



**Christmas ... Be the Good News**

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## Truth for Life

For the week of December 27, 2020

(Questions and Scriptures for further study)

*"You are the light of the world ... let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven." – Matthew 5:14-16*

### Be the Good News

- I. It is \_\_\_\_\_ ... (gr. εὐαγγέλιον)  
Cp. Luke 1:1-4; 2:10; Romans 1:16; Galatians 3:28

If it's such good news, then why doesn't everyone lean in? What happened to the Good News?

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- II. Remember what Jesus said would characterize us as followers ...

Cp. Matthew 5:13-16

- Was it Correct \_\_\_\_\_?
- No, it was Correct \_\_\_\_\_ ... specifically how we treat each other.

- III. We are to \_\_\_\_\_ the Good News

*"In your relationships with one another have the same mindset as Christ Jesus."*

Cp. Philippians 2:1-8, 12-15

### To Be the Good News, we need to ...

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Immediately
2. \_\_\_\_\_ Quickly
3. \_\_\_\_\_ Habitually
4. \_\_\_\_\_ Sacrificially

1. Do you know anyone who deconverted from Christianity? What reason(s) did they give? Do think the reasons were valid?
2. Have you been tempted to give up on faith because of an encounter with a person of faith? We acknowledge that our experiences at "Church" has not always been positive. Do you have vivid memories of a "bad" church experience? How has that experience affected your perception of the church today? How has it affected your involvement in church?
3. Read Philippians 2:1-8. Have you ever met a Christian whose approach to relationships reflects Paul's instructions in these verses? How did that person affect your perception of faith or your willingness to get involved in faith matters?
4. Read John 13:1-17. What do you think this example set by Jesus means for your life? If it is not to literally wash feet, what does it imply? What are some ways you need to wash more feet?
5. Consider the "To Be the Good News" application section at the bottom of your notes. Which of these catch your attention? Why? Which one is more difficult for you to do? Why? How do you think God might use this teaching in your life?
6. Here are some more challenging questions that will be great to ponder among your small group.
  - a. List some practical ways that you can get involved in "foot-washing" (humble service). Put it into your schedule and do it.
  - b. To what extent should we share our struggles with one another? What criteria apply?
  - c. Is it more difficult to wash someone else's dirty feet or to let them wash your dirty feet? Why? How can the difficulties be overcome?
  - d. How can you determine whether it's your job or someone else's job to try to help restore a sinning Christian??



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### We Happened

- II. Remember what Jesus said would characterize us as followers ...

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- Was it Correct **Belief**?
- No, it was Correct **Behavior** ... specifically how we treat each other.

- III. We are to **Personify** the Good News

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## To Be the Good News, we need to ...

1. **Apologize** Immediately
2. **Forgive** Quickly
3. **Defer** Habitually
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