

Good News

- *9:What we are doing is not right. This is a day of good news and we are keeping it to ourselves.*
- **At this Christmas time I bring you a message from this vivid piece of Scripture narrative.**

The Scene Is Set In Samaria

- A **blockading** army surrounds the city walls. The Israelite garrison was being starved to death

The Main Characters

- Next to the city gate lived a colony of lepers.
- Because of their dreaded disease they were outcasts from society. They were in a worse plight than their relatives in the city.
 - They could go and beg food from the enemy. The worst thing that could happen to them would be that the enemy could kill them. However, they were going to die anyway.
 - So, they approached the enemy camp. They expected to be halted by the guard, but there was none there! The camp was empty!
 - The enemy must have fled in the night,
 - They ate and drank their fill. They had one enormous party.

The Result Of The Party

- They thought of the people starving in the city.
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- So, they went to the city.
 - They shared their good news. The city was saved.

The Application

- John 3: 16 *For God so loved the. World that he gave his one and only son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have everlasting life. For God sent not his son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.*
- **That was good news.**
- **NEWS is something which comes from NORTH, EAST, WEST AND SOUTH!**
- But what about those who did not hear that good news?
- What about the starving millions; the homeless; the refugees; the rootless; the witless; and the sinners?
- **What we are doing is not right either!**
- **This is a day of good news and we are keeping it to ourselves.**

The Challenge To Us

1. **Have you heard the gospel?**
2. **Have you responded to the gospel?**
3. **Have you shared the gospel?**
4. If you have discovered Christ. If he has strengthened your weakness and comforted your sorrows. If he has brought light to your darkness and given you **salvation**. **Then tell others!**
5. **This is a day of good news and we are keeping it to ourselves.**