

## Is This Really Good News?

What is one of your regular sources of news?

Read Matthew 24:14.

Read John 16:33.

Read 2 Timothy 3:12.

1. What makes “news” seem like “good news” (“Gospel” = good news)?
  - A. When you like it.
  - B. The information is positive about one’s country, leader, or conquests.
  - C. The information is about Jesus.
  - D. Anything that comes after “bad news” seems like “good news.”
  - E. When you’re expecting bad news, but it turns out to be not that bad.
  - F. The right people/team winning.
  - G. Not hearing any more news.
  - H. It requires a change of heart or a change of mind.
  - I. Other.
  
2. When will the Gospel be preached to the whole world (Matthew 24:14)?
  - A. When everyone has internet access.
  - B. More people need to preach the Gospel.
  - C. More people need to live the Gospel.
  - D. It just needs to go viral on social media.
  - E. The world changes, so the Gospel has to be shared in new ways.
  - F. The world changes, so the message of the Gospel needs to change.
  - G. This requires angels to step in and do it.
  - H. When God’s people get serious about the Gospel commission.
  - I. Other.
  
3. What gives Christ’s followers peace when they face persecution?
  - A. Persecution usually isn’t that bad.
  - B. It’s only physical pain (and possibly death), but not spiritual pain.
  - C. Rising above it.
  - D. Knowing you’re suffering for the sake of Christ.
  - E. Knowing Christ has already been through this.
  - F. Knowing Christ’s followers have experienced this for centuries.
  - G. Jesus provides a peace beyond human understanding.
  - H. Knowing you’re part of Christ’s winning team.
  - I. Other.

4. Why do followers of Jesus have persecution/trouble/trials (John 16:33)?
  - A. They don't.
  - B. That's what Jesus faced, so that's what His followers face.
  - C. Only when they deserve it.
  - D. Their very existence or presence offends certain people.
  - E. Satan is behind all of this.
  - F. Followers of Jesus promote the kingdom of God.
  - G. This tests their true convictions and builds their faith.
  - H. Other.
  
5. Why did Paul say that all who live godly lives will suffer persecution?
  - A. Because that's just a fact of life—true for everyone.
  - B. Paul had suffered lots of persecution as a follower of Christ.
  - C. Timothy had suffered lots of persecution as a follower of Christ.
  - D. He knew Christ's future followers would suffer lots of persecution.
  - E. It depends on when you live.
  - F. It depends on where you live.
  - G. It depends on how you live.
  - H. Other.
  
6. How do you relate to persecution?
  - A. Avoid it.
  - B. Meet it head-on.
  - C. Embrace it.
  - D. Ignore it.
  - E. Rise above it.
  - F. Flee from it.
  - G. Pray through it.
  - H. Other.
  
7. What Gospel ("good news") do you share?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
8. What persecution or trials have you experienced? Was this because you were sharing the Gospel?