

Good News of Great Joy

1. Listen closely now to His gospel free:
You were made by God to His vessel be;
You were formed as a man,
To fulfill His great plan:
Now your life He wants to be!
He will be to you so real,
Make your life so beautiful,
Full of joy and meaningful,
If you only will.
2. In eternity He selected you,
Then He came to earth in His love for you;
On the cross, He was slain,
Then He rose from the grave.
Coming forth to seek for you,
To bring God Himself to you,
Life divine impart to you,
Grace abundant give to you,
Satisfying you.
3. When the Triune God lives Himself in you,
He will change your being, your life renew;
You'll be quickened within,
Filled with joy to the brim,
And your flesh enlivened, too.
Open now your heart to Him,
Breathe His name from deep within,
In an instant He'll come in,
You'll be one with Him!

The Real Good News

Gospel Meeting

I. What is good news?—Good news is the news of good things: “Announce the news of good things”—Rom. 10:15:

- A. This news of good things is for everyone: “The good news...is the power of God unto salvation to everyone who believes.”—Rom. 1:16; Luke 2:10
1. Man is a vessel created by God: “Vessels of mercy, which He had before prepared unto glory.”—Rom. 9:23, 21
 2. Man has a spirit: “In my spirit in the good news of His Son”—Rom. 1:9; 1 Thes. 5:23
 3. God wants to enter into man: “The Spirit of God dwells in you.”—Rom. 8:9, 10
- B. This news of good things is concerning Jesus Christ: “The good news of God...concerning His Son...Jesus Christ our Lord”—Rom. 1:1-4
1. He is the eternal God: “The Christ, who is God over all, blessed forever”—Rom. 9:5
 2. He took on the flesh: “God, sending His own Son in the likeness of the flesh of sin”—Rom. 8:3
 3. His death reconciled man to God: “We...were reconciled to God through the death of His Son”—Rom. 5:10
 4. He resurrected from the dead: “Who was designated the Son of God in power...out of the resurrection of the dead”—Rom. 1:4

5. He enters into the spirit of man: “But if Christ is in you...the spirit is life because of righteousness.”—Rom. 8:10
6. He gives life to man: “He...will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who indwells you.”—Rom. 8:11

II. How to receive this good news?

- A. Obey the good news: “Obeyed the good news”—Rom. 10:16
- B. Believe in the Lord Jesus: “The good news...out of faith to faith”—Rom. 1:16-17
- C. Call upon the name of the Lord: “Whoever calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.”—Rom. 10:13
- D. Be baptized: “We have been buried therefore with Him through baptism into His death...so also we might walk in newness of life...have grown together with Him”—Rom. 6:4-5

III. Join a Bible study group:

- A. The Bible gives good news to us: “The good news of God, which He promised...in the holy Scriptures”—Rom. 1:1-2
- B. The Bible gives life to us: “But the word is very near to you...I have put before you today life and good”—Rom. 10:8; Deut. 30:14-15
- C. The Bible establishes us: “Now to Him who is able to establish you according to my good news”—Rom. 16:25