

## INTRODUCTION.

- A. Scripture text: **Revelation 10:1-11**.
- B. John the apostle is given the commission to write down everything that he sees. In Chap. 10, he is told to eat a little book (scroll).
- C. At first, this book is sweet to the taste, but becomes very bitter in his stomach. I believe this metaphor suggests that there is both good and bad news to be preached.
- D. Just as one cannot start their car if only the positive battery cable is hooked up, so must we share the bad news of possible condemnation, along with the good news of salvation.

## I. SOME GOOD NEWS FOR THE LOST.

- A. The word "gospel" means good news. Salvation is possible by the gift of JC--good news!
- B. Many different times the words "good news" or gospel is used. Some references are:
  1. God alone is good, and His creation is good (Lk. 18:19; Gen. 1:31).  
(Lk 18:19) And Jesus said to him, "Why do you call Me good? No one is good except God alone."  
(Gen 1:31) And God saw all that He had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.
  2. It's good news that JC was born (see Lk. 2:8-14).
  3. John the Baptist preached the good news (Lk. 3:18).  
So with many other exhortations also he preached the gospel to the people.
  4. Beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news (Isa. 52:7; Rom. 10:15).  
(Isa 52:7) How lovely on the mountains Are the feet of him who brings good news, Who announces peace And brings good news of happiness, Who announces salvation, And says to Zion, "Your God reigns!"
- C. I like to share with people the wonderful things to be found in X:
  1. The good news (gospel) is for everyone (Mk. 16:15-16).  
And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation. **16** He who has believed and has been baptized shall be saved; but he who has disbelieved shall be condemned."
  2. Salvation by grace and faith (Eph. 2:8-9).  
For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; **9** not as a result of works, that no one should boast.
  3. You can know the truth, and this truth will set you free (Jn. 8:31).  
Jesus therefore was saying to those Jews who had believed Him, "If you abide in My word, then you are truly disciples of Mine;"
  4. God is long-suffering not wanting anyone to perish (2Pet. 3:9).  
The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance.
  5. Those people who become Xians are added to the church (Col. 1:13-14).  
For He delivered us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, **14** in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.
  6. The church of X will never be destroyed (Mt. 16:18).  
"And I also say to you that you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build My church; and the gates of Hades shall not overpower it."
- D. Jesus came into the world to save it, not to condemn it (Jn. 3:17).

## II. SOME BAD NEWS FOR THE LOST.

- A. The bad news is that which can make our stomach bitter. We don't generally like to think about these things, but the Bible teaches them just the same.
- B. There are certain consequences for those who do not obey the gospel:
  1. Hell has been created for the devil and his angels (Mt. 25:41).

“Depart from Me, accursed ones, into the eternal fire which has been prepared for the devil and his angels;”

2. Those who do not know God and do not obey God will be lost (2Th. 1:7-9).  
and to give relief to you who are afflicted and to us as well when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with His mighty angels in flaming fire, [8] dealing out retribution to those who do not know God and to those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. [9] And these will pay the penalty of eternal destruction, away from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power,
3. Those who practice immorality, etc., will be lost (Rev. 21:8).  
“But for the cowardly and unbelieving and abominable and murderers and immoral persons and sorcerers and idolaters and all liars, their part will be in the lake that burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death.”
4. Those who reject the Word of God will be judged by it (Jn. 12:48).  
“He who rejects Me, and does not receive My sayings, has one who judges him; the word I spoke is what will judge him at the last day.”
5. Those who sin willfully must face God (Heb. 10:26-27).  
For if we go on sinning willfully after receiving the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, **27** but a certain terrifying expectation of judgment, and THE FURY OF A FIRE WHICH WILL CONSUME THE ADVERSARIES.
6. There will be a judgment day (Rev. 20:11-12).  
And I saw a great white throne and Him who sat upon it, from whose presence earth and heaven fled away, and no place was found for them. **12** And I saw the dead, the great and the small, standing before the throne, and books were opened; and another book was opened, which is the book of life; and the dead were judged from the things which were written in the books, according to their deeds.

