it is to KNOW that you are going to Heaven when you die:** “These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.” (1 John 5:13)

It’s that simple. Will you believe it?

# JESUS RESCUED ME

Article By: Greg Miller

I remember what it was like before I believed on Jesus Christ and was saved. The best word to describe my state of mind was “desperation”.

But don’t misunderstand. My life was fine. I was living the single life and having as much “fun” as allowed by law.

However, in the midst of the parties and good times I was having a crisis in my mind and in my heart. I was facing issues and reaching the end of my ability to fight the obvious.

First, there was my faltering belief in evolution. As much as I tried to pretend otherwise, I was truly losing my “faith” in the evolutionary theories regarding the origin of man.

Second, there was that empty feeling inside. As I looked around at life, I saw death, misery and evil. People cheating, lying and stealing. None of my unsaved friends were happy. Life “sucked” and it was sucking the will to live right out of me.

Finally, I began to read the Bible. As I did, I had questions.

Thankfully, several Christians were available to provide answers. Some they provided on their own. At other times, I would be handed a book that would cover the issue that I had questions about.

## The Process

I had built a brick wall around me. This wall was made up of the excuses and “reasons” that I had for rejecting the Bible and Christianity.

In the process of time, I began to see my wall come down, one brick at a time. I didn’t know it then, but God’s

Holy Spirit was convicting me of my sin and drawing me to Him.

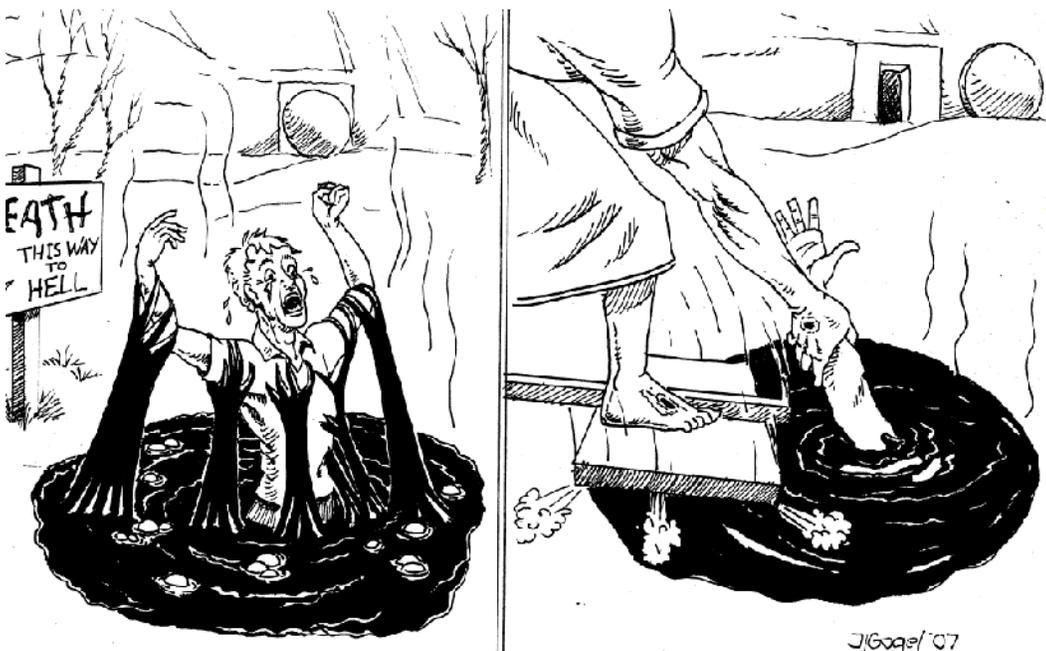
One night in 1989, I worked the graveyard shift and was all alone. I opened a King James Bible and read in Romans 10:13, “For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

I had fought long enough. I was ready to surrender. I felt such a loneliness and feeling of separation at that moment. I just knew that if I didn’t humble myself before God and receive His free gift of eternal life, I was going to go INSANE.

So, right there in the Masonic building in downtown Portsmouth, Ohio, I dropped to my knees with my Bible in front of me on the floor.

I simply said, “Lord, I am following your word and calling on you in the Name of Jesus. I believe the Gospel and thank you for saving me.”

I was saved. Jesus had rescued me!



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# JOHN 3:16

Article By: Jenny Miller

You ever seen this? On a sign? At a football game? On a bumper sticker? What is up with these people and John 3:16?

Read this and you can understand what it is all about.

