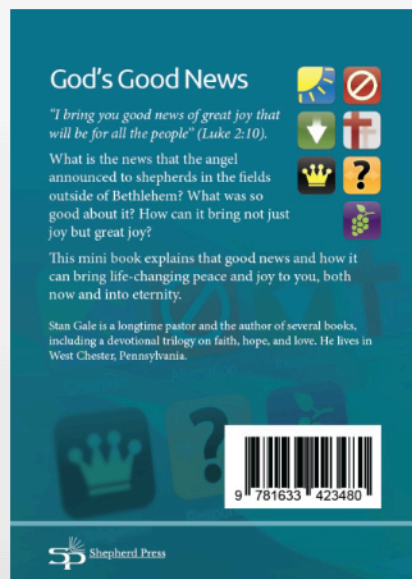


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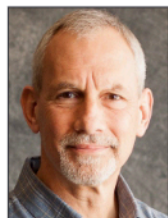
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"O Lord, you awaken us to delight in your praise, for you made us for yourself, and our heart is restless, until it rests in you."

That's a quote from Augustine, Bishop of Hippo (AD 401) in his book, *Confessions*. He hits on something basic to being a human being. It involves a relationship with God and a restlessness without him.

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Please find a quiet spot and spend some time reading what follows. You might even offer a prayer, asking God to help you think through these things. The Bible passages from which these thoughts are drawn are listed toward the end.



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**From the Back Cover:**

"I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people" (Luke 2:10).

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## Creation

(kre-at, to bring into being from nothing; to cause to exist)

*God created us for a relationship with himself.*

The opening chapters of the Bible make one thing abundantly clear: life has everything to do with God. We were created by the eternal God to know and enjoy him. The book of Genesis tells us God made us in his image



by trying to make up for the sin we have done in the past. A gift is free, not something we deserve. Salvation does not come by turning over a new leaf or trying harder, but by the grace of God to bestow new life.<sup>44</sup> In fact, the Bible says that "by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast."<sup>45</sup> Faith comes as a gift of new life.

As sinners we are unlovely and unlovable. Yet, amazingly, God set his love upon sinners such as us to provide salvation and to restore that broken relationship. But that raises the question, how can we as *sinners* possibly<sup>46</sup> find acceptance and a restored relationship with a *holy* God who must punish us for our sin?<sup>46</sup>

The only way God could reconcile sinners to himself was...

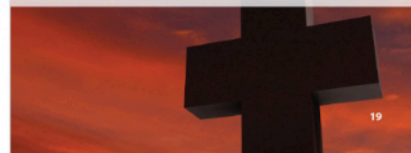


## Reconciliation

(rek'-shn-sil, to bring into harmony; to restore)

*God sent his Son to accomplish that restored relationship.*

Everything that was needed for salvation and a restored relationship with God, which was impossible for us, God *himself* did through the work of his Son, Jesus Christ. The whole Old Testament speaks of God's promise of salvation and presents previews to help us understand what God would do on the behalf of sinners. Then in God's perfect timing:



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## Growth

(gro, to spring up and develop to maturity)

*But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.*  
(2 Peter 3:18)

Just as babies grow to be toddlers, toddlers develop into teens, and teens grow up into adults, so Christians grow and mature. We grow in our relationship with Jesus and in our appreciation for all he has done for us. And we grow up, maturing toward becoming like Jesus.<sup>49</sup> The grace that gives us life in Jesus is the grace that grows us in Jesus.

Two Bible passages help us to understand this growth.

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