**gospelTALK Palm Sunday 2020**

Given everything we are hearing these days about the **Covid-19** pandemic we can sure use some good news for a change. No doubt about it—this pandemic is serious and should be taken seriously but it should not consume the believer in Jesus with fear. As C.S. Lewis said, back when everyone was afraid of being nuked during the cold war years, “They [atomic bombs] may break our bodies (a microbe can do that) but they need not dominate our minds.” Rather our minds should be dominated with the love of God for us His people (Eph. 3:14-19), the fact that nothing can separate us from God’s love (Rom. 8:31-39), and the unshakable future God has in store for us when our lives here are over (1 Peter 1:3-9) whether we die because of **Covid-19** or something else.

In our sermon today, we will see God’s amazing grace pictured in two stories told by Jesus in Luke 15. These stories will help us understand that absolutely no one is beyond the power of God to save and keep saved. No one’s sin is greater than God’s grace and God’s joy in forgiving sinners who will run to Him through Christ—repenting and believing!

This is the good news of the Gospel which is the good news about what God has done in Christ Jesus to save us from the eternal punishment in Hell we all deserve because of our sins. So, the gospel is good news for bad people (aka—sinners).

It’s the good news that God the Father sent God the Son, Jesus Christ, to earth as our substitute to live the perfectly obedient life we could never live and die the sin-paying death we could never die. God did this so that He could forgive and welcome into His family anyone who would repent of their sins and embrace Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior.

This means that as a believer in the Lord Jesus Christ you will never experience God’s condemnation—ever![[1]](#footnote-1) Because of God’s amazing grace manifested to you in Christ, you are completely forgiven and have been declared righteous before God[[2]](#footnote-2). You have even been given Christ’s identity[[3]](#footnote-3) so that you are as acceptable to God, right now and forever, as Jesus Himself is. And that’s really good news!

***SOME GOOD NEWS . . . FOR A CHANGE***

Luke 15:1-10

**Sermon In A Sentence: “God The Father Seeks, Saves, And Joyfully Brings His Lost People Home.”**

1. Every single lost sinner \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to God. (Luke 15: 4a & 8)
2. God willingly sacrificed His \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for lost sinners. (4b)
3. Repentance \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. (7 & 10)
4. Once saved, the lost sinner, is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and safely carried all the way home by God where all of heaven celebrates. (5-8 & 9-10)
1. Romans 8:1 [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Romans 5:1 [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. Galatians 2:20 [↑](#footnote-ref-3)