

Good News People in a Bad News World

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People aren't just questioning whether or not Christianity is true; they're questioning if it's even **good**.

*³⁴I give you a new command: **Love one another**. Just as I have loved you, you are also to love one another. ³⁵**By this** everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.* John 13:34-35 (CSB)

The good news starts with us but it **can't stop with us**.

The Church is a group of **nobodies** trying to tell **everybody** about **somebody** who can save **anybody**.

Four ways we ARE good news people:

***You are the salt** of the earth. But if the salt should lose its taste, how can it be made salty? It's no longer good for anything but to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet.* Matthew 5:13 (CSB)

#1 - Seek Out

Make others better by adding value to them.

Listen
Learn
Love
Lead

"People don't care you keep Christ in your Christmas if they cannot see that there's Christ in the Christian." - Kevin Burgess

***You are the light** of the world.* Matthew 5:14 (CSB)

#2 - Shine Out

Be the light to someone's darkness.

Lost people don't need your **judgment**; they just need your **Jesus**.

A city situated on a hill cannot be hidden. Matthew 5:14 (CSB)

#3 - Speak Out

Your faith can't stay private, it must go public.

We have too many **undercover christians**.

¹⁵No one *lights a lamp* and puts it under a basket, but rather on a lampstand, and it *gives light for all who are in the house*. ¹⁶In the same way, *let your light shine* before others, *so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.*” Matthew 5:15-16 (CSB)

#4 - Stand out.

Christians should live lives that *demand explanation*.

A.W. Milne (1785-1822)

“When he came there was *no light*. When he left there was *no darkness*.”

Step One: Every morning, wake up.

Step Two: Ask Jesus what He is doing that day - not what He wants you to do, but what He is already doing.

Step Three: Go join Him.