

Common Lies

God did not mean what He said.

This was the first lie told and it was told by Satan when he appeared as a serpent in the Garden of Eden. It was then that he told Eve that God did not mean what He said when He gave instructions to Adam. Adam was told NOT to eat of the “tree of knowledge of good and evil” and, that if he did, he would die. {Genesis 2:17} Eve yielded to the temptation provided by Satan and she ate and then Adam also did eat. Consequently, they both immediately died spiritually, and sin entered the realm of humanity resulting in all other people being born with a sin nature. {Romans 5:12}

You are okay the way you are.

The truth of the matter is that you are not okay the way you are. Why? Because you were born a sinner and, as such, you need to be born again. “For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God;” {Romans 3:23} and the only way to Heaven is by being born again. Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the Kingdom of God.” {John 3:3} To be born again one must repent of sin and trust Jesus Christ as Saviour. Jesus was addressing a group of people He said, “I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.” {Luke 13:3} To repent means to have a complete change of thinking towards sin or, as one might say, it means to take God’s side against your sin.”

There is no penalty for being a sinner.

But there is a penalty for being a sinner and, that penalty is death – more than physical death, it is eternal damnation in hell. For all who have not been born again the Bible says, “And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.” {Revelation 20:15}

God does not love you.

But God does love you! In fact, He loves you so much that He has made a provision for your salvation even to the point of having your sin debt paid. And how did He do that? “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} “But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.” {Romans 5:8} When Jesus died on the Cross of Calvary, He literally paid our sin debt with His shed blood. Please read Hebrews, Chapter nine for a complete description of what He did for all of humanity.

Jesus died for some but not all.

There is a teaching that says Jesus only died for some people but not for all, that only specially chosen people would be saved and that all others would not have a choice in the matter. The Bible answers this with, “The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.” {2 Peter 3:9} To teach otherwise is to call God a liar.

You cannot be saved.

One of the greatest lies is that a person cannot be saved, that they have committed sins so great that there is no hope for them. “For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.” {Romans 10:13} The “whosoever” is literally anyone who repents and cries out to Jesus Christ for forgiveness can and will be forgiven and saved. Anyone; it does not matter who they are or what they have done.

You can lose your salvation.

But the Bible tells us that is wrong! “He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life;” {John 3:36 a} “And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand.” {John 10:28} “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}

Christians are free to live and do what they want.

Some people believe that once they have trusted Jesus Christ as Saviour they can go and live however they want to, but that is wrong. The Apostle Paul in writing to the Corinthians said, "What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your members, which are God's." {1 Corinthians 6:19-20} In other words, we have a responsibility, as Christians, to live our lives in such a way as to bring honor and glory to our Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. We do this out of our love for Him because of His love for us. "Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God." {1 Corinthians 10:31}

There is no shortage of lies for they are in abundance; *HOWEVER*, there is only one source for truth and that source is only found in Jesus Christ because He is truth, **THE TRUTH**. He said in John 14:6, "...I am the way [not a way but *THE* way], the truth [not a truth but *THE* truth], and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." The **ONLY WAY** a person may be free from Satan and his lies is to repent of sin and trust Jesus Christ as Saviour. The Bible tells us, "Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." {John 8:31-32}

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