

You don't have to perform good works or religious deeds in order to gain His love and acceptance. Neither do you have to make peace with God to obtain salvation because Jesus already has; ***"For he is our peace... that he might reconcile [you] to God"*** (Eph. 2:14; 16). Jesus' love never fails!

If you believe that Christ's death was sacrificial and substitutional on your behalf, then you are ready to become the royally adopted child of God. The costly price for your personal adoption has already been paid—the precious blood of Jesus. All you have to do now is pray to Him with a humble attitude of trusting faith and heart-felt repentance. Jesus has surely promised you, ***"All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out"*** (Jn. 6:37).

Dear Lord Jesus, I am sorry for all my sins. Because I believe that You lovingly died for my sins, I now ask You to forgive me for all my sins (past, present, and future) and to cleanse those sins and their accompanying guilt from me. Adopt me now into Your heavenly family and make me a new creature by giving me Your indwelling Spirit. Thank you, Lord. Amen.

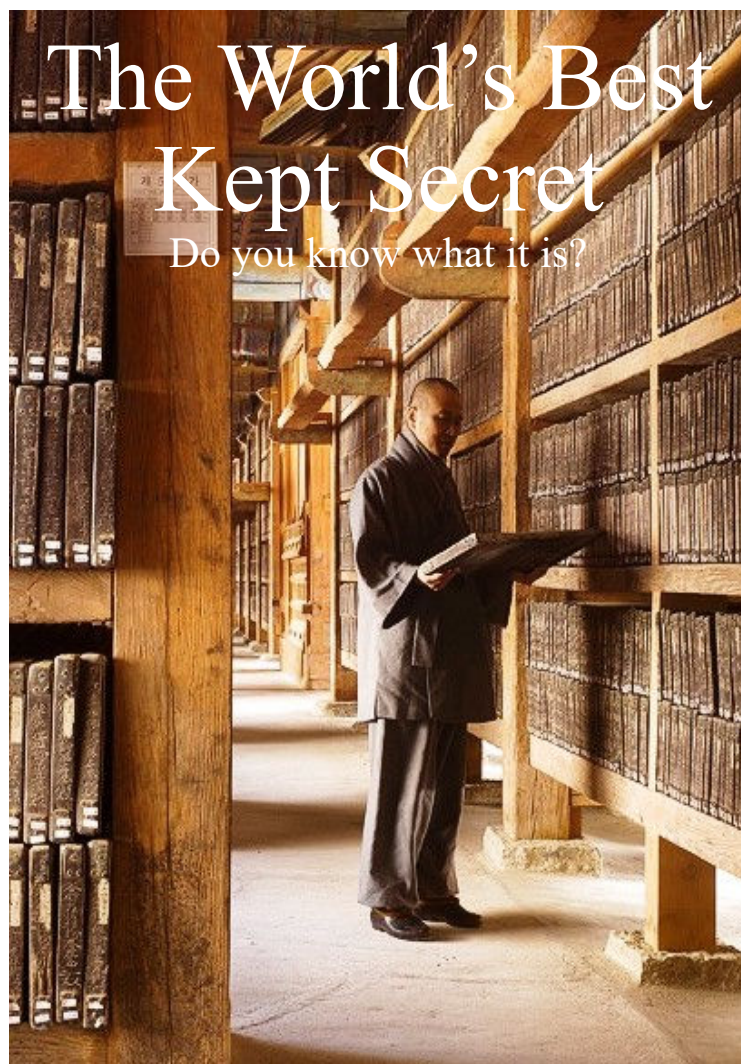
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The world's best kept secret is found in an ancient Near East document whose first compiled volume of five books was written around 1500 BC. Many other volumes were added to this collection of books until coming into its completed canonical form of Old and New Sections around 100 AD. Today, this document is known as the Bible.

More than 50 countries around the world currently ban this sacred book, thus keeping its beautiful life-liberating contents a total secret. North Korea's punishment for possessing a Bible is death, torture, or imprisonment. Muslim countries routinely ban this book. China has banned it. Even the very country where it was originally written (Israel) has banned any printing or distribution of its New Testament portion. What is it about the Bible that makes so many nations fear it and keep it secret from their people? Why should the Bible's central message that GOD LOVES YOU be kept so secret? ***"Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love"*** (Jer. 33:3).

Most world religions teach that God is angry with sinful man, and so mankind must do something to appease God's wrath. For example, Catholicism teaches that Jesus is angry with the world because they rejected and crucified Him; therefore, man must afflict himself in punitive measures and plead with His mother Mary in order to gain Christ's grace and mercy. But this is contrary to what Jesus himself said



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concerning you: ***"Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends"*** (Jn. 15:13). Jesus's arms were lovingly outstretched for you at the Cross, and now He extends them to you as a sign that He is waiting to receive you unto Himself.

Many Protestant and Orthodox religions falsely teach that if you just try to be as good a person as possible then God will love you and ultimately grant you salvation. Yet the Bible reveals their error saying, ***"For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast"*** (Eph. 2:8-9).

Few in this world know of the one true God and His unconditional love for the human race. Here is what the God of the Bible did in order to satisfy both Him and us! ***"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"*** (Jn. 3:16).

You see, God did something to satisfy His own wrath against man's sin while maintaining His genuine love for man. Some 2000 years ago at the Cross, He poured out His wrath and judgment upon His own Son, Jesus Christ. Christ's collective punishment then became our individual way of escape from the penalty for sin which is death and hell. This means that God is now able to accept you into His family and, like a Heavenly Father, love you freely.