

## I sure could use a little good news today

### GOOD NEWS FROM THE BIBLE

#### INTRODUCTION:

a. In today's society, it seems like everywhere we turn we are introduced to some type of bad news.

b. With so much bad news in the world:

1. Its no wonder so many people have a gloomy outlook on life.

2. Its no wonder so many people have a negative attitude towards others.

3. Its no wonder so many people live their lives with no joy or hope.

c. THE BIBLE IS FILLED WITH GOOD NEWS THAT WE NEED TO HEAR  
AND upon which MEDITATE!

I. THE FIRST PIECE OF GOOD NEWS THAT WE FIND IN THE BIBLE IS  
THAT JESUS CHRIST DIED ON THE CROSS SO THAT WE CAN RECEIVE  
SALVATION:

a. Before Jesus took His last breath on the cross, mankind was sinking in sin. In fact, [Ephesians 2:1](#) teaches that mankind was dead in their sins.

1

And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins;

b. But listen to the good news of what God did for us

[Ephesians 2:4](#)

4

But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us,

2

andonthisrock.com

Romans 5:8

8

But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

Colossians 2:13

13

And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses;

II Corinthians 5:21

21

For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

c. We will never hear any better news than this!

d. Jesus Christ died on the cross and rose again, and through His sacrifice, we can have our sins washed away and be free from the bondage of sin, so that one day we can live in heaven

I Corinthians 15:1-4

1

Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand;

2

By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain.

3

For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures;

4

And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:

Revelation 14:13

13

And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them.

II. THE SECOND PIECE OF GOOD NEWS THAT WE FIND IN THE BIBLE IS THAT IF WE ARE LIVING OUR LIVES FOR JESUS, WE CAN HAVE ASSURANCE OF OUR SALVATION:

a. But what does the Bible say about assurance of salvation?

John 5:24

24

Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.

John 8:30-32

30

As he spake these words, many believed on him.

31

Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed;

32

And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

I John 5:13

13

These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.

b. The Bible clearly teaches that we can know (eidete; perfect tense; here and now present certainty) that we have eternal life. We can know that we are in a saved relationship with God.

c. How do you know if you are saved?

1. If you have given your life to Jesus Christ by:

a. Believing in Him

Hebrews 11:6

6

But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

b. Repenting of your sins

Acts 17:30,31

30

And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent:

31

Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained; whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead.

c. Confessing Him to others

Matthew 10:32,33

32

Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven.

33

But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven.

d. Being baptized for the remission of your sins

Acts 2:38

38

Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

e. And If you are living a faithful and Godly life; and walking in the light, then you can have assurance of your salvation! Isn't that Great News! What a great burden that has been lifted off our shoulders

Revelation 2:10

10

Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days: be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life.

I John 1:7

7

But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.

Romans 8:1

1

There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

d. Brethren, our salvation IS DEPENDENT upon what God has promised in the Bible

II Peter 1:1-4

1

Simon Peter, a servant and an apostle of Jesus Christ, to them that have obtained like precious faith with us through the righteousness of God and our Saviour Jesus Christ:

2

Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord,

3

According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue:

4

Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

III. THE THIRD PIECE OF GOOD NEWS THAT WE FIND IN THE BIBLE IS THAT ONE DAY JESUS IS COMING BACK TO TAKE US TO HEAVEN:

a. John 14:1-6 - From this passage, we notice that Jesus is preparing a place for us and He is coming back to take us with Him.

1

Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me.

2

In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

3

And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.

7

andonthisrock.com

4

And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know.

5

Thomas saith unto him, Lord, we know not whither thou goest; and how can we know the way?

6

Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

b. My friends, Jesus is not going to break His promise to us - [Hebrews 6:17,18](#) - He is not going to abandon us. He is not going to leave us.

17

Wherein God, willing more abundantly to shew unto the heirs of promise the immutability of his counsel, confirmed it by an oath:

18

That by two immutable things, in which it was impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us:

For the Bible says that one day, Jesus is coming back to get us

[I Thessalonians 4:16,17](#)

16

For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:

17

Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

[Deut 30:4](#) [Matt 24:31](#)

CONCLUSION:

a. Every day we should fill our souls with good news -- especially good news from the Bible.

b. Today we have seen three pieces of good news:

1. Jesus Christ died on the cross so that we may receive salvation.
  2. If we are living our lives for the Lord, we have assurance of our salvation.
  3. One day, Jesus is coming back to take us to heaven.
- c. If you would like to receive these wonderful blessings, please come now as we stand and sing.