

“GOOD NEWS”
1 COR 15:1-10
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I. INTRODUCTION

- a. The Good News-The Gospel
- b. There is no Good News without Bad News.
 - i. Example: House on Fire. Not on Fire.
- c. Preached, Received, Stand, Saved.
- d. Good News
 - i. Christ Died for our sins
 - ii. Buried
 - iii. Rose Again the third Day.
 - iv. *Living He loved me, dying He saved me*
 - v. *And buried He carried my sins far away*
 - vi. *Rising He justified freely forever*
- e. The Good News Came to 6 Different People who had Bad News that allowed them to appreciate the Good News

II. THE FAILURE (Peter), (v.5a) (He denied Jesus)

- a. Peter was one who loved Jesus and once walked close with Jesus.
- b. Peter's Confidence in His flesh:
 - i. *And the Lord said, "Simon, Simon! Indeed, Satan has asked for you, that he may sift you as wheat. 32 "But I have prayed for you, that your faith should not fail; and when you have returned to Me, strengthen your brethren." 33 But he said to Him, "Lord, I am ready to go with You, both to prison and to death." 34 Then He said, "I tell you, Peter, the rooster shall not crow this day before you will deny three times that you know Me." Luke 22:31-34 (NKJV)*
- c. Peter's Weakness revealed
 - i. *Having arrested Him, they led Him and brought Him into the high priest's house. But Peter followed at a distance. 55 Now when they had kindled a fire in the midst of the courtyard and sat down together, Peter sat among them. 56 And a certain servant girl, seeing him as he sat by the fire, looked intently at him and said, "This man was also with Him." 57 But he denied Him, saying, "Woman, I do not know Him." 58 And after a little while another saw him and said, "You also are of them." But Peter said, "Man, I am not!" 59 Then after about an hour had passed, another confidently affirmed, saying, "Surely this fellow also was with Him, for he is a Galilean." 60 But Peter said, "Man, I do not know what you are saying!" Immediately, while he was still speaking, the rooster crowed. 61 And the Lord turned and looked at Peter. And*

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*Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how He had said to him,
"Before the rooster crows, you will deny Me three times." 62 So
Peter went out and wept bitterly. Luke 22:54-62 (NKJV)*

- d. How Peter must have felt like a failure after that! He had not even lived up to his own standard of loyalty to the Lord.
- e. Yet Jesus appeared to Peter. In Mark 16 the Angel tells the women at the tomb to “Go and tell his disciples, **and Peter...**”
- f. There was forgiveness and a mission for Peter. There is forgiveness and a mission for you.
- g. Peter needed Restoration

III. THE QUITTERS (12 Diciples) (v. 5b-6) (Desereted Jesus)

- a. *⁷ And Jesus saith unto them, All ye shall be offended because of me this night: for it is written, I will smite the shepherd, and the sheep shall be scattered. Mark 14:27 (KJV)*
- b. The disciples had been scattered. They had lost their passion. They had gone back to their old ways.
- c. They were in need of Revival

IV. THE SORROWFUL (Mary Magdelene) (John 20:11-18)

- a. Mary Magdalene:
 - i. The Bible tells us that seven demons had been cast out of Mary.
- b. She had placed her hope and trust in Jesus, but now she was disappointed. He was dead. Her hope was gone.
- c. But yet, she is the first person to whom the Resurrected Lord will appear to.
- d. **Weeping**
- e. *The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me; because the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound; 2 To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn; 3 To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that he might be glorified. Isaiah 61:1-3 (KJV)*
- f. *The righteous cry, and the LORD heareth, and delivereth them out of all their troubles. 18 The LORD is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit. 19 Many are the afflictions of*

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the righteous: but the LORD delivereth him out of them all. Psalms 34:17-19 (KJV)

- g. Mary needed Reassurance

V. THE DOWN AND OUT (Disciples on the Emmaus Road) (Luke 24)

- a. Verse 17 “Are sad”
- b. They do not understand all that has happened. They are discouraged.
- c. “Jesus Himself Drew Near”

VI. THE DOUBTER (Thomas) (John 20:24-29)

- a. Do not be unbelieving but believing
 - i. Thomas had believed in Jesus and seemingly it had all been untrue. Jesus was dead and he no longer wanted to believe anymore.
 - ii. Yet he was an honest doubter because he wanted to know the truth. Are you an honest or a dishonest doubter? Will you go where the truth leads you?
 - iii. Jesus revealed Himself to Thomas. Will you ask Him to reveal Himself to you and be willing to go where He leads?
- i. *Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not. Jer 33:3 (KJV)*

VII. THE ANGRY MAN (PAUL) (V. 8)

- a. *Now Saul was consenting to his death. At that time a great persecution arose against the church which was at Jerusalem; and they were all scattered throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria, except the apostles. 2 And devout men carried Stephen to his burial, and made great lamentation over him. 3 As for Saul, he made havoc of the church, entering every house, and dragging off men and women, committing them to prison. Acts 8:1-3 (NKJV)*
- b. *But they had heard only, That he which persecuted us in times past now preacheth the faith which once he destroyed. Gal 1:23 (KJV)*
- c. *I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me. Gal 2:20 (KJV)*
- d. Saul could not believe that Jesus and His followers could promise right standing with God by simply having faith in Jesus. He could not tolerate that kind of religion and sought to destroy it.

VIII. CONCLUSION

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- a. What Bad News do You Have?
- b. My Example of love much forgiven much
- c. Easter means much more to me because of the Bad News I have (My Son Cody.)
 - i. *Up from the grave He arose, with a mighty triumph o'er His foes,
He arose a victor from the dark domain, now He lives forever with
His saints to reign. He arose, He arose, Halleljahah Christ arose!*