

PREFACE

It all started with our wish to give children and friends of us, who are not familiar with the life of the Apostle Paul, a Bible which is easy to understand and which text is close to the Greek ground text (Nestle version).

Because the Children's Bibles we studied were not really highlighting the life of the Apostle Paul neither the gospel of the grace of God, we decided to start an Easy Reading Bible for all ages using the New American Standard Bible (NASB) as a base. The NASB represents a conservative, literal approach to Bible translation, that appeals to contemporary readers who seek a translation they can understand but that maintains the intended meaning of the original biblical languages.

What have we done with the text of the NASB?

- we have changed some words which are not easy to understand,
- we have added interesting geographical and historical information;
- every time when there are quoted sentences, we indented the text;
- we included photos and maps to make the text more alive and to give the reader a good idea where the different places are located;
- in order to explain certain Bible verses we did so, by starting with a question mostly starting with "Why" and in cursive. We encourage the reader to pause and think after reading the question and before reading its answer which is also in cursive.

At the end of each chapter, we have put 10 questions which are easy to answer if the reader has studied the text and afterwards, with permission of the NASB publisher, we have put the original text.

We hope that this Easy Reading Bible, which is not a substitute of the normal Bible, might be a big help for all those people who want to know more about the Apostle Paul. Also we hope that it will invite them to read and study his 13 letters (Romans-Philemon) written to us, the Body of Christ, and in which we can find the gospel of the grace of God.

For more in-depth study about the gospel of the grace of God and about the importance of rightly dividing God's Word, please consult our recommended links and books on our website www.badnewsgoodnews.net.

Salvation from eternal death

God speaks to us through the Holy Spirit and by His Word. A small part of His Word you have here, but do you have the Holy Spirit? The Holy Spirit will start living in you once you believe in the finished work of Jesus Christ because He took the penalty that we deserve for sin (which is hell, eternal separation from God), placed it upon Himself and died in our place. Three days later Christ was resurrected to prove that sin and death have been conquered and that His claims to be God are true (see Paul's letter to the Romans chapter 3:23, 6:23, 5:8 and 10:9).

Why not pray now and tell God you trust His Son? Example prayer: "Dear God, I know I am a sinner. I know my sin deserves to be punished with eternal death. But I believe Christ died for me and rose from the grave. I trust Jesus Christ alone as my Saviour. Thank You, for the forgiveness and everlasting life I now have in the name of Jesus Christ, amen. "

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