

IS THE GOOD NEWS FOR “EVERYONE”?

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One of the basic arguments against Trinitarian Theology of Adoption and Inclusion and salvation for everyone is that scriptures concerning these elements only apply to Christians or those who believe or those who accept Jesus.

There are numerous verses which state the full inclusion of EVERYONE in the Salvanic Plan and process God originated. I will list just a few here:

Romans 5:18 ...”for ALL men” (and women ☺)
John 3:16.....”the World”
I Timothy 4:10...”salvation for ALL men (and women ☺)
II Cor. 5:14.....”one died for ALL
I Peter 3:18.....”Christ died once for sins for ALL”
Heb.9:12.....”once for ALL”
I John 2:2.....”Atoning sacrifice for the WHOLE WORLD”

What God says through Paul in Ephesians 1:3-14 is that man was blessed by being chosen in Christ before the creation of the world...and adopted and redeemed through the blood of Christ (who was also slain from the foundation of the world, Rev.13:8).

The Good News is really Good News. It is not the “Good Idea” that God is trying to make happen. Any “news” is the reporting of something that has ALREADY happened! And the Good News of God is Good News for ALL of His children. EVERYONE.

We read in Colossians 1:16-17 that ALL things were created by Him—Jesus—and for Him and that in Him All things are held together—sustained.

With this in mind, let’s look at Acts 17 in answering the question does all of this apply to everyone? Beginning in verse 16, Paul is in Athens speaking to Jews, Greeks, Epicurean and Stoic philosophers and various other foreigners and men of Athens. He says in verse 25 that...”God gives ALL men life and breath and everything else.” Then in verse 28, Paul tells all these pagans with whom he is disputing, that “In Him we—including them—live and move and have our being....We are his offspring.” EVERYONE, including You!!!

Verses such as these mentioned here should make us realize that God loves His creation; that the Creation was created by Jesus and for Jesus; that He created man, loves man, lives in man, adopted man, saved man, and wants man —all men—to know it so that they can begin to live like it.

Again the Gospel is News. It is an announcement of what HAS ALREADY HAPPENED IN JESUS—FOR EVERYONE.

When God poured out His spirit on the Day of Pentecost in Acts 2 and fulfilled what Joel had prophesied in Joel 2, that pouring out of the Spirit was available for ALL people to be connected to and enjoy living in the ABUNDANT LIFE which Jesus brought.

The connection, the circuit of the active relationship activating the Union between Jesus and His children is BELIEF. Knowing and believing the Gospel activates the New Life and Abundant Life Jesus gives.

This is what Paul is doing in Acts 17. He is ANNOUNCING the Good News to those gathered in Athens. Once they knew it as Paul declared, some “few” became followers of Paul and BELIEVED.

The Good News is for EVERYONE. But like as Paul did in Athens, that same Good News must be announced today by those who know it.

We can't put it under a bushel basket; we can't turn out the lights on the hillside. We can't get on a ship and avoid “Nineveh”. We can't go around Samaria. We can't omit the “ends of the earth”. We are called to tell the story. Tell it on the mountain. Tell it when we rise up. Tell it when we lie down. Tell it to our children. Tell it to anyone who will listen. But tell it.

After all, it really is GOOD NEWS—FOR EVERYONE.