



The gospel of Jesus Christ flips the script on our bad-news world. The gospel is so good that no bad news can bring it down. Here are five reasons to share the good news today. **(Adapted from “Why We Share the Good News” by Scott Lothery)**

1. **The gospel comforts troubled consciences.** People laden with guilt and shame need to know that Jesus forgives sinners. They need to know there’s more mercy in God for them than there is sin within them.
2. **The gospel heals hearts harmed by sin.** All the people you see today have been wronged at some point in their lives. Jesus was totally innocent yet punished for all sin. Through Christ, we can receive strength to forgive as we are also forgiven through Christ’s work on the cross.
3. **The gospel ignites life change.** Those who trust Christ are promised the divine capacity to grow in the virtues of Christlike character and virtue (See 2 Peter 1:3).
4. **The gospel helps people in our fallen world have hope.** Life is worth living because Christ is reconciling the world to Himself and will make all things new (Revelation 21:5).
5. **The gospel refreshes your soul as you share it.** When we proclaim the good news to others, we’re richly reminded of all the good God has done, is doing, and will do for us in Jesus.

A Promise Kept While the World Slept

Luke 2:25-35, John 4:42

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Time magazine featured the late John Stott as one of the world’s 100 most influential people in 2005. When Stott died in 2011, Billy Graham commented, “The evangelical world has lost one of its greatest spokesmen. I have lost one of my close personal friends and advisors.”

In his 2007 book, *The Living Church*, John Stott identified the three chief weapons Satan used against the early church in the Book of Acts. He reminds us these weapons are same today: *persecution, corruption, and*

Listening with Your Heart