

THE GOOD NEWS

GOD LOVES US

God's new covenant with His people is based upon grace. He loves us and wants to have a relationship with us.

WE ARE FORGIVEN FOR ALL SINS

When we ask for forgiveness of sin and believe God's Son, Jesus Christ, died as payment for that sin, we are free from God's condemnation. We have to accept that we can't earn the salvation we have been given as a gift from God.

When Christ bore our sins, was crucified and separated from the Father, died and was resurrected, he paid for our sins past, present and future, so we could be free. Jesus said that it was finished – He did it all for us and it was complete. There was nothing more to be done to reconcile us with our Father in heaven. We are no longer guilty and we cannot do anything to add to our salvation.

WE ARE NOT UNDER CONDEMNATION

We are free from the curse pronounced for breaking the laws of the old covenant God first set up with Moses. We don't transfer our transgressions of the law onto a sacrificial animal to cleanse us and earn favor with God. We don't suffer the curses of pain, sickness, failure and poverty for breaking the commandments.

Jesus was the sacrifice for all sin under the new covenant. This means we live an abundant life, free from sin, pain, disease and failure. Jesus Christ did it all for us and this was a gift from God. There are no "conditions" or "laws" as a requirement for salvation.

WE ARE THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD

If we are made righteous and can have fellowship with God, then there is no sin in us. God can't tolerate any sin – not small nor large sin. So, we are perfected and righteous. We do not live under any condemnation. As such, we live each day in a manner we are proud of, and if we sin, we know Christ paid the price for that sin. By the power of the Holy Spirit we are able to live in a manner that gives glory to God.

We are not a work in progress. We think of ourselves unworthy, dragging our past sins around in guilt - like a ball and chain! Wrong thinking! We are worthy as Christ died for us because God loves us! We are perfected through Christ and are the righteousness of God!

THE HOLY SPIRIT LIVES WITHIN US

The trinity refers to the three parts of God. God the Father, Jesus Christ the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Before Christ ascended to heaven the Father's right hand, He told us He would not leave us because God would provide a comforter. The comforter is the Holy Spirit and He lives within us. Christ lives within us after we accept God's gift of salvation! The power of the Holy Spirit guides and directs our lives and enables us to use the gifts we possess.

BELIEVING AND SHARING GOOD NEWS

Jesus said to share the gospel with others – with Jews and Gentiles. The word gospel means "good news". The world condemns and does not accept Christianity as good news. The world trains us from childhood into adulthood to deny, mistrust and reject God's Word in the Bible. Satan is the leader of this deception and his job is to kill, steal and destroy. Even Christians are not always sure of their true

nature, abilities and position in life.

BELIEVING THE WORD

The Word of God is in the Bible. The more we study God's Word, the more we understand ourselves and our Father in heaven! When we know the Word, we accept it, speak it and act on it. Our faith increases and we grow in the Word. When we live as an example, others become believers! We also must believe that God intends for us to be healed, successful and prosperous! We do not see it then believe it. We believe it then see it. This is true faith.

SEPARATE FROM THE WORLD

As Christians, we are the light of God and not of this world of darkness and sin. As new creations, we are of one spirit with Christ. We are filled with the Holy Spirit and we are made righteous with God, through Christ. The world will treat us with mockery and scorn. In the darkness of the world, as Christians, we will shine brightly. The love of Christ will shine through us. We are above all powers, principalities and authority. We are not victims – we are the victors. It is important to see ourselves as God see us.

WE ARE TO BE WATCHING

Jesus told us to watch. We are to be watching for His return and we are to be watching the Word. We are to be watching and praying. If we are watching the Word intently, we will naturally grow in faith and live bringing glory to God. If we are watching for Christ's return, we will know the signs prior to His coming and we will be sharing the gospel to all whom we come in contact with. As watchmen, we know we will not be victims, but instead are victors in Christ and await His return!