

IN A WORLD OF BAD NEWS, BE THE GOOD NEWS

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Introduction

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- I. The Unstoppable Message of the Gospel: To the End of the Age – Matthew 4:23; Ephesians 1:13; Romans 1:16; Colossians 1:13; Mark 13:10 2:1-2
 - A. The Unstoppable Message of the Gospel Before the Rapture – Acts 1:8
 - B. The Unstoppable Message of the Gospel After the Rapture
- II. The Unstoppable Messengers of the Gospel: To the Ends of the Earth – John 4:35; Matthew 16:18
 - A. In Showing – Ephesians 3:18-19, Romans 5:5, 1 John 4:19
 - B. In Sharing – 2 Timothy 4:5; 1 Corinthians 3:6; Romans 6:23
 - C. In Supporting

Conclusion

2. Read Matthew 24:14, Romans 1:16, and Ephesians 1:13. In your own words, what is the “Good News?” **Pastor Jeremiah said: “The gospel is the set of historical facts relating to the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. It includes the eternal repercussions of these facts for those who place their faith in Christ. They enter a living relationship with God, by grace and through faith. Christ alone offers us forgiveness of sin and eternal life... The gospel was sealed and settled by Jesus’ shed blood at Calvary and His glorious resurrection.”**
3. Read Matthew 5:14-16 and 1 Peter 3:1, 15-16. One of the greatest gospel “proclaimers” is a person’s life. Describe someone you know who lives in such a way that you would naturally think, “He/she **has** to be a Christian.” **Our most basic testimony has to do with our lives—daily exhibiting a biblical routine in this ungodly age. This requires a constant walk with the Lord, a desire for personal holiness, a growing attitude of Christlikeness, and a burden to love others and to meet their needs in Christ’s name.**
4. Read 2 Timothy 4:5. Describe a time when you shared your faith with someone. What were the points you shared? How did it feel to openly share your confidence in Jesus Christ as your Savior? **Pastor Jeremiah said, “One thing I’ve learned is that most people don’t decide to follow Christ the first time they hear about Him. It takes multiple exposures to the gospel. That’s why I don’t become discouraged when someone doesn’t respond immediately. Sometimes we are seed-planters and someone else will see the harvest.”**

5. Many people share their resources for kingdom expansion. In what way have you given of your resources toward the work of expanding God's kingdom? **We heard this example:** "When we regularly, prayerfully give our tithes and offerings to our local church and to the other ministries Christ lays on our hearts, He receives our offerings as worship. Then He transmutes them into tangible works of grace."

Applying the Message

1. On a scale of 1-10 (1=low; 10=high), how prepared do you feel to share the gospel with someone? **At some point in sharing our faith, words are necessary.** They can be spoken, printed, or texted, but there's vital information people need to receive that they often can't find out for themselves. God has revealed it in Scripture—that He loves us, that our relationship to Him is broken, that Christ has died for our sins and risen from the tomb, and that we need to repent of our sins and trust His Good News of salvation.

2. Read Romans 6:23. Who might you reach out to this week? How can you prepare to share your faith with this person? **Ask God to open a door for you to share your faith. Practice your testimony. Cast out fear, and don't be afraid of failure. Trust God to give you the right words at the right time, then leave the results to Him.**