

The Good News that Brings New Life

Colossians 1:6 ... In the same way, the gospel is bearing fruit and growing throughout the whole world—just as it has been doing among you since the day you heard it and truly understood God's grace.

Colossians 1

What is the good news that brings new life?

(Gospel=good news)

Jesus Christ has accomplished something remarkable.
It is a gift for all who believe.

What did Jesus accomplish?

First the back story.

God created and it was good

Rebellion: Satan's revolt and counter kingdom; People joined the rebellion

God needed to reestablish his rule, and redeem his people (purchase their freedom).

A promised savior (the Messiah)

Jesus is the Messiah, but different than expected.

He came and drove out demons, healed, and taught.

He was executed as a criminal.

And was resurrected back to life and now sits by the Father in the heavenly realm.

He promises to return again.

So back to the question, What did Jesus accomplish? (v. 13-14; 29-30)

rescued us from the dominion of darkness

brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves

redeemed us (purchased our freedom)

forgave our sins

reconciled us (Restored us to Friendship)

How does this affect us? What do we get if we believe? (v. 4-5, 12, 21-22, 25-27)

Confidence (Faith)

Love for people

A hope in heaven, an inheritance

Reconciliation (Friendship instead of alienated from God or living as enemies)

Holy in God's sight: without blemish and free from accusation

A part in God's mission

The spirit of God in you

An ongoing relationship with the most amazing being in the universe.

The living God loves you and wants to be with you:

The story of a pursuer

The story of a rebellious son

“Grace and peace to you from God our Father”