

Good News About the Good News

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People Change...

1. When they hurt enough that they have to.
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The Good News is Powerful. (1 Corinthians 2:1-5)

Paul’s approach: “To lift up Jesus as the answer.”

Paul’s attitude: “To have people see God, not Paul.”

Paul’s aim: “To have people see God’s power.”

** If you want to see the power of God,
you have to need the power of God.*

- Every miracle begins with a problem!

The Good News is Understandable. (1 Corinthians 2:6-10)

The Good News is understandable...

1. Because it’s not new.

*“No, we declare God’s wisdom, a mystery that has been hidden and that God destined for our glory **before time began.**”* - 1 Corinthians 2:7

2. Because it’s simple.

*“We do, however, speak **a message of wisdom** among the mature, but not the wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are coming to nothing.”* - 1 Corinthians 2:6

*“...these are the things God has **revealed to us by His Spirit.** The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God.”* - 1 Corinthians 2:10

The Good News is Receivable. (1 Corinthians 1:18-25)

What is the difference between those who receive the Good News and those who don’t?

Comparisons:

Those who reject the Good News look for the wrong things.

Those who receive the Good News look for the right things.

Those who reject the Good News rely on themselves.

Those who receive the Good News rely on Jesus.

*Salvation is not something we achieve —
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Application Project:

1. When am I most often ready to change?
 - When I hurt enough that I have to?
 - When I learn enough that I want to?
 - When I have received enough that I’m able to?
2. In what areas of my life do I need the power of God to be demonstrated?
3. What was, or is, the most difficult aspect of receiving Jesus Christ as my personal Saviour?
4. Before receiving Christ as my personal Saviour, how did I think I could “earn” my own salvation? According to Ephesians 2:8,9, what do I now realize?

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