

# An open letter to our readers

**W**e believe it is our duty to give you the message of the Bible. We know that most men do not believe the Bible. Perhaps you are one of them. We hope that is not the case. Whether you believe the Bible to be the word of the living God or not is totally up to you. We cannot make you believe nor are we trying to do so. All of that is in the hands of the God who created you. Please be patient as we share just a few things with you.

First, the Bible does not attempt to prove that God exists. Rather than trying to prove that God exists, the Bible simply asserts that God is. The Bible assumes that man knows that God is. How so? *"For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse:"* — Romans 1:20. If a person believes the first verse of the Bible, he will have no problem with any other verse.

Secondly God created the heaven and earth, and all that is in it. He created the first man and woman. He put in them all that was needed to produce after their kind. We are their children no matter what people, nation, tongue, or kindred we are.

Thirdly, the man that God created sinned against his creator by partaking of the forbidden fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. Only one of the trees was forbidden to Adam. He ate of it. Adam's sin passed his sin nature and depravity to all his children. We are born with a nature to rebel against the righteous laws of Almighty God. We do not have to be taught to do wrong, we do it automatically. In fact, we can do nothing good in the sight of God until he changes us.

Fourthly, God sent his only begotten Son into the world to die for sinners. That is the reason Jesus came into the world. He did wonderful miracles and good works, but his main reason for coming was to die on a cross and pay the sin debt of those God loved. Jesus had to die to pay that debt because the wages of sin is death. Jesus became the substitute of all who believe.

Fifthly, God will hold you accountable for your sins in the Day of Judgment and judge you for every deed and thought. Unless your sins are taken care of by the blood of Jesus Christ, you will face them in the Day of Judgment. If your name isn't written in the book of life, you will spend eternity in the lake of fire. Unless you are believing in Jesus Christ as your savior and lord, you are already condemned.

*For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. -- John 3:17-18.*

We are concerned with getting the message of the Bible to you. We have tried to do that in this letter. Whether you believe it or not, what we have told you is the testimony of God in the Bible. We have no social agenda. We try to be good neighbors and help those we can help along the way in life. We have no desire for anything that belongs to you but are concerned about your eternal soul.

*Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and you will be saved!*

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