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#### A. About our Lord Jesus Christ

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  - d. Galatians 3:13,  
Titus 1:14-----His redemptive work
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Matthew 28:19-20----His promises
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have a perfect salvation
3. The necessary response....believe and receive  
*and the good news is*.....Whosoever.....
4. A personal challenge....*and the good news will be*...

B. The Good News about God

1. Basic Scriptures:

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Acts 20: 21-24

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1 Peter 4:17

***and the good news is that God is a God of grace***

2. Old Testament concepts:

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b. Lamentations 3:22 ff

c. Deuteronomy 7:8, ch. 8

***and a God of love!***

3. His character: just, holy, good, loving (John 16:27)

4. He has fulfilled the promise of redemption

1 John 4:14

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6. He has made Himself available:

to those who believe...Hebrews 10:19 ff

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8. Conclusion: Who can feel defeated with this good news?

Well, we are human! But the Holy Spirit dwelling in the lives of the believers assures us that God is our loving Father and ultimately His blessing for us will overcome every circumstance.

C. The God News of the Kingdom:

1. Introductory notes
  - a.. A brief review: The good news about the Lord Jesus and the good news about God, our Father.
  - b.. Defining the Kingdom
    - A national entity
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2. Some texts: Mark 1:14, Matthew 4:23, 9:35, 24:14  
All the Gospels mention the Kingdom...Matthew has the most notices. *So the good news is.....*
3. Our God *reigns!*  
Psalm 146:10, 93:1  
and He is *King*  
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5. The Kingdom is available on His terms...
  - a. Some are ruled out...eg 1 Corinthians 6:9  
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and the good news is *all who believe are members of that heavenly family--the eternal kingdom of God*
6. Conclusion....This is an easy subject for confusion...if I have confused you please speak to me and maybe I can confuse you less. The Kingdom is good news. But it is not the kingdom that is paraded by cultists and social gospel promoters....it is the Kingdom where God rules with unquestioned authority in glory, honor, and power. How wonderful to be a citizen of that principality!

D. The Good News of the Everlasting Gospel...Revelation 14:1-7

1. Where we have been and where we are:
  - the aspects: the Lord, the Father, the Kingdom
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5. The instruction and application is simple:  
***Go and preach the Gospel.....Mark 16:15***

III. Concluding notes to our Series:

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