

I. Jesus is good news for needy people

“Blessed are the poor in spirit for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.” (Matthew 5:3)

II. Jesus brings healing to wounded hearts

“He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.” (Psalm 147:3)

III. Jesus offers freedom to spiritual captives

“Now the Lord is Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.” (2 Corinthians 3:17)

IV. Jesus gives us grace in our failures

“But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions – it is by grace you have been saved.” (Ephesians 2:4-5)

V. Jesus offers comfort to those who grieve

“Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort.” (1 Corinthians 1:3)

VI. Jesus brings beauty out of sorrow

“We know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.” (Romans 8:28)

VII. Jesus changes mourning into gladness

“For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking, but of righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit.” (Romans 14:17)

VIII. Jesus replaces despair with reasons for praise

“You have turned my wailing into dancing; you removed my sackcloth and clothed me with joy, that my heart may sing to you and not be silent. O Lord my God, I will give you thanks forever.” (Psalm 30:11-12)

IX. Jesus gives us assurance of righteousness

“God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.” (2 Corinthians 5:21)

X. Jesus displays us as trophies of his grace

“In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.” (Matthew 5:16)

“Whoever acknowledges me before men, I will also acknowledge him before my Father in heaven.” (Matthew 10:32)

