

Some Really Good News

I. Introduction:

A. Good news is refreshing (**Proverbs 25:25**).

1. Like when you hear something good about someone you may be concerned about (**II Corinthians 2:13** and **II Corinthians 7:6-7**).
2. Like when you hear about the faithfulness of others (**III John 1:4**).
3. Sadly, the best news we can get in this world is still only temporary. That is human life in general (**Psalms 39:5-6**).

B. The world doesn't offer peace (**John 16:33**).

1. On the other hand... **II Thessalonians 3:16**
2. We have our part to play too though (**Psalms 119:165**, **Isaiah 26:3**, and **Colossians 3:15**).
3. If we focus on the reports we see and hear in the world, our minds will be troubled and those anxieties can choke the real good news (**Mark 4:19**).

II. Body: So, Let's Think About Some Really Good News (**Isaiah 40:9**, **Isaiah 52:4-9**, and **Romans 10:11-17**).

A. This good news comes from Jesus (**Isaiah 61:1-3**; cf. **Luke 4:16-21**).

1. Think about what John said when He saw Jesus (**John 1:29**; **3:35-36**).
2. The declaration of the true "glad tidings" comes to what Jesus means for mankind (**Acts 13:32-39**).
3. We can escape fear because Jesus has abolished death and has brought immortality to light through the Gospel (**II Timothy 1:7-12**).
 - a. We can pass from death to life (**John 5:24-29**).
 - b. So, don't discount that "like precious faith" (**II Peter 1:1**).

B. The good news from Jesus allows us to rethink things in hope rather than despair (**I Thessalonians 4:13-18**).

1. That hope does not happen without Christ (**Ephesians 2:11-12**).
2. That hope allows us to look at the bad stuff, like physical death, differently (**Romans 5:12-21** and **I Peter 1:13**).
3. The worst is only temporary (**I Peter 5:5-10**).

C. Being faithful allows us to absorb bad news (**Psalms 112:5-8**).

1. We have someone we can trust in (**Psalms 56:3-4**).
2. Think about what was said to those who were going to be alive during the destruction of Jerusalem (**Luke 21:5-19**).
3. On the other hand, think of how the unfaithful process such bad news (**Jeremiah 6:21-25**).

III. Conclusion: Please, REMEMBER the really good news (**I John 4:14**).