



Terms & Conditions



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Ok, so it's not always that hard to find them, but they're not always easy to make sense of are them. Terms and Conditions are often long, full of legal jargon, and it's not unusual that I'm still not sure what they really mean after I've read them. In fact, I confess I sometimes just tick the box to say I've read them and move on.

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I've heard lots of times people saying things like 'God doesn't love me, I'm not good enough'. Every time it fills me with sadness because somehow the world thinks God has a long list of complicated, undecipherable terms and conditions that mean no one can ever live up to them.

But it's just not true.

This misconception.

In the Bible there's a letter that Paul writes where he talks about this sense of being cut off from God. I'm putting into my own words here – you can look it up for yourself if you want, it's Colossians 1:21-22.

once you were cut off from God because of your evil deeds, but now you are reconciled because of Jesus, made holy and blameless and no longer cut off.

In the gospel of John we read Jesus saying:

"anyone who comes to me I will never drive away" John 6:37b

A relationship with God doesn't need to start with terms and conditions of us being perfect or thinking we're good enough. There are no legal requirements.

Relationship with God starts with accepting the wonderful, amazing fact that God loves us for who we are and will drive no one away.

If you haven't already, start a relationship with God today – he's ready and waiting to hear from you, and accept you with open, loving arms.