

Sermon Discussion (2/22/2026)

It Could Be You #1

The church is growing because the disciples can give reasons why people should believe that Jesus was the Messiah. They conflict with many other polytheistic religions. Paul needs to explain what is different about the faith of Christianity.

Title: Good News

The Main Question: What is the good news?

Points to Consider

1. The good news is Jesus provides a way for God to reconnect to us.
2. The good news is Jesus has shown us that there is life beyond the grave.
3. The good news is Jesus created a way for us to follow Him.

Scripture References:

1 Corinthians 15:1-11 NIV

¹ Now, brothers and sisters, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. ² By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain. ³ For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, ⁴ that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, ⁵ and that he appeared to Cephas, and then to the Twelve. ⁶ After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers and sisters at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. ⁷ Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, ⁸ and last of all he appeared to me also, as to one abnormally born. ⁹ For I am the least of the apostles and do not even deserve to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰ But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace to me was not without effect. No, I worked harder than all of them—yet not I, but the grace of God that was with me. ¹¹ Whether, then, it is I or they, this is what we preach, and this is what you believed.

Luke 8:5–7 NIV

⁵ “A farmer went out to sow his seed. As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path; it was trampled on, and the birds ate it up. ⁶ Some fell on rocky ground, and when it came up, the plants withered because they had no moisture. ⁷ Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up with it and choked the plants.

Application Questions

- When did you give your life to Jesus?
- **Read [1 Corinthians 15:1-2](#).**
 - What “saves” us?
 - What does Paul mean when he writes, “you are saved?”
 - Why is it important to “hold fast?”
 - What can happen if we don’t hold fast?
- **Read [1 Corinthians 15:3](#).**
 - Why is this the center of Christianity?
 - Is it possible to have Christianity without this claim?
- **Read [1 Corinthians 15:5-8](#).**
 - Why does Paul include all these people as witnesses to the resurrection of Jesus?
 - What role does evidence play in the Christian faith?
 - What role does faith play?
- **Read [Luke 8:5-7](#).**
 - Jesus tells a story about good soil. What application can you make between this parable and our ability to “hold fast?”