

“I’ve got some Good news & Bad news”

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Good News! Belief saves you.

Let me now remind you, dear brothers and sisters, of the Good News I preached to you before. You welcomed it then, and you still stand firm in it. It is this Good News that saves you if you continue to believe the message I told you - unless, of course, you believed something that was never true in the first place.

1 Corinthians 15:1-2 (NLT)

“For God loved the world so much that he gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life.”

John 3:16 (NLT)

If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

Romans 10:9 (NLT)

Bad News, you can believe in vain.

By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain.

1 Corinthians 15:2 (NIV)

What does it mean to Believe?

- 1. Probably true, but it has no impact on your life.**
- 2. Really belief, but it has no impact on your life.**
- 3. Believe enough to act on it.**

You say you have faith, for you believe that there is one God. Good for you! Even the demons believe this, and they tremble in terror. How foolish! Can’t you see that faith without good deeds is useless?

Don’t you remember that our ancestor Abraham was shown to be right with God by his actions when he offered his son Isaac on the altar? You see, his faith and his actions worked together. His actions made his faith complete.

James 2:19-22 (NLT)

Good News! Jesus is our savior.

I passed on to you what was most important and what had also been passed on to me. Christ died for our sins, just as the Scriptures said. He was buried, and he was raised from the dead on the third day, just as the Scriptures said. He was seen by Peter and then by the Twelve. After that, he was seen by more than 500 of his followers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he was seen by James and later by all the apostles. Last of all, as though I had been born at the wrong time, I also saw him.

1 Corinthians 15:3-8 (NLT)

Jesus died in our place & rose from the dead.

But Christ has rescued us from the curse pronounced by the law. When he was hung on the cross, he took upon himself the curse for our wrongdoing. For it is written in the Scriptures, “Cursed is everyone who is hung on a tree.”

Galatians 3:13 (NLT)

Good and Bad News: Jesus is our Lord.

He himself is the sacrifice that atones for our sins - and not only our sins but the sins of all the world.

And we can be sure that we know him if we obey his commandments. If someone claims, “I know God,” but doesn’t obey God’s commandments, that person is a liar and is not living in the truth. But those who obey God’s word truly show how completely they love him. That is how we know we are living in him. Those who say they live in God should live their lives as Jesus did.

1 John 2:2-6 (NLT)

God is not a consultant.

Good News! I’m changed.

For I am the least of all the apostles. In fact, I’m not even worthy to be called an apostle after the way I persecuted God’s church.

But whatever I am now, it is all because God poured out his special favor on me - and not without results. For I have

worked harder than any of the other apostles; yet it was not I but God who was working through me by his grace.

1 Corinthians 15:9-10 (NLT)

SO WHAT?

So it makes no difference whether I preach or they preach, for we all preach the same message you have already believed.

1 Corinthians 15:11 (NLT)

Share the Good News

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Growth Group Questions

(Questions and Scriptures for further study)

1. Where do you get your news? (Newspaper, TV, online, etc.)

What news do you tend to care about or pay attention to, and why? (World news, crime, politics, sports, etc.)

2. How can you tell if the news you receive is actually true?

Have you ever been duped, or believed something that wasn't true?

3. Re-read 1 Corinthians 15:2. What does it mean to believe in vain?

What does it mean to believe "enough to act on it"?

4. Re-read 1 John 2:2-6. How does obedience to God's commandments relate to knowing God and loving God?

5. How have you ever treated God as more of a consultant rather than Lord of your life?

6. If we really believe this is Good News, we can't shut up about it, Who do you need to share the good news with in your life?

What are you afraid of, if you share the good news with them?