

A shepherd in a white robe stands on the left, illuminated by a bright light source, facing a flock of sheep. Three other figures in dark robes stand with the sheep in the center. The background is a dark, grassy field.

Good Tidings The Good News

**“...I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be
to all people.”**

Luke 2:10

Christmas Carols

We Wish You a Merry Christmas

"Good tidings we bring to you and your kin"

16th Century

God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen

"Tidings of comfort and joy"

18th Century

“Now there were in the same country shepherds living out in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. And behold, an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were greatly afraid. Then the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people. For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be the sign to you: You will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling cloths, lying in a manger.”

“And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying: “Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace, goodwill toward men!”

“So it was, when the angels had gone away from them into heaven, that the shepherds said to one another, “Let us now go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has come to pass, which the Lord has made known to us.” And they came with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the Babe lying in a manger. Now when they had seen Him, they made widely known the saying which was told them concerning this Child. And all those who heard it marvelled at those things which were told them by the shepherds. But Mary kept all these things and pondered them in her heart. Then the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told them.”

Luke 2:8-20

The Angel has brought **Good Tidings** to tell the Shepard's

So, what does good tidings mean?

It comes from the Hebrew word **Dabar** which translates into **Speech**
or **News**

It is also said that it derives via Middle English from Old English and
relates to **betide**, meaning **to happen especially by fate**

The **good tidings**, or **good news** the shepherds had to share was that,
to **you...us** this day a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord, would be born
in the city of David.

"Glory to God in the highest, And on earth **peace, goodwill** toward
men!" (Luke 2:14)

Making **widely known** the saying which was **told** them concerning this **Child.**"

Luke 2:17

The **good tidings**, the **good news**, was our wonderful **Jesus** being **gifted** to this **world**

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life."

John 3:16

Gospel in a Nutshell

1. God loved/loves the world

God created us in His image, He created us to be in His family, to be His sons and daughters (Genesis 1:27, John 1:12)

2. He gave us Jesus, His Son to fix the problem with the world

The world, the people on this earth, were estranged from the Father (Ephesians 2:12)

3. Anyone is allowed to believe in Him (Jesus)

Jesus is a gift, and to believe in Him is free, and has no obligations (Romans 6:23)

**4. And if you do believe, you don't perish, as in...disintegrate
in the lake of fire, the second death**

Every person on earth will die once, but the un-redeemed will die a second death, and no longer exist (Psalm 37:20, Mathew 10:28)

5. The redeemed will have an eternity with God

We will not see death in spirit, as we are already eternal, we will leave our earthly bodily form to assume our heavenly form
(Philippians 3:21)

Path to Righteousness

Born in Adam

Adam and Eve brought sin into the world (Romans 5:12)

Therefore, us all being descendants of Adam, we were all born sons of Adam (Romans 5:12)

Therefore, we were sinners, with a predisposition to sin (Ecclesiastes 7:20)

Jesus came

Jesus became the blood sacrifice, the sacrificial Lamb of God
(Romans 5:8)

Jesus bore our sins in His body (1 Peter 2:24)

Jesus paid our sin debt by doing so (1 Corinthians 6:20)

And as Jesus tasted death and was risen, so were we put to death
and risen (Hebrews 2:9, Galatians 2:20)

Taken out of Adam and placed lovingly in Christ Jesus
(Romans 6:3-4)

Becoming new creations and His now brethren (2 Corinthians 5:17)

New Creation Spirit

It's holy

It's righteous

It's blameless

It's full of joy

It's eternal

It has no ups and downs

It's consistent

It's loving

It's caring

It's gentle

It's giving
It isn't proud
It doesn't hate
It isn't jealous
It isn't self-interested
It is whole
It does not fear
It does not hide
It is full of wisdom
It is patient
It is full of faith
It has won and doesn't lose
It is full of God

Your **new creation** spirit is **perfect**, just as **Jesus is perfect**, because
He created it to be perfect out of **His perfection**

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You might be thinking, I'm not an "it", my spirit isn't an "it", and you
are right!

