

5 Promises of Baptism

A SERIES ABOUT WHO WE ARE CALLED TO BE

Proclaim

The good news of God is indeed GOOD news—the kind of news that casts out fear, gives hope, sheds light, and transforms life. This good news in the New Testament is proclaimed by heavenly angels and those filled with the Spirit. The words angel, evangelism, and gospel all share the same Greek root word. We humans are called to be God's proclaimers on this earth.

Martin Luther and The Printing Press

There's a famous quote attributed to Martin Luther that sums up the role of the printing press in the Protestant Reformation: "Printing is the ultimate gift of God and the greatest one." This invention allowed Bibles in the German language to be shared throughout Europe.

What are some new opportunities for proclamation in 2022?



Luke 1

The Gospel of Luke begins with Gabriel, an angel of God appearing before a faithful, old priest named Zechariah. He and his wife have no children. Six months later, the angel Gabriel appears to Mary, a cousin of Elizabeth, to proclaim the good news of her pregnancy by the Holy Spirit. Afterwards, Mary travels with haste to visit her pregnant cousin Elizabeth to share the good news. When Elizabeth hears the greeting of Mary in her presence, the child in the womb of Elizabeth leaps. Both women—one young and the other old—were amazed at the gift of pregnancy under extraordinary circumstances. Both women had good news to proclaim to the other.

What is the good news of God?

How does it feel to be God's messenger of good news on earth?

What might they risk when their good news would be made public?