

What is the Good News of the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ?

9. Receiving the end of your faith, even the salvation of your souls.
10. Of which salvation the prophets have enquired and searched diligently, who prophesied of the **grace** that should come unto you:
11. Searching what, or what manner of time the **Spirit of Christ** which was in them did signify, when it testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ, and the glory that should follow.
12. “ Unto whom it was revealed, that not unto themselves, but unto us they did minister the things, which are now reported unto you by them that have preached the gospel unto you with the **Holy Ghost sent down from heaven**; which things the angels desire to look into.”

(1 Peter 1:9-12 KJV)

grace G5485 χάρις

[Analytics]

grace (170x) G5485 (156x)

[Greek Strong's Dictionary]

5485. χάρις charis, khar´-ece; from 5463; graciousness (as gratifying), of manner or act (abstract or concrete; literal, figurative or spiritual; **especially the divine influence upon the heart, and its reflection in the life**; including gratitude): – acceptable, **benefit, favour, gift, grace(-ious), joy, liberality**, pleasure, thank(-s, -worthy).

The prophets of God spoke less for their own time than for the ages to come, and especially for the generation that would live amid the last scenes of this earth's history."All these things happened unto them for ensamples, and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come." The prophets and apostles meet and unite their witness, testifying of the sufferings of Christ, and the glory that should follow. The wonderful events in the history of the children of Israel are not to be lost sight of or ignored because of the lapse of time. They are **jewels of truth** that have been **placed in false settings**. Christ came to redeem them from error, and to reset **them** in the **framework of truth**, that they might **shine** in their **native purity** and **attractive loveliness**. By Him they have been made to give forth a brighter and more powerful luster than ever before. . 8 ST January 13, 1898, par. 8

In this age of the world we find the same influences at work to make of no effect the word of God. The traditions of men are again exalted above the commandments of God. But Christ declares, “In vain do they worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men.” Christ declared that he came to our world not to destroy the law or the prophets, but to fulfill every specification of the law by living out its precepts. “The Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only-begotten of the Father), full of grace and truth.” The light that shines from the Old Testament Scriptures is the light that was imparted to the prophets and wise men by Jesus Christ. ST April 2, 1896, par.11

Let us see to it that we study the words of Christ in both the Old and the New Testaments, and take heed that we be not agents who shall work to make of no effect the word of God by exalting the traditions and opinions of men.
ST April 2, 1896, par. 12

“Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them.”

(Hebrews 7:25 KJV)

What is the good news that Gospel of Christ promises?

15. This *is* a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief.

16“Howbeit for this cause I obtained mercy, that in me first Jesus Christ might shew forth all longsuffering, for a pattern to them which should hereafter believe on him to life everlasting. “ Apostle Paul became Christian pattern.

(1 Timothy 1:15-16).

1. And I, brethren, when I came to you, came not with excellency of speech or of wisdom, declaring unto you the testimony of God.”

2. “For I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified.

3. “And I was with you in weakness, and in fear, and in much trembling.”

4. “And my speech and my preaching *was* not with enticing words of man’s wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power:”.

5. “That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God.”

(1Corinthians 2:1-5).

“For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.”

(Luke 19:10 KJV)

34“And when he had called the people *unto him* with his disciples also, he said unto them, Whosoever will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.”

35.“For whosoever will save his life shall lose it; but whosoever shall lose his life for my sake and the gospel’s, the same shall save it.”

(Mark 8:34 -35).

1. Then spake Jesus, and lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, Father, the hour is come; glorify thy Son, that thy Son also may glorify thee:
 2. As thou hast given him power over all flesh, that he should give eternal life to as many as thou hast given him.
 3. And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.
- John 17:1-3

Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many. -

Matthew 20:28

13. And no man hath ascended up to heaven, but he that came down from heaven, even the Son of man which is in heaven.

14. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up:

15. That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life.

John 3:13-15

17. Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love,

18. May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height;

19. And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God. -Ephesians 3:17-19

14. For as many as are led by the **Spirit of God**, they are the **sons of God**

15. For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. -Romans 8:14-15

6. because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the **Spirit of his Son** into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father. -Galatians 4:6

26. the mystery which hath been hid from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to his saints:

27. To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory:

28. Whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus:

Colossians 1:26-28.

6. And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely.

7. He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son.

Revelation 21:6-7

14. For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace. -Romans 6:14

1. There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. -Romans 8:1

But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law. -Galatians 5:18

condemnation G2631 κατάκριμα

[Analytics]

condemnation (12x) G2631 (3x)

[Greek Strong's Dictionary]

2631. κατάκριμα katakrima, kat-ak´-ree-mah; from 2632; **an adverse sentence (the verdict):** – condemnation.

