

Is forgiveness all there is to the Good News or is it only the tip of the iceberg?

1. **Forgiveness** of all wrong for all from before the creation of the world = when we express forgiveness we are confirming that it has been and remains accomplished, we are not making it happen.
2. **Adoption** – according to our human nature, God adopts us as His own, even though our nature is corrupted to be always, only, entirely rebellious against Him and the rest of our human family.
3. **Atonement** - covers us with the perfect life of Christ; everything we think, say, and do (or fail to) takes place under this canopy of grace.
4. **Imputes** the perfect life of Christ to us – all our debt transferred to Him, all His wealth transferred to us; you see this happen when Barabbas is released and Jesus is crucified.
5. **Regenerates** our soul so that it has the mind of Christ and Spirit of God; this essence of our person never does wrong, never dies (in time or eternity).
6. **Makes us heirs** of the kingdom of heaven (of a dead and risen elder brother).
7. **Energizes** us with His Word; continually regenerating and moving us according to His will.
8. **Making all thing work together for our good** = all aspects of nature work to impress upon us our disabilities, inabilities, and complete dependence on God, by natural and special revelation; sooner or later, one way or another, God's creation and redeeming activity draw us back into His providential, saving work.
9. **Sacraments** are God's promises joined to universal physical elements confirming God's saving work in our lives, objectively, as often as beneficial
10. Good works are **God's work in us**, the inevitable fruit of having been given everything by God and as evidence of joy
11. Judgment day is no longer a threat but a fulfillment and a blessing; Jesus calls it "the **resurrection to life.**"
12. Resurrection **returns a physical nature to our person, a perfect everlasting body**, like the resurrected Jesus, which will live in paradise in the new heaven and earth
13. **Jesus** as eternal **high priest advocating** for us.
14. **Holy Spirit** interceding for us and **calling alongside** of us.