### III. SOME GOOD NEWS FOR THE SAVED.

- A. God has gladly chosen to give you the kingdom (Lk. 12:32).  
“Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has chosen gladly to give you the kingdom.”
- B. Seek first that kingdom and the physical necessities of life are guaranteed (Mt. 6:33).  
“But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added to you.”
- C. The benefits of Xianity are numerous:
  1. Fellowship with God (1Jn. 1:6-7).  
If we say that we have fellowship with Him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth; **7** but if we walk in the light as He Himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.
  2. The forgiveness of sins (Rev. 1:5; Col. 1:14).  
(Rev 1:5) To Him who loves us, and released us from our sins by His blood,  
(Col 1:14) in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.
  3. All spiritual blessings are found in X (Eph. 1:3).  
Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ,
  4. Answered prayers (1Pet. 3:12).  
“FOR THE EYES OF THE LORD ARE UPON THE RIGHTEOUS, AND HIS EARS ATTEND TO THEIR PRAYER, BUT THE FACE OF THE LORD IS AGAINST THOSE WHO DO EVIL.”
  5. Xians have everything that pertains to life and godliness (2Pet. 1:3).  
seeing that His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness, through the true knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence.
  6. A living hope of an inheritance that will not pass away (1Pet. 1:3-4).  
Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, **4** to obtain an inheritance which is imperishable and undefiled and will not fade away, reserved in heaven for you,

### IV. SOME “BAD NEWS” FOR THE SAVED.

- A. **Discipleship** is a must (Rom. 12:1-2).  
I urge you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship. **2** And do not be conformed to this world, but be

transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.

- B. **Repentance** is a must (2Cor. 7:10; Lk. 13:3).  
(2Cor 7:10) For the sorrow that is according to the will of God produces a repentance without regret, leading to salvation; but the sorrow of the world produces death.  
(Lk 13:3) "I tell you, no, but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish."
- C. **Attendance** is a must (Heb. 10:24-25).  
and let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds, **25** not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another; and all the more, as you see the day drawing near.
- D. **Denial of self** is a must (Lk. 9:23). No more--no less!  
And He was saying to them all, "If anyone wishes to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me."
- E. **Giving** is a must (Lk. 6:38; 1Cor. 16:1-2).  
(Lk 6:38) "Give, and it will be given to you; good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, they will pour into your lap. For by your standard of measure it will be measured to you in return."  
(1Cor 16:1-2) Now concerning the collection for the saints, as I directed the churches of Galatia, so do you also. **2** On the first day of every week let each one of you put aside and save, as he may prosper, that no collections be made when I come.
- F. **Service** is a must (1Pet. 4:10).  
As each one has received a special gift, employ it in serving one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. **11** Whoever speaks, let him speak, as it were, the utterances of God; whoever serves, let him do so as by the strength which God supplies; so that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belongs the glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.
- G. **Learning** is a must (2Tim. 2:15).  
Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, handling accurately the word of truth.
- H. **Teaching (soul-winning)** is a must (Heb. 5:12-14). Can teach someone the 4 steps of the plan of salvation?  
For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you have need again for someone to teach you the elementary principles of the oracles of God, and you have come to need milk and not solid food. **13** For everyone who partakes only of milk is not accustomed to the word of righteousness, for he is a babe. **14** But solid food is for the mature, who because of practice have their senses trained to discern good and evil.

## CONCLUSION AND INVITATION.

- A. The good news--bad news scenario is that:
1. There is a heaven to be gained and a hell to be avoided.
  2. Those who want to go to heaven must live differently than those who don't.
  3. Those who desire their reward here, do not receive it eternally with God.
  4. While there is still time to get right with God, time is running out.
- B. The Bible is "bad news" to those who do not want to please God. The reason the Scriptures are bitter to some is because of the sin in their lives.
- C. The Bible is "good news" to those who want to please God. The promises and blessings are sweeter than anything this life and world have to offer.
- D. Plan of salvation for non-Xians; erring Xians.