

Good News

by Joseph Hovsepien

There are many people who use the word “gospel” regularly without really knowing its true meaning.

The Greek word for gospel is “*evaggelion*” which means simply “good news” or a “good message.” The “Good News” is a message that, when heard for the first time, excites another person.

The Apostle Paul described this message, this Good News, over and over in the book of Acts. For example, while Paul and Barnabas were in Lystra (a city in present-day Turkey), they explained the gospel this way:

“...We... preach unto you that ye should turn from these vanities unto the living God...” Acts 14:15

The good news that Paul had for them was that they did not have to trust the worthless idols and things that they had been serving. They could give their lives to a living God – the One who was powerful enough to create the world and loving enough to care for them. And you know what? Many believed this good news and changed their way of life.

I believe the world has not changed much. People are still serving “worthless things” but, instead of calling them idols, we call them jobs, money, entertainment, religion, etc. People live lonely, purposeless lives. They often choose worthless things because they do not know what else will work.

And while people are searching for some good news and a purpose for life, religious people are busy



doing their own thing and have their personal agendas. It seems that some believers and churches don't really know, or have forgotten, what the gospel of Jesus Christ is all about. We must go back to the Bible and carefully listen to the words of Jesus Christ whose Name we bear and then take another good, hard look at our Christianity the way it is being practiced today, before it is too late!

Am I – are you – living the “Good News?” Are we really sharing the Good News with our friends, in order to draw them to Jesus? Do we talk to others about God and what He has done in our life? If we bring the Good News, the gospel of Jesus Christ, to those we meet daily, people will respond today as they did many years ago.

Remember, God has saved us and has given meaning to our lives. So now, let us go and share this Good News with others! ☺

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