“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.”

## For God...

Who is God anyway? Aren't there many gods?

There is one true God. He is the God of the Bible. He made everything, including YOU. God is really there, and He has spoken to us in His Word, which we call the Bible. It has everything that He wants us to know about Him, what He expects, what He has done, and what He will do.

There are a lot of religions and a lot of gods in the world. The difference between true Christianity and all other religions is that every false religion requires mankind to do things to save themselves.

Christianity places all hope in what Jesus Christ has already done to save

us. Christians believe that Jesus is God, that He came in the flesh, died for our sins, was buried, but then He rose from the dead, thus proving that He alone is God and He alone has power over sin, death, hell, and the grave.

## So loved the world...

God made us, this world, the stars, the galaxies, time, smiles, laughter, families, beauty, and He loves it! He is LOVE. And He loves us. He loves us so much that He laid down His life for us. The Bible says, “Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us”. “Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. When you hear someone say “God is love”, it is true! But it is only true of the God of the Bible.

## That He gave His only begotten Son

Now the true God is ONE in three Persons (Father, Son, & Spirit). God the Father has a Son, and His name is Jesus. The Bible says Jesus is the ONLY way to be saved. Why in the world did God have to give His only Son? What was the big problem? What problem was so big that Jesus had to come here in human flesh and DIE?

Sin. That is the problem.

Sin happens anytime we do or think or say anything that is in opposition to God's Word. It can be things you do, or things you don't do. The Bible says that “to him that knows to do good and does it not, to him it is sin”.

So what is the big problem? It is YOUR sin. Your sin separates you from God. God is holy, and cannot be around sin. Did you know that every sin in the world offends God? He takes it personally. And what do you care? Because you have sinned. (Please don't pretend in your heart and mind for one second that you think you haven't. It is not even worth going there.) The Bible says “All have sinned...”

Sin requires payment. “The wages of sin is death” Someone has to pay. ...Wow. That means literal physical death, but more importantly, it means eternal death, and eternal death in the REAL torments of hell. I'm telling you this right now because unless you trust Jesus as your substitute, YOU are responsible and have to pay for your own sins. It will literally take you FOREVER to pay for your own sins in Hell. Hell is literally just that, hell. It is a place of total darkness and separation from God. The Bible tells us of a real man in hell “being in torments”. It is no joke. But there is hope. God's Word also says, “...but the gift of God is eternal life,

through Jesus Christ our Lord”.

## That whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

In order for God's holiness to be satisfied (the same God who is LOVE is also HOLY), He came here in “the likeness of sinful flesh”, but “without sin”. He was the “perfect sacrifice”. He shed his own blood (the Bible says that without the shedding of blood there is no remission of sin), he died, he was buried, he rose from the dead proving that He had conquered sin, death, hell, and the grave.

God says that simply by believing Him, by believing the record that God gave of this amazing historical fact, by believing that Jesus Christ died for YOUR sins, that He was buried, and that God raised Him from the dead, that YOU WILL BE SAVED. It is really that simple.

We sinned. God loved. God paid for sins. God died. God rose from the dead. We believe. We are born again into God's family and we live forever with Him. “God is light and in Him is no darkness at all”. Everything good is from God. And being in heaven means to enjoy God and His goodness forever. So instead of perishing forever in a real hell, we will enjoy perfection and all that is

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# WHAT IS HELL?

Article By: Mike Kahler

Talk to people about what Hell is and you will get many different answers and descriptions. Aside from the fools who don't believe there is a Hell, most responses talk about a place of fire and torment.

What is really surprising is the number of Christians who believe and talk about Hell being a place where Satan will torment those who didn't make it to heaven. This belief is completely false!

In Revelation 20:10 we read, "And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever."

You see, the devil will not be the tormentor, he will be **tormented**.

So what are some of the descriptions of Hell?

Most speak of Hell as defined here in The Book of Revelation—a place of fire and brimstone. Since this description is in the Bible, it is an accurate one. But does the description go far enough? Is it a complete description of Hell or is there

more?

## What Does Jesus Say?

Anytime I am looking for answers to questions I have, the first place I go is to Jesus. When Jesus was with us, did He provide any additional clues as to what Hell is like?

The times that Jesus used Hell as a reference, the description was never good. He spoke of the unquenchable fire and described Hell as a place of torment. Jesus urged people to fear Him that could not only take one's life, but also destroy your soul and spirit in Hell.

It is always described as a very bad place.

