

April 18-19, 2020

“Look to the Future:
Welcome to a New World”
“A Future with Good News – The Gospel”

Core 27

“The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.”
Mark 1:1

A. Jesus is Good News...

1. From the beginning, Jesus has always been Good News. “but the angel reassured them. ‘Don’t be afraid!’ he said. ‘I bring you good news that will bring great joy to all people.’” *Luke 2:10*

2. The Good News was predicted 700 years before. “O Zion, messenger of good news, shout from the mountaintops! Shout it louder, O Jerusalem. Shout, and do not be afraid. Tell the towns of Judah, ‘Your God is coming!’” *Isaiah 40:9*
“I was the first to tell Zion, ‘Look! Help is on the way!’ I will send Jerusalem a messenger with good news.” *Isaiah 41:27*

3. Jesus proclaimed that the Old Testament description was His identity. “The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is upon Me, for the LORD has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent Me to comfort the brokenhearted and to proclaim that captives will be released and prisoners will be freed.” *Isaiah 61:1*
“The Spirit of the LORD is upon Me, for He has anointed Me to bring Good News to the poor. He has sent Me to proclaim that captives will be released, that the blind will see, that the oppressed will be set free,” *Luke 4:18*

4. The Good News is to be shared! “How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of the messenger who brings good news, the good news of peace and salvation, the news that the God of Israel reigns!” *Isaiah 52:7*
“And how will anyone go and tell them without being sent? That is why the Scriptures say, ‘How beautiful are the feet of messengers who bring good news!’” *Romans 10:15*

B. This Good News brings...

1. This Good News brings a justification by faith. “Therefore, since we have been made right in God’s sight by faith, we have peace with God because of what Jesus Christ our Lord has done for us.” *Romans 5:1*

2. This Good News brings a forgiveness of sins. “But if we confess our sins to Him, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness.” *1 John 1:9*

3. The Good News brings freedom from guilt. “He has removed our sins as far from us as the east is from the west.” *Psalms 103:12*

“Finally, I confessed all my sins to You and stopped trying to hide my guilt. I said to myself, ‘I will confess my rebellion to the LORD.’ And You forgave me! All my guilt is gone.” *Psalms 32:5*

4. The Good News brings freedom from slavery to sin. “Now you are free from your slavery to sin, and you have become slaves to righteous living.” *Romans 6:18*

5. The Good News brings salvation from hell and the promise of heaven.

“I tell you the truth, those who listen to My message and believe in God who sent Me have eternal life. They will never be condemned for their sins, but they have already passed from death into life.” *John 5:24*

6. The Good News brings eternal life to all who trusted Jesus as Savior.

“Jesus replied, ‘I tell you the truth, unless you are born again, you cannot see the Kingdom of God.’” *John 3:3*

7. The Good News brings a promise of deliverance from pain, sickness, and conflict. Now this is all Good News!! “He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there will be no more death or sorrow or crying or pain. All these things are gone forever.” *Revelation 21:4*

C. The answers to the questions in life are fulfilled by this Good News...

“There is within every soul a thirst for happiness and meaning.” -Thomas Aquinas

1. Who am I?
I am God’s child – “But to all who believed Him and accepted Him, He gave the right to become children of God.” *John 1:12*

I am a friend of Jesus Christ – “I no longer call you slaves, because a master doesn’t confide in His slaves. Now you are My friends, since I have told you everything the Father told Me.” *John 15:15*

I have been justified – “Therefore, since we have been made right in God’s sight by faith, we have peace with God because of what Jesus Christ our Lord has done for us.” *Romans 5:1*

I am a member of Christ’s body – “All of you together are Christ’s body, and each of you is a part of it.” *1 Corinthians 12:27*

I have been chosen by God and adopted as His child – “Even before He made the world, God loved us and chose us in Christ to be holy and without fault in His eyes. God decided in advance to adopt us into His own family by bringing us to Himself through Jesus Christ. This is what He wanted to do, and it gave Him great pleasure.” *Ephesians 1:4-5*

I have been redeemed and forgiven of all my sins – “For he has rescued us from the kingdom of darkness and transferred us into the Kingdom of his dear Son, who purchased our freedom and forgave our sins.” *Colossians 1:13-14*

I am God’s workmanship – “For we are God’s masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things He planned for us long ago.” *Ephesians 2:10*

I am a citizen of heaven – “But we are citizens of heaven, where the Lord Jesus Christ lives. And we are eagerly waiting for Him to return as our Savior.” *Philippians 3:20*

2. Why am I here?
I am here to magnify and glorify God! So that all who see me, might see Christ in me!

“I will say to the north and south, ‘Bring My sons and daughters back to Israel from the distant corners of the earth. Bring all who claim Me as their God, for I have made them for My glory. It was I who created them.’” *Isaiah 43:6-7*

“For I fully expect and hope that I will never be ashamed, but that I will continue to be bold for Christ, as I have been in the past. And I trust that my life will bring honor to Christ, whether I live or die.” *Philippians 1:20*

3. Where am I going?
We are looking forward to a glorious gift of heaven!
“And if our hope in Christ is only for this life, we are more to be pitied than anyone in the world.” *1 Corinthians 15:19*
“I have written this to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know you have eternal life.” *1 John 5:13*
“and we have a priceless inheritance—an inheritance that is kept in heaven for you, pure and undefiled, beyond the reach of change and decay.” *1 Peter 1:4*

“There is more than enough room in My Father’s home. If this were not so, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you?” *John 14:2*
“That is what the Scriptures mean when they say, ‘No eye has seen, no ear has heard, and no mind has imagined what God has prepared for those who love Him.’” *1 Corinthians 2:9*

4. Why do I share with Good News?
To make God famous! – “Remember, our Message is not about ourselves; we’re proclaiming Jesus Christ, the Master. All we are is messengers, errand runners from Jesus for you.” *2 Corinthians 4:5 The Message*

To give hope! – “In those days you were living apart from Christ... You lived in this world without God and without hope.” *Ephesians 2:12a,c*
To increase joy, in me and those who hear! – “We are writing these things so that you may fully share our joy.” *1 John 1:4*

Because God chose us to share! – “God has given us the task of telling everyone what he is doing. We’re Christ’s representatives.” *2 Corinthians 5:20a The Message*

D. Jesus is Good News...

1. Believe it!
2. Live it!
3. Share it!
4. Rejoice in it!

April 25-26: **Core 28: A Future by Faith**