

Share The Good News!

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When something amazing is revealed to you, don't you look forward to sharing your newfound knowledge with others, especially with your family and friends? Don't you want them to enjoy this same information and reap the benefits of this news?

In the Bible, the word "gospel" means Good News, but what is the gospel and is it really something we should want to share? The gospel of the Bible basically tells us that the life we are experiencing here on earth today is not all there is to our existence! Through the loving acts of Christ Jesus, we have the opportunity to live an amazing life forever – here on earth today and throughout eternity.

To benefit from this Good News, you must first believe that God is real and accept God as our Creator. Next, realize that God came to earth in the form of a man, Christ Jesus, so He could show us God's character and teach us about His Kingdom. Realize that humans are His creation and He loves us very much and He wants us to love Him and He wants us to enjoy His kingdom, both now and throughout eternity. Realize too that God's love for us is unconditional; He loves us for who we are and knowing that we are imperfect, flawed individuals, He forgives us for the wrong that we have done. God offers you a life a peace, acceptance and love, as long as you love and respect Him and accept, as a free gift, what He has already done for you.

So, what has God done for you? First, recognize that God hates sin and the price to pay for sin is death – physically and spiritually (which is separation from God). Sin is anything (thought, word or deed) that goes against God's will – wrong doings. He is perfect and holy and cannot allow imperfection into His kingdom. Since all people have sinned (and deserve separation from God), none of us are worthy of being members of His kingdom. Therefore, since God loves us (His children) so much and wants us to be in His kingdom, He provided a way for all of us to be family members in His kingdom. (This is more of the "Good News" we can share). God came to earth as Christ Jesus, Immanuel (which means "with us is God"), to pay the price for the sin which we have committed. So, being sinless, Christ Jesus was the only acceptable sacrifice, or payment, for our sin. Jesus paid a price that He did not owe (His life) for a penalty which He did not deserve, but He did it anyway because He loves us and wants us to be with Him, forever. When Jesus died on the cross, He sufficiently paid the price for the sin of all of us. He died physically and He even suffered a temporary separation from God the Father (spiritual death). This was the first and only time in Jesus' existence that Jesus was separated from God the Father, but it was necessary to pay the sin debt humankind owed. So, without Jesus' death, you and I would be subject to paying our own sin debt by living in hell (separated from God) forever.

So, the Good News is that, if you accept Jesus' sacrificial death, as His free gift for your salvation (saving you from eternal separation from God), and you repent (turn away from a sinful lifestyle), you can enjoy the abundant spiritual life that Jesus has promised – full of joy and hope. To learn and understand more about this mystery and revelation, read and study the Bible. To grow stronger in your relationship with God, talk to Him regularly through prayer.

Now that you understand the amazing truth of the gospel of Jesus, His Good News, go tell your family and friends so they can benefit from it now and enjoy it forever.