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CHRIS SQLDIER ↑ and the HEROIC RESCUES

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Basic Training Bible Ministries P O Box 21773 Hot Springs AR 71903 USA basictraining.org Chris is a person very much like you and me. Just like you and me, the problems of this world rob him of peace. His heart is full of fear, worry and doubt. He fears his own sins and failures. He fears sickness, injury and death.



One day, Chris's dark thoughts overwhelm him. He longs for some relief from his worries and fears, but no relief is found. Just as Chris is about to give up, God sends him a bright light of hope!



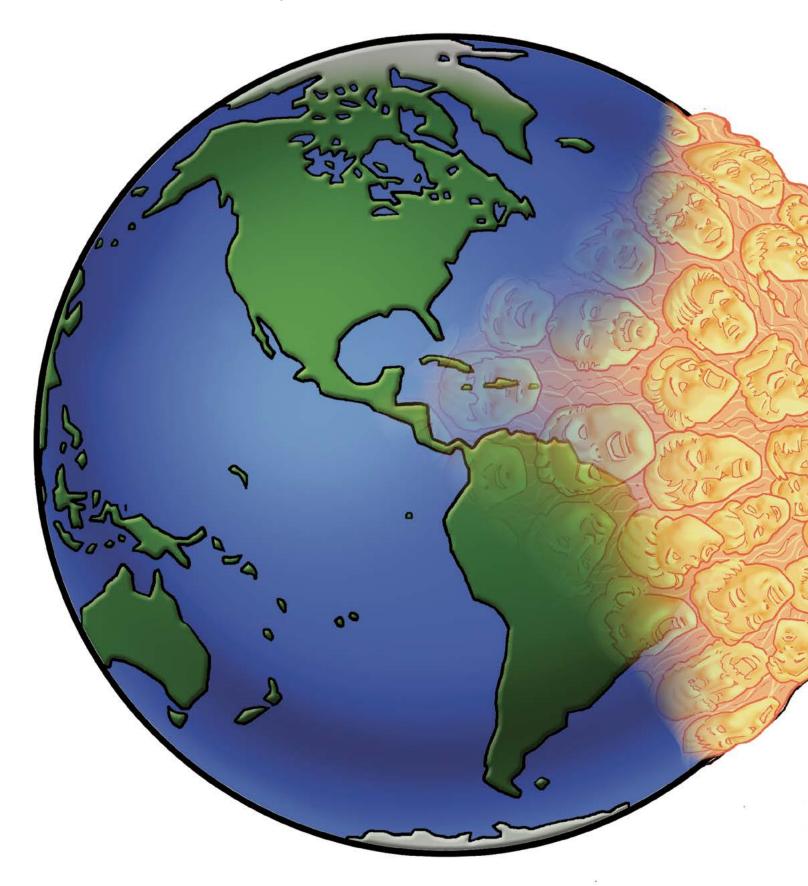
A girl named Evangela rushes to him. She is dressed in dazzling armor with a fiery sword in her hand. The girl looks at Chris and gives him an encouraging smile. "Chris," she says, "I know you are full of fears, worries and doubts. But I know someone who can deliver you from all your fears, even your fear of death. I know someone who can bring peace to your heart – a peace that the world could never give you."



"Who could this person be" says Chris? "Please, please, tell me about Him!" Evangela is happy to share the good news. With her face full of hope and joy she says to him, "His name is Jesus Christ! He is the only one that can rescue us from our fears, worries and doubts. He is the only one who can rescue us from sin and death. He is the One true and living God of the Bible."



"Jesus Christ is the Son of God and He loves you, Chris. He loves all men and women, all boys and girls. The Bible says that we all have sinned, and because of our sin we all deserve to die. But Jesus loves us so much He made a way for our sin to be forgiven. On the cross, Jesus took upon Himself the sins of the whole world. On the cross, Jesus died for you!"



For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

John 3:16

Chris looked at Evangela in amazement, "Jesus Christ did that for me? What do I have to do for Him?"

"It's very simple, Chris. The Bible says believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and you will be saved. When you believe in Him your sins are forgiven and He gives you the gift of eternal life."

"I do, I do, I do believe" said Chris. "I want Jesus to be MY God and Savior!" Then, let's pray together and tell Jesus Christ you want HIM to be YOUR God and Savior."



Chris and Evangela walked on together.

"Chris, now that you have believed in Jesus Christ as your God and Savior you have become His special child and a soldier in His battle against sin and evil. I guess that makes you Chris Soldier!"

"Little old me, a soldier!" exclaimed Chris. "I can't do something as brave and scary as fighting battles."

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"Ah," said Evangela. "They aren't earthly battles of flesh and blood, they are spiritual battles against the evil forces of this world. And spiritual battles against the fears, worries and doubts that were troubling your heart.

God is the one that will fight the battles for you! The Bible has all the answers about how to dress in the armor of God and face the enemy with courage, wisdom and strength!

The Lord Jesus Christ is your Fortress of Rest!"

The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer; My God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.

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Psalms 18:2.

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Where will you live forever? Heaven or Hell?

God loves you very much and He wants you to live in Heaven with Him. (1 John 4:8)



But the Bible says you and I are sinners and the result of sin is eternal death. That means because you are a sinner you deserve to live in the punishment of hell forever. (Romans 3:23, 6:23)

But God loves you so much that He made a way for your sins to be forgiven. The way God made is Jesus Christ. (John 3:16 Romans 5:8)

Jesus Christ is God's very own perfect Son. He came to this world and died on a cross. His death paid the penalty for your sin. After Jesus died, He was buried and rose again into Heaven. Jesus conquered death! (1Corinthians 15:3,4)

When you believe in The Lord Jesus Christ your sins are forgiven and Heaven will be your home forever. (John 3:16)

Do you want to believe? Then pray to God right now and tell Him that you believe in The Lord Jesus Christ as your God and Savior.

> Now you know where you will live forever... *Heaven.* (1John 5:13)

Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and you will be saved. Acts 16:31

He was born for us

He lived for us

He died for us

... so we may have everlasting life with Him.

Have you accepted the free gift of salvation?

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son (Jesus Christ), that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." John 3:16