

Really, really good news

Colossians 1:5-8

- I. The gospel is good news – You can KNOW you will go to heaven (Colossians 1:5-6).
 - A. Heaven – The good news is that Jesus alone can give us eternal life in heaven (Colossian 1:5).
 - B. Truth – The good news about heaven relies on the truth of God’s word (Colossians 1:5)
 - C. Grace – The good news about God’s grace through Jesus is unstoppable (Colossians 1:6).
 1. *All over the world* – The gospel bore fruit and multiplied everywhere (see Acts)
 2. *Among you* – The gospel bore fruit at Colossae.

Bad News

1. I am a sinner (Romans 3:23).
2. The penalty of my sin is eternal death (Romans 6:23).

Good News

1. Jesus died to pay my penalty for sin (Romans 5:8).
2. I can have eternal life if I put my faith in Jesus Christ alone – not good works (John 3:16; Ephesians 2:8-9)

- II. We must SHARE the gospel as faithful servants of Jesus Christ (Colossians 1:7-8).
 - A. Epaphras shared the gospel at Colossae (1:7).
 - B. People who care are people who share the gospel (1:8).