4. But after that the kindness and love of God our Saviour toward man appeared, -

5. Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;

6. Which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour;

7. That being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

Titus 3:4-7

[[To the chief Musician for the sons of Korah, A Song upon Alamoth.]] God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. -Psalms 46:1

I sought the LORD, and he heard me, and delivered me from all my fears. -Psalms 34:4

This poor man cried, and the LORD heard him, and saved him out of all his troubles. -Psalms 34:6

20. But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost,

21. Keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life. -Jude 1:20-21

24. Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy, -Jude 1:24

13. But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy.

14. If ye be reproached for the name of Christ, happy are ye; for the spirit of glory and of God resteth upon you: on their part he is evil spoken of, but on your part he is glorified. -1 Peter 4:13-14.

1. If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God.
2. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.
3. For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God.
4. When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory . Colossians 1:1-4

3. if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost:

4. In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.

-2 Corinthians 4:3-4.

[Analytics]

Ghost (109x) G4151 (385x)

[Greek Strong's Dictionary]

4151. πνεῦμα *pneuma*, pnyoo´-mah; from 4154; a current of air, i.e. breath (blast) or a breeze; by analogy or figuratively, a spirit, i.e. (human) the rational soul, (by implication) vital principle, mental disposition, etc., or (superhuman) an angel, demon, or (divine) God, Christ's spirit, the Holy Spirit: – ghost, life, spirit(-ual, -ually), mind. Compare 5590.

And he that **searcheth** the **hearts** knoweth what is the **mind** of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God. -Romans 8:27

Mind 5427 φρόνημα phronema, fron´-ay-mah; from 5426; (mental) inclination or purpose: – (be, + be carnally, + be spiritually) mind(-ed)

Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts: And see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting. -Psalms 139:23-24

searcheth G2045 ἐρευνάω

[Analytics]

searcheth (8x) G2045 (5x)

[Greek Strong's Dictionary]

2045. ἐρευνάω ereunao, er-yoo-nah´-o; apparently from 2046 (through the idea of **inquiry**); to **seek**, i.e. (figuratively) to **investigate**: – search (The **Heart** or the **mind**).

Now, we want to be kept from the evil. “They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. Sanctify them through Thy truth.... As thou hast sent Me into the world, even so” I also send them into the world. [It is] just as much your work to act out right in the world as it was the work of Christ to redeem. He sent you into the world. You are to be the light of the world. You are to show the distinction between the spirit of Christianity and the spirit of the worldling. You are to show the controlling influence of the power of God upon the human heart. God help us that we may be sanctified through the truth; and that sanctification shall have its influence to leaven those that are around us. Not the leaven of malice; not the leaven of jealousy; not the leaven of evil surmisings, but it is the leaven of the **spirit of Jesus Christ, which is sent down from heaven**, called the **Holy Ghost**, and that **Spirit** affects the heart and the character. - {S T209.2}

Let us believe the Word. He who thus eats the bread of heaven is nourished every day, and will know what these words mean, “Need not that any man teach you” [1 John 2:27] But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him. We have lessons pure from the lips of Him who owns us, who has bought us with the price of His own blood. - {21MR 132.4}

The precious Word of God is a solid foundation upon which to build. When men come to you with their supposed suppositions, tell them that the Great Teacher has left you His Word, which is of incalculable value, that He has sent a Comforter in His own name, even the Holy Ghost. “He shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.” “I am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live forever: and the bread that I will give is My flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.” - {21MR 132.5}

Here is presented before us a rich banquet, of which all who believe in Christ as a personal Saviour may eat. He is the tree of life to all who continue to feed on Him. – {21MR 133.1}

The patriarchs and prophets were representative men, and through them, from century to century, a flood of knowledge was poured into the world. Adam, repentant and converted, was a Christian; Abel was a Christian; Enoch was a Christian; Noah was a Christian; Abraham was a Christian. In types and symbols the Gospel was revealed to those of former dispensations. The Old Testament Scriptures show us the power possessed by those who looked to Christ. The glorious beams of continually-increasing light are all concentrated in our time. All testify of Christ, “the Way, the Truth, and the Life.” But never was this truth so clearly defined as in Christ’s answer to the words, “Lord, we know not whither Thou goest, and how can we know the way.” Christ is revealed to us in His first advent. We see Him sacrificing riches, power, and glory for poverty, temptation, privation, and suffering. - {ST January 13, 1898 Par. 9}

Christ is indeed the Way, the Truth, and the Life. There are not many ways to heaven. Each one may not choose his own way. Christ says: “I am the Way... No man cometh unto the Father but by Me.” Unless we are individually in this way, we can not reach the heavenly mansions. The Question for each one to ask himself is, Am I following Christ because I know that He is the Way, the Truth, and the Life? Am I in the path that leads to perfect obedience? Those who walk in this way never lose their strength, but constantly receive new power for their heavenward march. - {ST January 13, 1898 Par. 10}