

“Why is the Gospel Good News?”

The Supremacy of Christ Series

Colossians 1:3-8

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“The gospel is—(a) you are more flawed and less than you ever dared to believe, yet (b) you are more accepted and loved than you ever dared hope, because (c) Jesus Christ lived and died in your place...”

Tim Keller, *Centrality of the Gospel*.

The Gospel is good news because it:

1. **Transforms lives and relationships. (Colossians 1:3-8)**

“When the gospel dawns on the soul, it becomes transforming power (Romans 1:17). ...The gospel transforms our hearts and thinking and approaches to everything.”

Tim Keller, *Centrality of the Gospel*.

“The gospel is not merely a stagnant system of ethics; it is a living, moving, and growing reality. It bears fruit and spreads.”

John MacArthur, *The MacArthur New Testament Commentary on Colossians and Philemon*,

Moody Publishers, Chicago, IL, 1992, p. 22.

2. **Provides hope.**

“the faith and love that spring from the **hope** that is stored up for you in heaven and that you have already heard about in the word of truth, the gospel.”

Colossians 1:5

3. Is a message of grace. (Colossians 1:6)

“**Grace** is the very heart of the gospel. It is God’s freely giving us the forgiveness of sin and eternal life, which we do not deserve and cannot earn. Christianity contrasts sharply with other religions, which assume man can save himself by his good works.”

John MacArthur, *The MacArthur New Testament Commentary on Colossians and Philemon*, Moody Publishers, Chicago, IL, 1992, pp. 22-23.

4. Is the hope of the world. (Colossians 1:6)

“It was and is the good news for the whole world. The gospel transcends ethnic, geographic, cultural, and political boundaries... It is a message of hope for all people in all cultures.”

John MacArthur, *The MacArthur New Testament Commentary on Colossians and Philemon*, Moody Publishers, Chicago, IL, 1992, p. 21.

“All problems, personal or social, come from a failure to use the gospel in a radical way.”

Tim Keller, *Centrality of the Gospel*.

*Recommended Reading: *Cross Centered Life* by C. J. Mahaney

