

What is the Good News?

What is the Good News? G.R.A.C.E. = God's Riches At Christ's Expense

The Bible tells us that we were lost, rebellious, and dead, separated from God and condemned in our sins with no ability to save ourselves. "But God, who is rich in mercy, because of his great love for us, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in sin—it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast." (paraphrase of Ephesians 2:1-10).

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him." – *John 3:16-17*

"God made him (Jesus) who knew no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God." – *2 Corinthians 5:21*

"For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich." – *2 Corinthians 8:9*

"This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins." – *1 John 4:9-10*

UNDERSTANDING THE GOOD NEWS *in one and two word answers*

1. The message of the Bible can best be summarized in two words... **Good News.**
2. The Good News can best be summarized in one word... **Rescue.**
3. God's primary message to us in the Bible can be summarized in two words... **Trust Me.**
4. The essence of Jesus' message of Good News can be summarized in one word... **Love.**
5. The Christian life can best be summarized in one word... **Freedom.**
6. The greatest tool that the enemy uses to keep us from God is... **Distraction.**
7. The sin above all sins that keeps us from God is... **Pride.**
8. Everything that the Good News provides can be summarized in one word... **Rest.**
9. True rest, and all the benefits that spring from it, can only be found... **In Christ.**
10. The result of being in Christ is... **Joy.**

The Gospel

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This is my first poem. I may be new to this, but I wrote it from the heart. Hope it blesses you.

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It did not begin in Bethlehem's stall,
Nor in Galilee's hills, nor Jerusalem's wall.
Before light was spoken, before time could flee,
The Lamb was slain in eternity.

Not plan B, not repair, not Heaven's last breath,
But the will of the Father to crush Him to death.
Not for the righteous, not for the wise,
But for rebels and beggars and prodigal lies.

He came with no beauty to draw men near,
Despised, rejected, acquainted with fear.
The hands He formed would strike His face,
The lips He made would curse His grace.

The law stood tall, we could not rise.
Our mouths were shut, condemned by lies.
But Christ was born under the curse,
To bear our judgment, to take our worse.

Not by works, not by worth, not by our plea,
But by mercy's blood-soaked decree.
The nails were justice. The silence, wrath.
The thorns crowned guilt. The cross cleared the path.

He was crushed where we should stand,
Pierced by the fury of the Father's hand.
But death could not claim the sinless King
He rose, and emptied the grave's dark sting.

Now grace runs deeper than all our scars,
And peace flows wide as mercy's scars.
We come with nothing. He gives us all.
The Gospel: God saves those who fall.