

FirstFruits Gathering At Harvest Christian Church

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What is the Good News? It is the gospel message. Good News means a gift from God. It is the proclamation of the forgiveness of sins and sonship with God restored through Jesus Christ. It means remission of sins and reconciliation with God. The gospel is not only a message of salvation and deliverance but an entirely new life structure that is accessed by faith.

2 Corinthians 5.17 AMP

¹⁷ Therefore if anyone is in Christ [that is, grafted in, joined to Him by faith in Him as Savior], *he is* a new creature [reborn and renewed by the Holy Spirit]; the old things [the previous moral and spiritual condition] have passed away. **Behold, new things have come** [because spiritual awakening brings a new life].

The Good News is your life is now hidden in Christ. You have been rescued from the dominion of darkness and transferred into the kingdom of God's Son. That being true, you can now live, move and have your being in Christ. Sin has lost its hold on your life. Everything you need for life and godliness is deposited in you by God's divine power when you believe Jesus Christ is the Son of God, died, was resurrected and is now seated at the right hand of God for you. This is the Gospel – the Good News! The Good News is that God is for us. You now live your life in union with Christ.

Romans 3.24 The Message

²⁴ **We are utterly incapable of living the glorious lives God wills for us, God did it for us.** Out of sheer generosity he put us in right standing with himself. **A pure gift.** He got us out of the mess we're in and restored us to where he always wanted us to be. And he did it by means of Jesus Christ.

The Gospel is about our inclusion in the life of God. We have been born again of the incorruptible seed of Jesus Christ. There is now no condemnation for us that are in Christ Jesus because through Christ Jesus the Law of the Spirit of Life has set you free from the law of sin and death.

This is God's desire and His heart:

John 3.16 NIV

¹⁶ For **God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son**, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

John 10.14 TPT

¹⁴ **I alone am the Good Shepherd, and I know those whose hearts are mine**, for they recognize me and know me

John 14.6 NIV

⁶ Jesus answered, **"I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.**

2 Timothy 2.11-13 NIV

¹¹ Here is a trustworthy saying:

**If we died with him,
we will also live with him;**

¹² if we endure,

we will also reign with him.

If we disown him,

he will also disown us;

¹³ **if we are faithless,**

he remains faithful,

for he cannot disown himself.

Colossians 1.5-6 TPT

⁵ Your faith and love rise within you as you access all the treasures of your inheritance stored up in the heavenly realm. **For the revelation of the true gospel is as real today as the day you first heard of our glorious hope, now that you have believed in the truth of the gospel.**

⁶ **This is the wonderful message that is being spread everywhere, powerfully changing hearts throughout the earth, just like it has changed you! Every believer of this good news bears the fruit of eternal life** as they experience the reality of God's grace.

We are in the process of watching the world's systems fail! Government doesn't have the answers, science doesn't have the answers, education doesn't have the answers. Experts contradict each other. Supply chains are messed up, sickness and disease have overtaken the world and men are afraid of the future. But there is another way – it is the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Good News that gives hope to the world.

Romans 1.16-17 NIV

¹⁶ **For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes:** first to the Jew, then to the Gentile. ¹⁷ **For in the gospel the righteousness of God is revealed**—a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: "The righteous will live by faith."

Acts 8.5-8 TPT

⁵ Philip traveled to a Samaritan city and **preached to them the wonderful news of the Anointed One.** ⁶ **The crowds were eager to receive Philip's message** and were persuaded by the many miracles and wonders he performed. ⁷ Many demon-possessed people were set free and delivered as evil spirits came out of them with loud screams and shrieks, and many who were lame and paralyzed were also healed. ⁸ **This resulted in an uncontrollable joy filling the city!**

PRAYER AND DECLARATION:

We declare the Good News of the Gospel of Jesus Christ is breaking out over our city, to every community and people group. We declare that Detroit and the region are being filled with the uncontrollable joy that accompanies the Gospel. It is the message of life and hope and truth through Jesus Christ. Revival has already begun here. There is an eagerness to hear the message of Jesus. And Jesus is the answer that the world is looking for. The systems of the world are failing but the gift of God is the Good News. Jesus has come to set the captives free, to open prison doors, to bind up the broken hearted and release from darkness for cities and nations. Detroit, this is your hour to believe.