



Declaration: Philemon 4-6 & Ps 107:2

The Good News! – Sunday, 26th November '06

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All scripture in NKJV

Introduction:

- Everyday media churns out – News
- Good, Bad, Not so bad
- Some news – not trustworthy – at times.
- Today – we're going to look at some Good News – safe to call THE Good News!
- The Good News – title of today's message
 - a. It is Good
 - b. It is Trustworthy, True not False
 - c. It is Reliable – Source: Inspired by God the Holy Spirit

Let's address 3 Questions about *this* Good News:

1. What is the Good News?
2. Why is the Good News the Good News?
3. What do I do with the Good News?

1. What is the Good News?

In the NT the Greek word used for good news - 'euangelion'
Translated as 'Gospel' in English.

Earlier – this word meant the 'reward' that was given to someone for bringing good news.
Later – ref. Good News itself.

Mark 1:1 - The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God

Romans 1:1 - Paul, a bondservant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, separated to the Gospel of God

In the NT this Good News refers to:

- 1) the promise of salvation
- 2) the fulfilment of this promise by the life, death, resurrection and ascension of Jesus Christ.

So, the Good News about the life/death/ressur./ascension of JC written by Matthew, Mark, Luke & John came to be referred to as the 'Gospel according to Matthew, etc..'

Good News: God loved you and I so much (without any strings attached/unconditionally) that He sent His Son Jesus to this world to take upon himself that very thing/nature that separated us from God (SIN) and to die on the cross on our behalf. He rose alive on the 3rd day destroying the power/hold that sin and the effects of sin (sickness, curses, torment, demonic oppression, etc) had on our lives, giving us eternal life.

2 Cor 5:21 - For He made Him who knew no sin *to be* sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him

Romans 1:16

16 For I am not ashamed of the **gospel** of Christ, for it is the **power** of God to **salvation** for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek.

Gospel – Good News of the life, death, resurrection and ascension

Power – (*dunamis*- energy, might, great force, ability and strength) Der. Dynamite

Salvation – (*soterion/soteria* – all inclusive – Forgiveness, Healing, Prosperity, Deliverance and Restoration)

For Everyone who believes

2. Why is the Good News the 'Good News?'

a. It is the power of God to FORGIVE us!

Mt 1:21 - And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name JESUS, for He will save His people from their sins."

Is 43:25 - " I, even I, am He who **blots out** your transgressions for My own sake; And I **will not remember** your sins.

Col 2:13,14 - And you, being dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He has made alive together with Him, **having forgiven you all trespasses**, 14 having wiped out the handwriting of requirements that was against us, which was contrary to us. And He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross.

In Jesus Christ all our sins have been Forgiven and Forgotten

- Some of us have a tough time receiving forgiveness
- We cannot forget our past sins.
- Its time to forget our past sins which God has forgiven us in Jesus.
- If we are longing for forgiveness Its time to come to Jesus to believe and receive His forgiveness

b. It is the power of God to HEAL us!

Physical Healing

Is 53:4,5 - 4 Surely He has borne our **griefs** And carried our **sorrows**; Yet we esteemed Him stricken, Smitten by God, and afflicted 5 But He **was wounded** for our **transgressions**, *He was bruised* for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace *was* upon Him, And by His **stripes** we are healed.

Griefs – sicknesses, **Sorrows** – pains, **Wounded** – pierced through, **Transgressions** – revolt, rebellion against God and His laws, **Stripes** – blows that cut

1 Pet 2:24 - who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness—by whose stripes you were healed.

Emotional Healing

Ps 147:3 - He heals the broken-hearted and binds up their wounds

c. It is the power of God to PROSPER us!

Prosperity - Not a bad word.

Fallen world - It has become tainted and identified with – covetousness, selfishness, ruthless ambition, etc.

Ps 35:27 - Let them shout for joy and be glad, Who favor my righteous cause; And let them say continually, "Let **the LORD** be magnified, Who has pleasure in the prosperity of His servant."

3 Jn 2 - Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in all things and be in health, just as your soul prospers.

- God always blesses us so that we can be a blessing to others.
- The 2-fold objective of God's prosperity – I enjoy God's blessings & Others enjoy the blessings that God has blessed me with.
- God prospers me so I can prosper others.

2 Cor 8:9 - For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that you through His poverty might become rich.

- The Good News is the power of God to lift us out of poverty and release us into God's prosperity.
- The Good News is the power of God to lift us out of debt and release us into God's prosperity.

d. It is the power of God to SET US FREE!

Rom 6:5-7 - For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be *in the likeness* of His resurrection, 6 knowing this, that **our old man was crucified with Him**, that the **body of sin might be done away with**, that we should **no longer be slaves of sin**. 7 For he who has died has been freed from sin.

Rom 6:18, 22 – set free to be slaves of righteousness & slaves of God.

If we want to be set free from addictions of any nature, the 1st step is to receive Jesus!

If we have already received Jesus and are still struggling in Sin,

Rom 6:14 – Sin shall have no dominion

John 8:31-32, 36 - Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, "If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. 32 And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." 36 Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed.

Step 1 – Abide (dwell) in the Word. Make the Word part of our **thinking, speaking and doing**

Step 2 – Know the truth. The Holy Spirit will produce a 'knowing' /revelation in our spirit.

Step 3 – Rom 6:13 – Present your members to God (continually, every moment) as instruments of righteousness.

e. It is the power of God to RESTORE us!

- To restore – What we have lost – (eg. Peace of mind)
- To rebuild – what is broken down in our lives
- To reconcile – re-establish a proper, loving, inter-personal relationship which has been broken/disrupted

Rom 5:11 - And not only *that*, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the reconciliation.

Reconciliation – The picture we have is that of a broken bone set in place / dislocated bone put back in place

3. What do I do with the Good News?
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- This Good News need not & should not remain mere information.
- It can & it must become our experience – called salvation.
- It is free and given to us out of God's great love for us.
- This Good News is the Power of God to salvation **for everyone who believes.**

For those of us who have experienced the Good News, its time to share the Good News!

We need not be ashamed of it – Rom 1:16 – it is the POWER of God.

We need not be afraid to share it:

2 Tim 1:7 - For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.

Jer 1:7-8 - But the LORD said to me: "Do not say, 'I *am* a youth,' for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and whatever I command you, you shall speak. **8 Do not be afraid of their faces,** for I *am* with you to deliver you," says the LORD.



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