

Introduction:

We live in a time of skepticism, anger, jealousy, and just plain bad things happening. The news on television is mostly bad. Every now and then there might be a positive, feel good news story but those are rare. I have decided to preach about some good news.

I) The Good News

A) The Gospel

1. Old English "godspel" - glad tidings.
2. God - meaning good; spel - story or message.
3. Literally - "good spell" or good news.

B) Glad tidings

1. *Isaiah 52.7* earlier passages points out that Israel be taken away, they will wail, be taken away of nothing. But God has a proclamation, as stated in *Isaiah 52.7* and that good news will be proclaimed.
2. *Romans 10.15* is the New Testament usage as the Gospel being proclaimed is truly good news.
3. *Luke 1.19* the angel speaks to Zacharias as a child will be born to him and Elizabeth.

- a. First, good news is they will have a child.
 - b. That child will go out and prepare the people for the coming of the Messiah. *Luke 1.17*
4. *Luke 8.1* uses the phrase "glad tidings" as they were preaching concerning the kingdom of God.
- C) The death, burial, and resurrection of Christ, *1 Corinthians 15.1-5, Acts 13.32* (Paul preaching at Antioch of Pisidian)**
- 1. Why is this "good news?"
 - 2. Without a sacrifice for our sins we are lost.
 - 3. God's grace made salvation possible by the blood of Jesus shed on the cross. *John 19.34; Ephesians 1.7.*
 - 4. Jesus' resurrection proves death has no power over him.
 - 5. Each and every person can be saved. *Acts 2.21.*
 - 6. The vilest of sinners can be forgiven, Paul called himself the chief of sinners, *1 Timothy 1.15.*
- D) The Gospels -Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John gives us the birth, teachings, miracles, and facts about Jesus' life.**

II) More Good News

A) You are not alone

1. There are many Christians in the world. All bound by the same fellowship with God and His saints.
2. The promise made to the Apostles in *Matthew 28.19-20* is stated in *2 Timothy 2.19*.
3. Where two or three are gathered together in His name, He, Jesus, is with us, *Matthew 18.20*.

B) You can do all things through Christ who strengthens you, *Phil. 4.13*

1. This does not mean you become Superman, able to heap tall buildings, or stop a speeding bulletin or train.
2. It does mean you can rely on Him to give you strength to overcome temptations, *1 Corinthians 10.13*
3. It means you can overcome the wiles of the devil. *Ephesians 6.11*.

C) God wants you to pray and listens to your prayers, *1 Peter 3.12*

1. We should never minimize the importance and power of prayer.
2. If you had the opportunity to talk to the most powerful person in the world, would you do it?

3. We have a God who encourages us to pray to Him, *Luke 18.1*.
4. James states it this way, *James 5.16*.

D) There is a better place for the faithful, *2Timothy 4.8*

1. The sufferings of this world is nothing compared to the joy of heaven. *Revelation 2.10*
2. Our love ones who have gone on before would never want to come back to his world, their desire is for us to come and be with them.

Conclusion:

The Gospel is the Good News concerning our salvation. Listen to it, obey it, live it and you will have its blessings.