



Getting a Grip on THE Message of Jesus

Get a Grip #4

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But many who heard the message believed... **Acts 4:4a (NIV)**

"Brothers, you know that some time ago God made a choice among you that the Gentiles might hear from my lips the message of the gospel and believe. **Acts 15:7 (NIV)**

***What do you say is THE message of Jesus?**

"But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?" **Matthew 16:15 (NIV)**

THE Message of Jesus is...

Good News: The Kingdom of God is near!

Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God.

¹⁵ *"The time has come," he said. "The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!"*

Mark 1:14-15 (NIV)

But when they believed Philip as he proclaimed the good news of the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women.

Acts 8:12 (NIV)

He proclaimed the kingdom of God and taught about the Lord Jesus Christ—with all boldness and without hindrance!

Acts 28:31 (NIV)

Why was THE message of the Kingdom 'Good News'?

1. God's plan is happening!
Exodus 19:1-6 - Prophets - Jesus - Apostles - 1 Peter 2:9-10
2. It ain't what ya think - It's BETTER!!!

What did Jesus tell us about the Kingdom?

1. Citizenship is voluntary.

*And He was saying to them all, "If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must **deny** himself, and take up his **cross** daily and **follow** Me.*

Luke 9:23 (NASB)

2. As your king I promise...
→ To meet your physical needs

²⁵*For this reason I say to you, do not be worried about your life, as to what you will eat or what you will drink; nor for your body, as to what you will put on. ... ³³But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.*

Matthew 6:25, 33 (NASB)

→ Life

3. Citizenship is conditional.

*Then Jesus said to His disciples, "If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must **deny** himself, and take up his **cross** and **follow** Me. ²⁵ For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it; but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it.*

Matthew 16:24-25 (NASB)

Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. ⁸ For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened.

Matthew 7:7-8 (NASB)