

The Treasure (Wordless Book)

I'd like to tell you a story. It is the greatest story in all history. And I'd like to tell it using this little book. This book has no words. It is like a map to a wonderful treasure (2 Corinthians 4:7).

It uses colors. The first color is yellow--the color of the sun and sunlight. The Bible says, "And this is the message we have heard from Him and announce to you, that God is light, and in Him there is no darkness at all" (1 John 1:5). This means that God is holy--He is pure, and always does what is right. He never does wrong. The Bible also says that He is love (1 John 4:7, 8). He loves us and wants what is best for our lives.

The next color is black. The Bible says, "for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (Rom. 3:23). We are not like God. We sin; in other words, we do wrong in thoughts, words, or deeds. Because of our sin, we have all earned the death penalty. The Bible says, "For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Rom. 6:23).

The good news is that God sent His Son the Lord Jesus to take care of our sin problem. The red color stands for the blood that Jesus shed for us on the cross. The Bible says, "For Christ also died for sins once for all, the just for the unjust, in order that He might bring us to God" (1 Pet. 3:18). He could die once for all because of who He is--God the Son, the Lord Jesus Christ (John 1:1, 14, 17). The good news is that "Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures" (1 Corinthians 15:3, 4).

The white color stands for forgiveness. Because of what Jesus did, we can have total forgiveness for our sins. It says in Isaiah, "Come now, and let us reason together," says the LORD, "Though your sins are as scarlet, they will be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they will be like wool" (Isa. 1:18).

Let's go back to yellow. Yellow is also the color of gold. Gold is precious, but more precious than gold is our Lord Jesus Christ. "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life" (John 3:16).

When we believe in Jesus--trust in who He is (God the Son, the Lord Jesus) and what He did (He died for our sins) --we have eternal life. We have a new life with God that will never end! (1 John 5:13)

Many have expressed their faith (trust) in Jesus through a prayer, such as the following:

"Lord Jesus, I agree that I have sinned. I believe that You died for my sins, and that You were raised from the dead. I now ask You to come into my life to be my Lord and Savior."

When we become Christians by believing in Jesus, God wants us to grow in our relationship with Him by reading the Bible. Green stands for growth; the Bible says, "like newborn babes, long for the pure milk of the word, that by it you may grow in respect to salvation (1 Pet. 2:2).

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