

The Power of Good News

- *Slides of Pastor Gbor in Monrovia*
- *Testimony of Karen Quinlan 16 years cancer free*
- *VOA* • *All Tribes DC Friday October 20*

I. Purpose and Abundant Opportunity

A. The “Your Life Counts” Storyline

Jer 29.11 NIV For I **know** the **plans** I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans **to prosper** you and **not to harm** you, plans **to give you hope*** and a **future.‡**

B. Jesus Came to Restore the Plot

John 10:10b I came that they may have **life** and have it **abundantly**.

Mark 10.45 For even **the Son of Man came** not to be served but **to serve**, and **to give his life** as a ransom for many.”

II. TRUST and FREEDOM

A. Mutual Encouragement of Faith

Rom 1:11 For I long to see you, that I may **impart** to you some **spiritual gift** to **strengthen** you— **12** that is, that we may be **mutually encouraged** by **each other’s faith**, both yours and mine.

15 So I am eager to **preach the gospel** to you also who are in Rome. < Mark 1:1 The **beginning** of the **Gospel** of Jesus Christ... *also to Rome* >

16 For I am **not ashamed** of the **gospel**, for it is the **power of God** for **salvation** to **everyone who believes**, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

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B. Unveiling of Righteousness & Wrath

Already - Not Yet “The hour is coming and Now is”

17 For **in it** the **righteousness** of God is **revealed** *from* **faith** *for*¹ **faith**, as it is written, “The righteous shall **live** by faith.”

tzedekah - the value of maintaining right relationship. He became sin for us, that we might become the r. of God

Rom 1.18 For the **wrath** of God is **revealed** *from* heaven *against* all **ungodliness** and **unrighteousness** of men², **who** by their unrighteousness **suppress the truth**.

Already - Not Yet Wrath (That which is **being unveiled** against **all** ungodliness and unrighteousness)

wrath - initially a stepping away as in sowing seeds of destruction, ultimately in destruction.

ungodliness – *impiety, irreverence, choosing the debased*

unrighteousness – *harmful, dishonoring of, devaluing*

suppress the truth by their injustice – *for money, for power, for pride, for pleasure*

exploitation or denial for selfish purposes. Intellectual - educational system, commercial, social & political, agricultural, food system.

Whenever TRUTH makes us uncomfortable, there is temptation to PRIDE

¹ ἐκ πίστεως εἰς πίστιν

² humans

III. NECESSITY OF HONOR

A. Reality - Bigger & More Beautiful

- 19 For **what can be known** about God is *plain* to them,
because *God has shown it to them*.
- 20 For his **invisible attributes**, namely, his eternal power and
divine nature, have been **clearly perceived**, ever since the
creation of the world, in the things that have been made.
So they are without excuse.

LOVE speaks: I'm behind all the beauty. My wisdom, power
and goodness is expressed in CREATION.

- Ps 8.3 When **I look at your heavens**, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars, which you have set in place,
4 what is man that you are mindful of him,
and the son of man that you care for him?
5 Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings
and crowned him with glory and honor.

- Ps 19.1 The heavens declare the glory of God,
and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.
3 There is no speech, nor are there words,
whose voice is not heard.
4 Their voice goes out through all the earth,
and their words to the end of the world.

The Grandeur of the Universe - large & small
The Uniqueness of Humans

B. How Shall We Respond?

- 21 For although they **knew** God, they **did not honor** him as
God or **give thanks** to him, but they **became futile in their
thinking**, and their **foolish hearts were darkened**.

- 22 Claiming to be **wise**, they **became fools**,
- 23 and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for **images** resembling mortal man and birds and animals and creeping things.
- 24 Therefore **God gave them up** in the **lusts of their hearts** to impurity, to the dishonoring of their bodies among themselves,
- 25 because they **exchanged the truth** about God **for a lie** and **worshiped** and **served** the **creature** rather than the **Creator**, who is blessed forever! Amen.

IV. NEW CREATION ABUNDANCE

REVERSING 21 & 22

For although they **knew** God, they **honored** him as God and **give thanks** to him, and they **became renewed in their thinking**, and their **foolish hearts were enlightened**.

once they were fools, but, they **became wise!**

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Rom 10.9 because, if you **confess** with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and **believe in your heart** that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

10 For **with the heart one believes** and is **justified**, and **with the mouth one confesses** and is **saved**. 11 For the Scripture says, "Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame."

The INFINITE ABUNDANCE locked up in Creation is waiting for the glorious liberty of the Children of God.

We ENTER His Gates with Thanksgiving!

Rom 11.33 Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!

34 "For who has known the mind of the Lord,
or who has been his counselor?"

35 "Or who has given a gift to him
that he might be repaid?"

36 For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.

The Meek will Inherit the Earth

unshakable **optimism**,
complete **self-confidence**,
sublime **peace of mind**,
a deep sense of **security**,
abundant self-esteem,
and **true love**.

hope
my beloved son
Abundance
You are with me
dearly loved
divine nature

Faith Hope & Love

Rom 15.13 NIV May the God of hope **fill** you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the **power of the Holy Spirit**.