HOLY BUTS

*But* is one of the most vital, life-giving words which the Holy Spirit inspired the writers of Scripture to use. It reminds you that God loves you so intensely that He gave His Son Jesus as the only acceptable Sacrifice to fully pay the penalty for all of your past, present and future sins.

Here are some examples of the wisdom of staying on the right side of God’s holy *buts*:

Joseph to his brothers: *“You intended to harm me, BUT God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives.”* Genesis 50:20

*“Many are the plans in a person’s heart, BUT it is the Lord’s purpose that prevails.”* Proverbs 19:21

*“You yourselves used to be in the darkness, BUT since you have become the Lord’s people, you are in the light. So you must live like people who belong to the light.”* Ephesians 5:8

*“The Lord frustrates the purposes of the nations; He keeps them from carrying out their plans. BUT His plans endure forever; His purposes last eternally.”* Psalm 33:10

*“Hate stirs up trouble, BUT love forgives all offenses.”* Proverbs 10:12

*“Hot tempers cause arguments, BUT patience brings peace.”* Proverbs 18:18

*“You killed the Author of life, BUT God raised Him from the dead.”* Acts 3:15

*“It does not, therefore, depend on human desire or effort, BUT on God’s mercy”* Romans 9:16