

# Good News!

Isaiah 55



130 years to the day!!

God is in the business of redemption... even in the re-dedication of this mission hall; being used again for its intended purpose! Praise God!

God is giving his people an invitation... and the context is going to be a future in exile.

The good news is that we are invited to come freely to a holy God because of what Christ has done. Jesus invites us to his banqueting table, to drink from the new wine. Look up Luke 14, Revelation 22:17 and John 7:37.

Have we learned to continually respond to his invitation? How is God leading us to eat from the "bread of life" in a deeper way?

Good News... Invitation

1 Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without cost.

Isaiah calls the people to "seek God and forsake your wicked ways". Look up 1 Thessalonians 1:9, 1 John 1:8-10 (written to Christians), and James 5:16.

We need to reclaim the biblical practice of living in the continual invitation and repentance of the gospel. How can I better integrate confession and repentance into my daily life?

A confession partner can be a brilliant way that God works on our hearts. As we confess we find our previously excused sin bubbles to the surface... things like wrong motives, judgements and attitudes.

Respond Practically

Good News of... Repentance

6 Seek the Lord while he may be found; call on him while he is near.  
7 Let the wicked forsake their ways and the unrighteous their thoughts. Let them turn to the Lord, and he will have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will freely pardon.

"This is not so much a statement of Gods mysterious providence but the surprise of God's compassionate heart." God continually surprises us with his outrageous mercy and grace... our so often selfish slant on love can't grasp the character of God.

Look up 1 John 1:4 and Psalm 103:11. His disposition towards you is pure love.

How do I struggle with this? In what ways do I think I owe God something? What do I think I can do to win God's favour? The reality is that he looks at us with pure love, longing to restore us into the radiance of who we were created to be. This is dependent on us bringing our mess to him. He is able to redeem the very darkest parts of our past to become the most radiant parts of our future.

Good News of... Gods Character

8 "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways," declares the Lord.  
9 "As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Respond Prayerfully



Gods Character

Meditate on these scriptures and ask the Spirit to help you find practical ways to sink these truths deep in your heart.