

The Good, the Bad, and the Blessings of carrying the Gospel Message Acts 5:12-42 Evan Anderson

1. The Good: The Gospel Message gives Hope to the Humble.

2. The Bad: The Gospel Message Angers the Arrogant.

3. The Blessings: The Gospel gives us purpose.

Joy. Heaven. Salvation.

Matthew 5:11-12

“Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

1 Peter 1:6-9

In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, 7 so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. 8 Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, 9 obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Discussion/ Application

1. What can we learn about carry the gospel forward from the apostles in this passage?
2. Why should we expect opposition when we do faithful gospel ministry?
3. How do some people try to intimidate Christians today?
4. What does this passage teach about civil disobedience?
5. What does this text teach about being ready to present the gospel at all times?
6. What is the source of joy and blessing in doing gospel ministry ?
7. What does this passage teach about God's sovereignty over persecution (ie. Gamaliel)?
8. Gamaliel was indifferent to Christ in the face of overwhelming evidence. How do you witness to an indifferent person?
9. Take a moment to pray for the persecuted church around the world.