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INTRODUCTION

The English word, Gospel comes from the Greek word, *Euangelion* which is literally translated as "good news". The word combines *angelos*, meaning announcing news with and the prefix eu-, which means "joyful." **"Gospel"** means "news that brings joy."

SCRIPTURE

Colossians	1:3-14; 21-23
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What do you observe going on in the text?	
List all the various aspects of the Gospel (good news!) that you see in the verses listed above. <i>Creation, Fall, Redemption, Restoration</i> .	

DISCUSSION

The letter to the Colossians was written around 60 A.D. - less than 30 years after the Resurrection and the founding of the church in Jerusalem. If the church had to exercise caution in regard to false teaching then, how should that impact our diligence?

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DISCUSSION CONTINUED...

Read Colossians 1:3-14; 21-23. List the aspects of salvation that are performed for us.

The Real Gospel is principally about what Jesus has done for us, not what we have done for Him. Why do you think we tend to add things to the Gospel? (works, traditions etc.)

The Real Gospel involves both Repentance AND Grace. Why is this important?

APPLICATION

How do you remind yourself of the *Real* Gospel on a regular basis?

What do you normally do with really GOOD news? How are you sharing the good news of the Gospel with those around you?

Have you ever taken the time to assess whether you are trusting the Real Gospel or possibly just religion to save you and restore you? If not, would you do so this week? (Consider sharing your spiritual journey with a trusted friend or spiritual leader.)