Let's go a bit further though. Jesus knew He would have to go down into Hell. In Psalm 16:10 we read, "For thou wilt not leave my soul in Hell, neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption."

Just before Jesus was to be handed over to be crucified, He prayed in the place called Gethsemane. Please read of this account in Matthew 14:32-42. We read that He was sore amazed, heavy and that His soul was sorrowful unto death. Jesus prays to the Father that this cup be taken from Him, but not that His will, but the Father's be



done. Jesus knew what was coming. It wasn't just death.

In Matthew 15:34, however we see what it was that caused Jesus so much anguish. It wasn't that He was on the cross, it was that for the first time Jesus was about to be separated from the Father.

Jesus' words that He spoke before finally crying out and giving up the ghost, were "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?" Jesus knew the Father would not leave His soul in Hell or allow His body to see corruption. But, even this short time of separation from the Father caused Jesus much grief.

This is what is so bad about Hell. Yes, there is fire and torment and anguish that goes on with absolutely no end. But, the thing that makes Hell so unbearable is that during all of this suffering, those in Hell will never

again be able to be with God the Father. They will be eternally separated from God.

Remember, Jesus cried out because He was to be separated from the Father for 3 days. How much crying will there be for those who are separated from the Father forever?

My friends, I urge you, if you have not received Jesus as your Lord and Savior, to do so now.

Do so now, while there is still breath in your body and you can ask Jesus to come into your life. Accept this payment that Jesus made on behalf of all of us.

Will you allow Jesus' crying out because of the temporary separation from the Father to go in vain? Or will you accept His sacrifice and be eternally grateful that you will not have to suffer the burning and tormenting and separation from the Father forever?

The choice is yours.

**"And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire."**

**Revelation 20:15**

## John 3:16

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good in the real place called heaven, in the presence of God, the Angels, and all those who trust in Christ as their Savior.

### Everlasting life!

Believe it and be saved. Reject it, and you will find out that it is for the sin of unbelief that people go to hell. Everybody sins, but all who believe in Jesus go to heaven and have everlasting life, but all who reject this record that God gave of His Son are calling God a liar, and will go to hell forever to pay for their own sins.

### The Bible says:

"...he that believeth not God hath made him a liar; because he believeth not the record that God gave of his Son. And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life." **1 John 5:10-12**

Salvation is free to all who will receive it, believing in Jesus. God's Word says, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved." (Acts 16:31)

"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**

# IF CHRIST IS THE ANSWER, WHAT IS THE QUESTION?

Article By: Dan Beko

### The Question:

"Where will you spend eternity?"

"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**

"My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand." **John 10:27-28**

"I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live." **John 11:25**



"For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." **Romans 6:23**

"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." **John 3:36**

The Cross of Jesus Christ (Continued from page 1)...

In 32-33 AD, the Cross was looked upon with horror as an instrument of torture. But after the death of Jesus Christ, it became a symbol of LIFE. The Cross became the bridge to God.

If any man or woman will come to the Cross of Christ and trust in the payment of sin that was provided there in full by Jesus Christ, he or she will be eternally saved.

Will you look to the Cross of Jesus Christ

### Life Is Short

"For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away."

**James 4:14**

### Death Is Sure

"And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment."

**Hebrews 9:27**

### Sin The Cause

"For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God."

**Romans 3:23**

### Christ the Cure

"That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.

"For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved."

**Romans 10:9 & 13**

and, in your heart, believe that He died, was buried and rose again? Will you lay aside your religious efforts, put to rest your own perceived "goodness" and look to Jesus Christ alone for eternal life? If you will, you are SAVED.

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# PREACHING THE LOVE OF JESUS

The love of Jesus was demonstrated for us when He died willingly on the Cross on a hill in Jerusalem. "But God commendeth His love toward us in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." (Romans 5:8)

The dead body of Jesus was placed in a garden tomb. But His body did not remain there. If you visit Israel today, you can visit the garden tomb. It's an EMPTY tomb.

Jesus overcame death and He promises to raise you up in the last

day to eternal life, if you will only believe and trust in His death, burial and resurrection for payment of your sin and eternal life.

After being raised from the dead, Jesus spent forty days with more than 500 eyewitnesses (see 1 Corinthians 15:1-8 and Acts 1:1-11). But that's not the end. When He left, He promised to return!

And we will preach the love of Jesus until the day of His return. "For God so love the world, the He gave His only begotten Son..."

**PREACH TO 'EM ALL...**



**LET GOD SORT 'EM OUT!**

**MARK 16:15**