

# BE OF GOOD CHEER

## Christian Character in Action: Lesson 25

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Here are six biblical reasons why a Christian should “*be of good cheer.*”

### BECAUSE YOUR SINS ARE FORGIVEN

**Mat 9:1-2** Every Christian ought to be able to find some cheer in the knowledge that their sins are forgiven by the blood of Jesus Christ and the grace of God.

- No matter how many troubles you may face in this life, you can rejoice in the knowledge that your sins are forgiven and you’ll not go to hell when you die.
  - Jesus Christ proved that He had the power to forgive sins by miraculously healing a man who was sick of the palsy.
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### BECAUSE JESUS IS PRESENT IN THE STORMS OF LIFE

**Mat 14:22-30** Good cheer is not a result of the Lord removing the bad things from our lives. It comes from remembering that Jesus is with us during that scary time, so we have no reason to be afraid.

- Our good cheer is not a result of how we feel at the moment.
    - Jesus didn’t remove the danger and then say, “*Now you can be of good cheer because your situation is better, you’re safe now.*”
  - We can be of good cheer because we know Jesus is with us in the middle of every trouble we may face, and we know that one day He will take us to a place where all storms of life will be over.
    - As you face trouble in your life, keep your eyes on Jesus, and face that trouble with confidence. If you turn your eyes toward the trouble, you’ll sink.
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### BECAUSE JESUS HAS OVERCOME THE WORLD

**John 16:33** Jesus said because you live in this world, you are going to have tribulation (severe afflictions, troubles and distresses of life).

- Jesus did not instruct us to overcome the world. We are not able to do so. Any attempt to overcome the world would fail and bring us to despair.

- Our good cheer comes from remembering that Jesus has already overcome the world and I am in Him (Romans 8:1). Everything Jesus has promised us for the future is reliable. He keeps His promises. He cannot lie.
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### **BECAUSE WE HAVE THE PRIVILEGE OF TESTIFYING FOR JESUS**

**Acts 23:9-11** God told Paul to be of good cheer because he was going to have an opportunity tell people about the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

- It should excite you whenever you have an opportunity to witness to a group of people who had never heard the gospel before.
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### **BECAUSE WE ARE SECURE IN OUR SAVIOR**

**Acts 27:21-24** Paul could confidently proclaim to his fellow shipwreck-mates that God was going to preserve him until he had finished the work that God had for him to accomplish.

- If God has work for you to do in this world, you will not die until that work is finished. The question is, do you believe it? Are you living your life trusting that to be a fact?
    - God will protect and preserve you until your work is done.
    - When your work is done, there is no longer any reason to stick around on earth. It's time to go home and be with Jesus.
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### **BECAUSE GOD'S WORD IS TRUE**

**Acts 27:25** We can be of good cheer because we know all of God's promises, prophecies, and teaching concerning our daily life are all true. We can count on God's truths in the Holy Bible.

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