

# THE TRUTH OF GOD MAY NOT BE WHAT YOU'VE HEARD

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Religion has a concept of reward and punishment for doing good and doing bad. God is pictured as an angry judge waiting to hit the gavel of judgement sending sinners to an eternal torment in the flames of hell, or burning unrepentant sinners up in a horrific Ghenna fire. Jesus is pictured as coming to see if there might be some who would accept His sacrifice on their behalf thus gaining salvation and eternal life in heaven for them. Religion is seen as some kind of game or contest between God and the Devil. A GREAT CONTROVERSY if you will. Maybe God wins, maybe the Devil wins. Who knows for sure? The souls of men are at stake.

Rather than debate this subject, we will just cut to the chase and state what God did originally. THE VICTORY HAS BEEN WON!!!!!!!!!!!!

Always existing, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Triune God decided to share His wonderful love with a creation and include humans in His life. From before the foundation of the world this was so. Ephesians 1 tells us that we were chosen in Jesus Christ Before the foundation of the world and ADOPTED into the Life of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Romans 8:15-16 echoes this adoption fact for us.

God's life has been and is in ALL humans since the creation of man. All mankind has been included and adopted into the life of God by God for God. God planned and declared it this way from the very start of creation.

This was the PLAN from the beginning and would have been carried out in the Word incarnate—Jesus—even if man had never sinned in the first place. BUT, man, Adam, did sin. Jesus then had to Redeem man back to God by forgiving man's sins and securing continued SALVATION for man IN and BY and FOR Jesus Christ. Any way it all went, God had it "covered" so that His Eternal Purpose would NOT be thwarted. God guaranteed His Victory over His Plan—and that VICTORY is in Jesus Christ.

People have been misled so successfully by religion in the past feeling that they are unloved by God, unworthy, and unsaved that they have FELT LOST, when in actual fact they have not been lost at all but ADOPTED AND SAVED in Jesus Christ all along. Their wrong perspective is because they have not KNOWN that they were the adopted children of the Father in the Son by the Spirit!!!! So people live in constant feelings of lostness, hiding, and fear (Fear is the opposite of Love) by NOT knowing WHO they are!

The Gospel of Jesus Christ is NOT about trying to get people saved and therefore keep them from "going to Hell", but the True Gospel, the GOOD NEWS,

is that God loved the creation, the world, Humanity so much that He just simply INCARNATED HIMSELF in His creation, ADOPTED mankind, and took care of the sin problem by the shed blood of Jesus, raised all mankind up with Jesus in His resurrection, and seated humanity WITH Jesus Christ IN the HEAVENLY REALMS. Even if we don't see this presently as a reality, God does and that is what counts (Ephesians 2:6).

Does this mean that EVERYONE will experience the Joys of Heaven in the Party of Heaven? NO. Why? Because some will NOT believe it. Hard to believe that some will not accept the gracious life God offers, but scripture shows that some few apparently will not. They will just be on the outside looking in while everyone else enjoys the "Pleasures at God's right hand forevermore."—Psalms 16:11. But, even here God will not give up trying to encourage those outside the party to come in. God is good and they are His children too. See Romans 8:38. This is POWERFUL.

The bottom line of adoption and salvation is that GOD HAS TAKEN CARE OF EVERYTHING ALREADY. EVERYTHING. Can we understand this simplicity? Moreover, can we BELIEVE it?

Does it sound too simple? Does it sound too easy? Where is the justice and punishment for all those "bad" people who are doing bad things and sinning with impunity? Did God and Jesus Christ take care of those situations too?  
Answer: YES. And you and I can be thankful God did.

John 3:16-17...God loved the world. It was NEVER His intent to condemn and destroy the world, but to SAVE IT. Praise God, He did just that!!!