

The Good News Is

In the beginning there was nothing, nothing except for God.

God has no start or end so time-bound he is not.

The story begins with this creator whose creation was complete in 6 days.

The light, the dark, the sky, the waters, the animals He said were good in all their ways.

Then He created man, right out of the dirt and dust.

Adam was his name and through his lineage came all of us.

He was made in God's image reflecting the likeness of the Lord himself

But capable of his own decisions not merely a puppet on a shelf

God soon bestowed upon Adam a very important task

To give the animals all a name, but his satisfaction would not last

Though Adam had the Lord his heart eventually became heavy

He felt lonely and sad so for a partner, flesh of his flesh, he was ready.

While he was asleep, God formed Eve from Adam's side

Now a marriage covenant was established for Adam and his bride.

"oh Finally" he cried with joy, it's someone like me.

He called her woman, and together in the garden with God they were complete.

This simple perfection, the way God intended things to be, did not last long

for Adam and Eve made a decision that resulted in the first Wrong

Of all his blessings God had given them, He made just one rule

Do not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil for you will die, but in the others take your full

One day a serpent spoke lies to Eve so evil and slick

"Did God really say don't eat from the tree, He's holding out on you" was his trick

He had planted a seed of doubt inside Eve's head

She knew God's good character but questioned by whom she should be lead

So Eve took a bite, and Adam took one too

All of a sudden sin entered the world and is now inherently inside me and you

God had warned them of this sin, this evil that could not be in His sight
They had decided that day that their own rules should be their own right
So, God banished them from the Garden of Eden,
His judgement was seen but his mercy still given,
Adam and Eve both rot with blame and ashamed of being naked,
Were clothed by God and banished from the garden forever, but they weren't forsaken.
God had made them a promise, a prophecy of a Savior to come
Who would crush the serpents head and rescue the children he loved,
From now until then the world welcomed hardship and death,
Generations after generations would long for the Lord's rest.
God had commanded Adam and Eve to be fruitful and to spread,
So, they had children; only 3 mentioned, Cane, Abel, and Seth
A series of murders and evil began to multiply
Cane killed Abel but God let his body be fortified
7 times 7 is what will happen to those who do this to you
Judgment comes from me and me alone for I am the ultimate measure because I am the Truth.
God, disheartened, regretted the creation He had made
So, he sent a flood to destroy the earth, a new start and a clean slate
Noah and his family had found favor with the Lord
So, he built an ark as commanded and after the waters receded, he landed safely on shore
From this lineage on a man named Abram was born.
He and his wife desired a child but grew old and forlorn
God came to him one day and promised him descendants as numerous as the stars
Though Abram now Abraham failed many times on His part.
God still kept His word and a child he had
Through Isaac came Israel and the 12 tribes after that.
Years later God's people found themselves enslaved
So, God sent Moses and his brother Aaron to free them from this pain

A cycle of judges watched as God's children disobeyed and followed with repent,
Soon Kings were established but the people still weren't content.
They kept searching for the Savior the one who would end all this mess,
Restore what was broken and fulfil the promise that just like in the garden with God there would
be eternal rest.
Then through the line of King David a little baby boy was born
His mother Mary and his father Joseph at first nearly torn.
Young Mary was a virgin, but an Angel gave her this message from God
A child she would have whom Joseph did not begot,
You will name your son Jesus for He is your King,
But what they didn't understand was the way in which He would one day pay for their own
suffering.
This little baby was perfect, blameless in God's sight
For the Trinity was God the Father, God the Spirit, and this one, God the son who came down to
shed light.
He didn't come for the rich, or the poor
He came down for every human on earth, he came down to restore.
From the very start of sin there had to be sacrifices made
Always in the form of blood to God the people gave
It had to be an animal without fault, without sin
That is why Jesus was the only one that could break the curse that each and every one of us have
within.
He would be the greatest sacrifice of all,
His blood would allow us to gain what was lost in the fall,
A relationship with our Father the Lord of all the earth
Who has known each and every one of us since before our very birth,
So, Jesus grew up and lived a perfect life
He preformed miracles and gave blind men back their sight.

He led others to walk in his ways

He served, He loved, He forgave and He praised.
Most importantly of all He disciplined 12 men
So Christianity could multiply and spread.
For God so loved the world that HE gave us His only son
And whoever believes in Him will not perish but will have won,
They will receive the gift of everlasting life in Heaven with Him,
Where all hurt is gone and we are no longer condemned,
But those who refuse the gift will be judged and sent to Hell
A place so full of evil but evil that will never prevail.
You see, every person has evil in their hearts since the fall,
And we turn our backs on God when we are deaf to His call,
HE is so good that this bad cannot be in His sight,
Still no matter what we do we alone cannot make it right.
That is why Jesus came down to restore what we cannot,
When He sacrificed his own perfect life and bled on the cross,
His death served as the final sacrifice and now we can be free,
When we except God's gift of salvation because it was finished on that tree.
The good news is the story doesn't end there,
Other religions have gods who themselves cannot take care,
But Jesus rose again after 3 days in the tomb,
It was his plan to fulfil God's promise and break the curse before he entered the womb.
Now that Jesus was alive, He revealed Himself to the world so that men could touch and see,
He had holes in his hands from the nails and holes in his feet.
Jesus told his disciples He was leaving but would one day return,
For now, he would send the Holy Spirit to help us both follow and discern,
So, when we ask Jesus into our hearts, we receive the Holy Spirit as a gift
One that can never be taken away even though because we sin, we constantly repent.
So why has the Son of God still not returned?

HE is waiting for every last soul to hear his voice and receive a gift they don't have to earn,

One day there will be a new heaven and a new earth,

Those who follow God will be princes and princesses in his kingdom because of our King's not our own worth.

Our mission as Christ followers today

Is to spread this news to the ends of the earth of how our debt has been paid.

The Bible is the written word of God breathed through men,

It is a Holy book that we should not just respect,

But we should learn from it's teaching and from the story of God,

So we can accurately make disciples of men and win hearts to Jesus that are lonely and lost.