

What was your favorite birthday gift?



"The Fate which has ordered the whole of our life has ordained the most perfect consummation for human life by giving to us Augustus...**by sending him as a Savior** for us and those who come after us; to make war to cease; to create order everywhere.

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*eu-angelion*  
good message  
god-spell  
Gospel

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## ***Archē***

Beginning  
Reign/Ruler

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"The gospel of Jesus Christ is not  
political. It is obedience to the gospel  
that will lead us back to our Father in  
Heaven to receive all of His promises."  
—about 1,000 blogs I looked at

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**political,**  
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Political; not partisan  
Heaven-coming-to-earth; not escapism  
Persuasive, cooperative; not coercive

### **Ephesians 3:10**

Through the church the wisdom of God will now be made known to the rulers and authorities.

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### **Isaiah 40:9**

You who bring **good news** to Zion,  
go up on a high mountain.  
You who bring **good news** to Jerusalem,  
lift up your voice with a shout,  
lift it up, do not be afraid;  
say to the towns of Judah,  
**"Here is your God!"**

### Isaiah 52:7

How beautiful on the mountains  
are the feet of those who bring **good news**,  
who proclaim **peace**,  
who bring **good tidings**,  
who **proclaim salvation**,  
who say to Zion,  
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## **Anointed**

Hebrew מָשִׁיחַ *messiah*

Greek Χριστός *christos*

## **Challenge**

Take stock of the places where your understanding of the Gospel is no longer political, news, or good.

## **Invitation**

"If you find what I tell you untrue, it will only be that it is not grand and free and bounteous enough.

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