

Who to trust?

Trust is a very fragile matter, hard to win, easy to lose. Marriages break up when trust does. Politicians disappear when they lose voter trust. Brothers part company when one deceives the other. Social media has eroded trust as it disseminates hatred, misinformation and conspiracy theories.

So what can we rely on?

Innumerable ordinary citizens, over many centuries past, have put their faith in what the Bible says. And that trend hasn't stopped (slowed maybe, but not stopped). So what is it about the Bible? ...The Holy Bible is the only direct message from God available to us. It has been rightly called "The Word of God", and its authenticity has been proven by historical artifacts and acknowledged by scholars worldwide. Because we have all been endowed with a free will, we are at liberty to take the Bible seriously or else ignore it. Many people select attractive bits, and then by-pass the parts that touch their conscience. These enjoy the fine literary expressions and soaring poetry, while preserving their licence to follow personal dreams and whims. But God has declared that we are ultimately responsible to Him for how we live, and for all we do and think. Much of what we do is categorized by God as SIN (anything that goes contrary to His Word). In Romans 3:23 He says: *For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God.* That means that because we have all sinned to some degree, we would be prevented from entering heaven after we die, no matter how much good we may do.

But God doesn't leave us there

In the same book (Romans 10:9) it says: *If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.* In confessing Jesus as Saviour, we acknowledge that we have no favourable position with God, unless we recognize and value the death of Jesus Christ on the cross. That singular event took care of all the sins of everyone who would ever believe on Him. Once we accept Him, God sees us in all the perfection of Christ, and makes it possible for us to join Him in heaven forever. And it's entirely possible for you too.

Trustworthy Selection

Does the complete Bible look forbidding? Here are a few wonderful one verse summaries found therein:

1. Hebrews 9:14 - *How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit, offered Himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God.*
2. Proverbs 3:5 - *Trust in the Lord with all thine heart, and lean not unto thine own understanding.*
3. Hebrews 1:3 (speaking of Jesus) - *Who being the brightness of His glory, and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high.*
4. John 3:16 - *God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.*

These statements can be trusted as absolute truth; they deserve your close attention! I conclude with Proverbs 29:25: *Whoso putteth his trust in the LORD shall be safe.* God has spoken, take notice and trust Him!

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