

More Than A Story

When life seems hopeless and you hear of good news,
you want to know its not just a tale,
but a possible _____.

A Fact Many Deny:

Sin continually destroys and _____
our life and those around us.

Letter Format Different, then and now

Today: Greeting first & Signature last

Back Then: Signature first & Greetings last.

Usually: A theme or main thought is shared. *Rom. 1:16-17*

Definition: "gospel" = Good News

The Message of Hope

1:16-17

No Apology for a unique and different message.

Starting with one's _____ nature needing forgiveness.

The medicinal power that changes one's life. " _____ "
Hippocrates in the 5th century B.C. used this word for medicine.

The transformation comes only through belief.

We acknowledge our need and God's willingness and ability.

The Ministry is Necessary

1:14-15

The _____ for everyone, no matter their background.

... we have put our hope in the living God, who is the Savior of
all people, and especially of those who believe. *1 Timothy 4:10*

The Mission of the Savior

1:3-4

Having a human and divine nature.

"a descendant of David" and "Spirit of Holiness" ~ "son of God"

His names & character

Jesus = Savior or Deliverer / Christ or Messiah = Anointed One

Multiple parts of Salvation

Forgiveness = Justification // Eternal Life // _____

The Messenger's Calling

1:1-2

S_____ total obedience

Only if we're following His directions.

S_____ one ~ "apostle"

It may be around the world or just across the street.

S_____ apart ~ made uniquely

Saul: Roman Citizen / Spoke Greek / Raised as a Jew

If we're not different, why should they change?

S_____ one's own story of grace.

*But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace to me was
not without effect. ... yet not I, but the grace of God that was with
me. 1 Corinthians 15:10*

*But He (God) said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my
power is made perfect in weakness." 2 Corinthians 12:9*

Optional Reading: Notice the importance of "**Good News!**"

Luke 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 16

Acts 5, 8, 10, 11, 13, 14, 17