

First of all you need to know that a lot of stuff that is said and taught about God, Jesus, and the Bible, is just plain *wrong*. Why do so many people say and teach wrong things about such an important subject? Even sincerely? Because the true message of the Bible is the only message that can't be discussed objectively..... it has immediate impact on your personal and private life. The Bible says you are responsible to a Creator, everyone knows that they aren't perfect, and so it becomes necessary to dismiss, even disprove the claims of the Bible.

For example, in reality, Creationism has MORE scientific evidence than evolution! It's *true! Really!* But evolution wins on the popular level because the end result is that there is no God (or at least not a personal one) and so you can do whatever you want! I must ask you to set aside your questions and doubts for a minute. I'm not asking you to ignore them, FAR FROM IT, there ARE answers, but put them on hold for now. Later, if you are willing to look, you will find answers to your questions. For now, here the *basic message...*

I wrote this booklet because I'm glad someone told me! I want you to know how to get right with God and know him personally! Life will never be the same! You'll wish you'd done it sooner and see the emptiness of the reasons you didn't. But the final decision is yours; I won't be there when you stand before God to give account for your life!

It's **Good News** and it's this simple:

"God, I know I'm a sinner, and I've been running my life without you. Please forgive me. I believe Jesus died on the cross for me and rose again. I invite you into my life to take control. I want to put my trust in you. Help me to live for you. In Jesus Name, Amen.

A life with God is yours for the asking! If you prayed the prayer above and meant it, you are now a member of God's Family and are completely forgiven for every wrong thing you've ever done!

If you aren't convinced, or have some questions, *that's perfectly fine!* Please feel free to call or write to me! I'd be happy to try and answer any questions you may have. This Good News is worth looking into! Your life is the MOST IMPORTANT thing you have, don't gamble with it! Search for the Truth! God says *"Those who seek me find me."* (Proverbs 8:17)

Give God a chance! You'll be glad you did!
Karl D. Bastian

Hello! Let me tell you about some **Good News** that you won't find in the newspaper, on the evening news, or even in many churches! You might even be surprised to find out that I am not going to try and make you religious! (The world has enough "religious" people as it is!) God is more interested in knowing you personally and in having a relationship with you than in you living a "religious" life! Religion without a relationship is empty! In every culture, religion is man's attempt to find God. The problem is, **THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE!** No one can find God on their own! All sorts of things have been tried, and they all fail! No wonder so many people finally decide he doesn't exist or if he does, that he can't be known. If you've seen the pointlessness of religion, or find it hard to believe in God at all, then I have some **Good News** for YOU!

The world is filled with a lot of confusing, even goofy, messages about God and the Bible. I wrote this booklet because I am glad someone explained it all to me plainly, simply, and to the point. *Please READ ON!*



Plain, Simple, and Straight to the Point.

By Karl Bastian

In a world filled with Bad News and Problems, there is an Answer if you are willing to take the time to look...

It is obvious that the world is messed up! However, most people mistake that fact as an evidence that God does not exist, is not in control, or hardly loving. Rather, what people are *supposed* to learn from this fact is that life without God always leads to disaster! Do not be mislead, *Every wrong this in this world is a result of ONE THING: namely disobedience against God!* Sin is the word for disobeying God. You can not name one thing wrong in the world that is not directly, or indirectly, the result of sin. So why does God allow sin? Of course he didn't *have* to. But the alternative would be that we would all be little robots walking around doing what God wanted. The *miracle of life* is that God created us as **real** living beings in his image, with thinking minds, emotions, and a free will. The up side of this is the possibility for a real relationship with God, the down side is the possibility for rebellion. God chose to accept that possibility. Without it, our freedom would be only an illusion. God hates the evil that exists due to our rebellion, even more than we do! But he permits it because it is the only way he can have *true fellowship* with those chose to obey him and to love him.

However, although he has granted this freedom, and so allowed the evil to result, He will not permit it indefinitely! No one is getting away with anything! He is allowing time for more to turn to Him, but will one day say "enough is

enough!" and come to judge the earth! Those who have chosen to rule their own life, will pay dearly. It would be good for them if they could only die physically and cease to exist, but God created mankind to live forever, and therefore everyone will. The question is not whether you will get eternal life, but where you will spend it! Those who have accepted the Good News and God's way of forgiveness will live forever **with God** and be freed from the consequences of their sin! Those who don't must then live forever separated from God in a very real place known as Hell.

How can one live forever WITH GOD? By **accepting God's forgiveness through Jesus Christ**. You see, God is a Just God, and all sin **MUST** be punished. Since all of us have sinned, we all must be punished. That's the **BAD NEWS**. The **Good News**, though, is that God loves us and sent Jesus Christ to take that punishment for us. You've probably heard the verse, "or God so loved the world that He sent his one and only Son that whosoever believes in Him will not perish but have eternal life!" (John 3:16) Elsewhere Scripture says that "while we were still sinners Christ died for us." (Romans 5:8) Also, "Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life, but ... **WARNING!!** Whoever rejects the Son will not see life, for God's wrath remains on him." (John 3:36) There is no neutral or middle ground. **SOMEONE** must pay for your sin, either **YOU** or

Jesus Christ. The choice is up to **YOU**! You see, God is allowing sin now in order to find out who will chose to turn to him and love and acknowledge him as Creator. Someday when this Age is over, and God is going to a new earth. It will be for those who have accepted Jesus. If He allowed sin to still exist, it would soon end up just like our world is now...a mess! Therefore, anyone who is to live with God in the next Age must be free from sin. Our sin **MUST BE PAID FOR**. And God has provided a way.

THAT is the Good News! Jesus died the death that we *deserve*. Because He never sinned, He is a substitute for us. His death, in a sense, is credited to our account and our debt of sin is considered "paid in full" and we are declared by God, "**Not Guilty!**" It is a free gift, but it is not auto-matic, you must reach out and accept it *for yourself*. This is what is meant by "accepting Jesus as your Savior." You must *accept* that payment; *claim it for yourself*. Until you do, that debt for sin remains unpaid for, and it will be paid for **BY YOU....** through eternity without God in Hell. But if you **DO** accept Jesus as your Savior, you begin an *exciting life* with **GOD!**

The benefits of a life with God are incredible! Eternal Life with God in the future, **Yes!** But there are *many* benefits **NOW!** Jesus came to make our joy complete, not to make our lives dull! I've seen it, I've experienced it, it's real! I may not be in the mainstream, but I have *nothing to*

lose and everything to gain! You, however, without God, have *nothing permanent* to gain, and *everything* to lose! Remember: What's right is not always popular, and what's popular is not always right, but what's right is right regardless!

There are a thousand "opinions" about God, but they have no impact on what He is really like! Opinion has NO EFFECT ON TRUTH! Just as what I imagine you to be like has no effect on who you are, so what you think of God has no impact on Him! He is who He is, regardless of your opinion. You need to find out what He says about Himself, just as to know what **YOU** are like, I'd need to ask **YOU**, not just decide what I think sounds good! God says He loves you and created you as a free person. But with that freedom came responsibility and consequences for how you used that freedom. You and I have failed, but God has provided a way of escape. Jesus said, "*I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, no one comes to the Father but by me.*" (John 14:6) The tragic reality, though, is that many people, even after hearing the **Good News**, choose to continue to run their own lives without God. You may succeed in ignoring the Truth for awhile, but eventually it will be forced to your attention, for "*It is appointed men once to die, and after that the judgment.*" (Hebrews 9:27) Now that you have read this, you won't be able to claim that no one ever told you! **I'm telling you now!** And you are silly not to look into it further!