There isn't a "you" on this earth and an "it" inside of you

So, lets re-visit this prior sentence

You are perfect, just as **Jesus** is perfect, because He created **you** to
be perfect, out of **His** perfection

You

You are holy
You are righteous
You are blameless
You are full of joy
You are eternal
You have no ups and downs
You are consistent
You are loving
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You have won and never lose
You are full of God

You are perfect, just as Jesus is perfect, because He created you to be perfect, out of His perfection!

You are a Person

Your New Creation Spirit is a Person

We are one with Christ and the person of our New Creation, that contains all that Jesus contains, is also created as an individual, with our own spiritual gifts and an individual plan and purpose that fits those gifts perfectly

And the source of all that we are, the origin of all that we are, is from the Father, through Christ, via the Holy Spirit. Isn't that just amazing. Doesn't that blow your mind, that you are a new you, and that new you, is a person, a wonderful, loving, passionate, beautifully eternal person

His Finished Work

The old mixed with the new, making it all old and unfit for the purpose that the good news was intended for!

“For if that first covenant had been faultless, then no place would have been sought for a second.”

Hebrews 8:7

The old covenant is obsolete! Jesus made a new covenant with the Father, and we are beneficiaries of that covenant, because we are in Christ Jesus

His Finished Work

“For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death.”

Romans 8:2

- The gospel of man is a mixture of the old and new covenant
- False doctrines, erroneous teachings, law-based theologies and imprisoning religious practices, are commonplace in the nations of this world

His Finished Work

But we don't believe in that do we? We don't believe that God meets us in the middle. We don't believe that God helps those who help themselves. We believe in a God, who through Christ, came all the way to earth into this world and said.... "here I AM, believe in me, and I'll make you new and you will be free indeed!

I Can't... but He Can!

“My Father has been working until now, and I have been working.”

John 5:17

- Jesus, fully human, fully God, working the works of the Father
- We can't do it because Jesus did the work, not us!
- We are the fruit of His wonderful work
- Our works are dead, His works are life

Jesus Plus Nothing

“He said, “It is finished!” And bowing His head, He gave up His spirit.”

John 19:30

- Our sin is paid for....backwards, forwards, and in the present
- The gift of Jesus was given to us out of the Fathers love for us
- His enduring love, His passionate love, His endless love, His overwhelmingly loving.... **LOVE!**

Irrevocable

“My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand.” John 10:27-28

- No one can snatch us, or tear us out of Him, not just His hand
- Our position as sons and daughters is eternal, it is steadfast
- Our status as co-heirs, as His children is **irrevocable**, it cannot be **reversed**, it cannot be **undone**, what the Lord has **put together**, no one can **separate**, we are His, and we are His into the **infinite future**

Why?

Why don't I feel perfect?

Why do I say and do stupid things sometimes?

Why do I think awful things on occasion?

Why do I still get anxious or depressed?

Why have most of the decisions in my life been flawed in some way?

Why do I come so close to the edge, knowing I walked myself there?

Good Tidings The New Heart



“I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.”

Ezekiel 36:26-27

A religious painting depicting Jesus Christ with a beard and long hair, wearing a white robe and a white head covering. He is holding a wooden staff in his right hand. In the background, a flock of sheep is grazing in a field under a warm, golden light, suggesting a sunrise or sunset. The scene is set in a rural, hilly landscape with trees.

The Good Tidings, the Good News, is Jesus.....Jesus is the Good News!

And through His finished work, we are Co-Heirs with Jesus as sons and daughters, and we are perfect to Him, and in Him, because He Himself is 100% perfect!

Our works are dead, but His work in us, His life in us, our New Creation Person that we are, is life in this earthly body we occupy!



Remember

You aren't what the mirror tells you, you are

You aren't what the world tells you, you are

You aren't what your flesh tells you, you are

You aren't what the enemy tells you, you are

**You are a new creation, bought and paid for, sealed in the
Father, always His forevermore!**

You are who He says you are!

Nothing more, nothing less!