

**“GOOD NEWS IN A BAD NEWS WORLD”
“BENEFITS OF THE GOOD NEWS”**

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Peter said to Him, "We have left everything to follow you!" Mark
10:28 (NIV)

1. PAST

a. Sin.

When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your sinful nature, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, Colossians 2:13 (NIV)

b. Letting go of the past.

"I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But this one thing I do, forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus." Philippians 3:12-14

2. PRESENT

a. Abundant Life.

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

John 10:10 (NIV)

"So now there is no condemnation for those who belong to Christ Jesus." Romans 8:1

b. Fruit of the Spirit

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

Galatians 5:22-23 (NIV)

c. Purpose in Life

Many are the plans in a man's heart, but it is the LORD's purpose that prevails. Proverbs 19:21 (NIV)

3. FUTURE

"No eye has seen, no ear has heard, and no mind has imagined what God has prepared for those who love Him."

1 Corinthians 2:9b

a. Heaven

He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away." Revelation 21:4 (NIV)

b. New Body

1 Corinthians 15:50-54 (NIV)

For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive what is due him for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad. 2 Corinthians 5:10 (NIV)