



Why Jesus Is Good News!

Good News For A Change #1

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Good news refreshes the body.

Proverbs 15:30 (NOG)

*...the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written: ¹⁸ "The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, ¹⁹ to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." ²⁰ Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him. ²¹ He began by saying to them, "Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing." **Luke 4:17-21 (NIV)***

Why is Jesus Good News?

1. **The Good News of Jesus gives hope for the hopeless.**

...he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. (v.18)

God wants all people to be saved. And he wants everyone to know the truth.

1 Timothy 2:4 (ICB)

Why am I so sad? Why am I so troubled? I will put my hope in God, and once again I will praise him, my savior and my God.

Psalms 42:5 (GN)

2. **The Good News of Jesus can heal my broken heart.**

The Sovereign Lord has filled me with his Spirit. He has chosen me and sent me to bring good news to the poor, to heal the broken-hearted...

Isaiah 61:1a (GN)

The will to live can get you through sickness, but no one can live with a broken spirit.

Proverbs 18:14 (NCV)

The LORD hears his people when they call to him for help. He rescues them from all their troubles. ¹⁸ The LORD is close to the brokenhearted; he rescues those whose spirits are crushed.

Psalms 34:17-18 (NLT)

He heals the broken-hearted and bandages their wounds.

Psalms 147:3 (GN)

3. **The Good News of Jesus frees me from my strongholds.**

The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners... to set the oppressed free.

Luke 4:18 (NIV)

³⁴Jesus replied, "Very truly I tell you, everyone who sins is a slave to sin. ... ³⁶ So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

John 8:34, 36 (NIV)

But the Scriptures declare that we are all prisoners of sin, so we receive God's promise of freedom only by believing in Jesus Christ.

Galatians 3:22 (NLT)

4. **The Good News of Jesus reveals God to me.**

He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind...

Luke 4:18 (NIV)

*Satan, who is the god of this world, has blinded the minds of those who don't believe. They are unable to see the glorious light of the Good News. They don't understand this message about the glory of Christ, who is the exact likeness of God. **2 Corinthians 4:4 (NLT)***

5. **The Good News of Jesus recovers what I've lost.**

The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news... ¹⁹ to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.

Luke 4:18-19 (NIV)

Realize that you weren't set free from the worthless life handed down to you from your ancestors by a payment of silver or gold which can be destroyed. ¹⁹ Rather, the payment that freed you was the precious blood of Christ...

1 Peter 1:18-19 (GW)

The Good News shows how God makes people right with himself—that it begins and ends with faith.

Romans 1:17a (NCV)
