

If you were given life-changing news, how would you share it? Would you call your best friend or maybe post it on Facebook? Because of Jesus' sacrifice on the cross and His resurrection, we have a wonderful message to share. How many of us have taken that message for granted?

There is a world out there that desperately needs Him. Sadly, many people today do not believe and reject this message or maybe they simply do not know the message. One erroneous message that many people subscribe to is that they will go to heaven when they die because they lived a good, clean life. If that belief was real, then Jesus did not need to die. He could have taught morality without forgiving sin. Scripture tells us the righteous are the ones that go to heaven - or those "in right standing" with God.

Romans 10:9-10 - "If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved."

The message is so simple. Jesus said, He was "the way and the truth and the life." Scripture text from 2 Cor. 5:17 reminds us "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come." Paul used the word "anyone." He wants us to know that everyone is welcome to be "in Christ," therefore, we can be a new creation. Our sins are forgiven, and we are transformed into someone who is completely new, one who has a new purpose and new future. That is worth shouting about!

Philippians 2:14-15 says "Do everything without complaint or argument, so that no one can criticize you. Live clean, innocent lives as children of God shining like bright lights in a world full of crooked and perverse people. Hold firmly to the word of life." We need to live our lives so we can be the bright lights to people who have not experienced God's love and forgiveness; people who have not invited Jesus into their lives, asking forgiveness of their sins and accepting what Jesus did for them on the cross.

It is a wonderful message of hope, love, encouragement, and thankfulness.

*"Heavenly Father, please grant us opportunities and words of grace to share this important truth that Jesus is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. We want everyone to know you! In Jesus name, Amen."*

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