

Good News from a Far Country

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“As cold waters to a thirsty soul, so is good news from a far country.”
(Proverbs 25:25 KJV)

Jesus was described as being “*full of grace and truth*” (John 1:14b). The Gospel of Jesus Christ is full of grace and truth and is good news to each of us. If we have received Him, we have also received of His fullness of grace and truth, just as John 1:16 declares: “*And of His fulness have all we received, and grace for grace.*” The Father desired that all fullness should dwell in Jesus, as we read in Colossians 1:19: “*For it pleased the Father that in Him should all fulness dwell.*” The Father gave Jesus the Holy Spirit without measure. He was filled with the Spirit. We read this in John 3:34: “*For He whom God hath sent speaketh the words of God: for God giveth not the Spirit by measure unto Him.*” In fact, all the fullness of the Godhead dwelled in Jesus: “*For in Him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily*” (Colossians 2:9). This fullness of Jesus is good news for all who receive Him – He shares the fullness of the Holy Spirit, grace and truth, with all who receive Him. He came from a far country, Heaven, to share this good news with us.

If we have thirsted for God, He is lovingly willing to give us good news – the good news of salvation, that we might receive Him, receive of His fullness and grace for grace. Remember the woman at the well in John 4:10: “*Jesus answered and said unto her, If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give Me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of Him, and He would have given thee living water.*” He goes on to say in verse 14: “*But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.*”

If we have thirsted for God, He is willing to give us the Holy Spirit of Truth, as He cries out in John 7:37-39: “*In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto Me, and drink. He that believeth on Me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. (But this spake He of the Spirit, which they that believe on Him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)*”

If we have thirsted for God, He is lovingly willing that we should share this living water with other thirsty souls. In Matthew 10:42, we read: “*And whosoever shall give to drink unto one of these little ones a cup of cold water only in the name of a disciple, verily I say unto you, he shall in no wise lose his reward.*” He said this as a metaphor explaining the previous verse: “*He that receiveth you receiveth Me, and he that receiveth Me receiveth Him that sent Me*” (Matthew 10:40). The Psalmist says, “*I will take the cup of salvation, and call upon the name of the LORD*” (Psalm 116:13).

Every day, we can thirst for God and He will lovingly fill us. Ephesians 3:19 states that we should “*know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God.*” We can be as the hart in Psalm 42:1-2, which “*panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after thee, O God. My soul thirsteth for God, for the living God: when shall I come and appear before God?*”

And we can pray that others recognize that they are thirsty – thirsty for the living God, and desiring good news from a far country. We can offer them that cup of cold water, that living water of Jesus Christ, the good news of Salvation.