

Good News

I. Scripture Lesson

Isaiah 52:7 (ESV)

⁷ How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who publishes peace, who brings good news of happiness, who publishes salvation, who says to Zion, “Your God reigns.”

Romans 3:21-26 (ESV)

²¹ But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it—²² the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: ²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴ and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵ whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. ²⁶ It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

II. Introduction

“It is superficial and naïve to discuss events and never deal with their most important connections, namely, their connections with God and his purposes. Almost all news reports are superficial. Almost all history books are superficial. Virtually all public education in America is superficial. Almost all editorial and news commentary is superficial. All this because of the incredible, unimaginable disregard for God—the main Reality in the universe, the explanation behind everything...when the main thing is missing, the thing is superficial whatever it is.”

- John Piper

III. Big Idea

The greatest news of history: God has now intervened to justify and redeem His people through faith alone in Jesus Christ.

- The Truth We Know
- A Lie That's Believed
- The Grace We Receive
- Our Response, Indeed

IV. The Truth We Know

“Something is severely wrong with humans and their world. People of all religious and nonreligious persuasions recognize this.”

- Reddit Andrews

V. A Lie That’s Believed

“And now in one hour’s time, I will be out there again. I will raise my eyes and look down that corridor; 4 feet wide, with 10 lonely seconds to justify my existence. But will I?”

- Harold Abrahams, *Chariots of Fire*

“You’re only as good as your last sermon.”

- Anonymous

“Jews may have the law and circumcision; Americans may lay claim to a great religious heritage; ‘good’ people may point to their works of charity; but all this make no essential difference to one’s standing before the righteous and holy God.”

- D. Moo

VI. The Grace We Receive

“There are no more wonderful words in the whole of Scripture than just these two word: ‘But now.’”

- M. Lloyd-Jones

VII. Our Response, Indeed.

VIII. Conclusion
