**Sermon Notes Sunday October 11, 2020**

Bad News vs. Good News

1. We hear the bad news all the time and we wait for any good news.
2. εὐαγγέλιον euangelion
3. a reward for good tidings good tidings
4. the glad tidings of the kingdom of God soon to be set up, and subsequently also of Jesus the Messiah, the founder of this kingdom. After the death of Christ, the term comprises also the preaching of (concerning) Jesus Christ as having suffered death on the cross to procure eternal salvation for the men in the kingdom of God, but as restored to life and exalted to the right hand of God in heaven, thence to return in majesty to consummate the kingdom of God
5. the glad tidings of salvation through Christ
6. the proclamation of the grace of God manifest and pledged in Christ
7. the gospel
8. as the messianic rank of Jesus was proved by his words, his deeds, and his death, the narrative of the sayings, deeds, and death of Jesus Christ came to be called the gospel or glad tidings
9. The Good News involves a death, but also a resurrection.
10. Mark 1:15
11. Mark 8:34-35
12. The good news means denying self
13. The good news means dying
14. The good news means finding life through our own death
15. Luke 4:18-19
16. Jesus quotes from the book Isaiah 61:1,2, Isaiah 58:6
17. This good news will: be good news for the poor, freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, and to set the oppressed free
18. Is this Gospel still good enough to deny myself? Is this good enough for me to die?
19. Luke 7:22
20. The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is proclaimed to the poor.
21. ACTS 14:15-17
22. the living God-made the heavens and the earth and the sea and everything in them.
23. God has shown kindness by giving you rain from heaven and crops in their seasons
24. God provides you with plenty of food and fills your hearts with joy
25. To receive the good news, you must know the bad news first.
26. Media does this too-Bad news headlines are first and good news is always at the end
27. The Apostle Paul does this in Romans and The Apostle John does this in Revelation
28. Romans 1:18-23 (Bad News)
29. The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of people, who suppress the truth by their wickedness.
30. They neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him.
31. Their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened.
32. They claimed to be wise, but they became fools.
33. Romans 3:23 (Bad News)
34. All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.
35. We are all separated from God because sin.
36. John 3:16-18 (Good News)
37. For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son (Love was the motive)
38. Whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.
39. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world but to save the world through him.
40. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already. Why? Because they have not believed in the name of God’s one and only Son.”
41. The Good News might not change your circumstances, but it will 100% changes you.
42. You are a new creation in Christ
43. Transformation comes only through Christ
44. Eternal life is ultimate gift
45. The BEST NEWS is that Jesus came to set us free
46. Romans 10:9
47. 1 John 1:9
48. Titus 3:4-7
49. Will you respond to the Good News?

**Life Group Questions**

1. From watching TV, News, Social Media, etc., what is the best news you’ve heard in the past month?
2. The “Good News” is equivalent to the word “Gospel.” It is also synonymous with the phrase “Kingdom of God.” Why do you suppose this is? Hint: The Gospel of John does not use the phrase or word “Good News,” but it does indicate it: John 10:9-10; John 3:16-21. What in these phrases are good news?
3. How did Jesus proclaim the Good News by word and action, and did it always compel people to respond? How have you seen people respond or not respond to this good news?
4. How do you see the good news of Jesus Christ being worked out in your life? In people’s life around you?
5. Why does this world reject this good news when it is the BEST news in the world? Hint: 1 Corinthians 1:18.
6. When is the last time you’ve given the “good news” to someone who hasn’t heard it before? When will you give the good news to someone you know needs it? Why is it so hard for us to proclaim this “good news” to the world? What keeps us from proclaiming it?