

# Pilgrim's Progress by John Bunyan (1678)

This book has been printed, read & translated more than any other book except the Bible. This a classic story [dream] of Pilgrim [aka *Christian*] as he journeys through life. It starts out with him carrying a great burden & reading a book [Bible]. He lived in the city of Destruction & in his anguish he asks God: "What must I do be saved?" Then he meets a man named *Evangelist* & asks what direction he should go? *Evangelist* said to follow the light to the gate.

Along the way, others try to get him to turn back. He took his eyes off his goal & fell in slough of Despond, but *Help* came to encourage him. He met *Wordly Wiseman* & was told to see *Legality* in the village of Morality to rid him of his burden. He went off course, but *Evangelist* encouraged him to get back on course. *Goodwill* met him at the gate & invited him in. *Christian* met *Interpreter* who said the law only chokes us in the dust of our sin, but the Gospel gives power to subdue it. Then *Interpreter* told him about patience & judgment.

*Christian's* burden fell off when he came to the cross. He took lodging in the house the Lord built. He continued along his hazardous journey to Mount Zion & met lots of characters along the way. He met *Faithfull* & they came to the gates of Heaven & were transfigured as they entered into glory. Years later *Christian's* wife *Christiana* & their boys followed after him and *Mercy* came with them.