

Clarity of the Gospel

Colossians 4:2-6

"If the trumpet does not sound a clear call,
who will get ready for battle?" 1 Corinthians 14:8

"If then I do not grasp the meaning of what someone is saying, I am a foreigner to the speaker, and the speaker is a
foreigner to me." 1 Corinthians 14:11

Seeking clarity of the Good News of the Gospel



A Mature Disciple: With new life from God in the Gospel of Jesus Christ, we love and join God's works

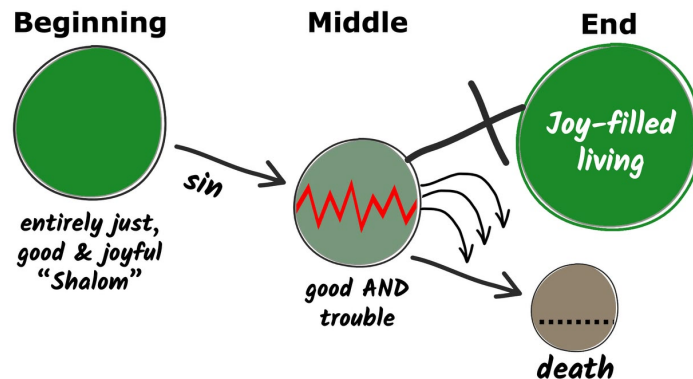
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By prayer, actions, and words, make known *clearly* the Good News of Jesus Christ

Colossians 1:19-20

The Big Idea

Because God sent the Son of God to reconcile everything to Himself
pray, speak, and act to make this Good News known *with clarity*



"When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, having canceled the charge of our legal indebtedness, which stood against us and condemned us; he has taken it away, nailing it to the cross." Colossians 2:13-14

What should we do?

Be clear about the Good News

EVERY human effort will fall short

Jesus is the only way to the truly good joy-filled life

And it is a GIFT to all who will receive it in faith

Baptism: celebrating and confirming one's entrance into this new kingdom

What the Good News IS NOT

Dividing the world into good people and bad people

Christians are better or try harder than other people

Being a Christian is believing the right things

Being spiritual or religious is what saves you

What the Good News IS

God sent His Son as a ransom to rescue sinners

Which we receive by faith (trust) in Jesus

We then live for Jesus and for His Kingdom

Pray

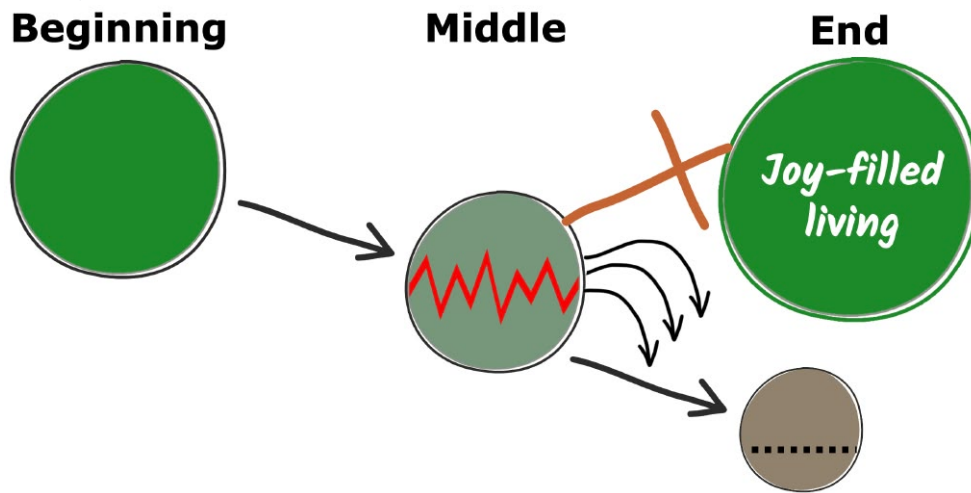
With thanksgiving for such Good News!
For clarity in understanding the Good News
For this Good News to be proclaimed clearly
For this Good News to be received joyfully

Live wisely so the Good News is seen as truly Good News

See the Good News clearly
Live in the Good News so others can see it

Speak clearly and with God's grace

"A mist in the pulpit is a fog in the pew"
Our first job is to proclaim clearly, then explain
NOT: make people accept it



Reflection Questions for later today or this week...

1. What is the Good News of Jesus Christ? What is the clearest and simplest way you can make it known? (Can you explain it using the 4 circles above? You can also look up "The 3 Circles", "The Bridge illustration", or "Knowing God Personally")
2. How do you personally respond to this Good News? Is it your personal faith? Does it bring you joy? Do you have questions? Does it get confusing to you?
3. What helps you be devoted to prayer? What does it mean for you to pray that God would open a door for the Gospel? For whom do you pray that God would open their hearts to the Good News of Jesus Christ?
4. What does it look like in your life to live wisely and to speak clearly with God's grace so that the Good News will be known?

Conversation starters

What makes a person a Christian?