

# Good News!

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## [Acts 8:26-38](#)

26 Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Go south to the road — the desert road — that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." 27 So he started out, and on his way he met an Ethiopian eunuch, an important official in charge of all the treasury of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians. This man had gone to Jerusalem to worship, 28 and on his way home was sitting in his chariot reading the book of Isaiah the prophet. 29 The Spirit told Philip, "Go to that chariot and stay near it." 30 Then Philip ran up to the chariot and heard the man reading Isaiah the prophet. "Do you understand what you are reading?" Philip asked. 31 "How can I," he said, "unless someone explains it to me?" So he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. 32 The eunuch was reading this passage of Scripture: "He was led like a sheep to the slaughter, and as a lamb before the shearer is silent, so he did not open his mouth. 33 In his humiliation he was deprived of justice. Who can speak of his descendants? For his life was taken from the earth." 34 The eunuch asked Philip, "Tell me, please, who is the prophet talking about, himself or someone else?" 35 Then Philip began with that very passage of Scripture and told him the good news about Jesus. 36 As they traveled along the road, they came to some water and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water. Why shouldn't I be baptized?" 38 And he gave orders to stop the chariot. Then both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water and Philip baptized him.

## [Luke 2:10-11](#) (The angel to the shepherds)

10 But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. 11 Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord.

## [Luke 4:18](#) (Jesus in the synagogue)

18 "The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor.

## [Luke 7:22](#) (Jesus to John the Baptist)

22 So [Jesus] replied to the messengers, "Go back and report to John what you have seen and heard: The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cured, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is preached to the poor.

## [Acts 5:42](#) (The disciples in the temple and house to house)

42 Day after day, in the temple courts and from house to house, they never stopped teaching and proclaiming the good news that Jesus is the Christ.

## [John 3:16](#) (4 Words of Good News)

16 "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

The Good News of Jesus Christ...

1. **MAKES YOU WHOLE**
2. **GIVES YOU HOPE**
3. **GIVES YOU A FUTURE**

## [Jer 29:11](#)

11 For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

How do we share the Good News?

- Tell our Story

## ROMAN ROAD

### ◆ [Romans 3:23](#)

For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

### ◆ [Romans 6:23](#)

For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

### ◆ [Romans 5:8](#)

But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

### ◆ [Romans 10:9](#)

If you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.