

Good News Good and Bad News

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Romans 1:18-23

Big Idea: Only by fully understanding the bad news, can we appreciate the good news.

1. The Bad news: The entire human race stands condemned before God and is helpless and hopeless apart from God's grace.
 - A. What is the wrath of God?
 - B. Why is God so angry?
 - (1) All humanity has suppressed the truth of God through their sinful thinking and actions. (**vs. 18**)
 - (2) All humanity has ignored God's revelation and have refused to acknowledge his power and rule over their lives. (**vs. 19-20**)
 - (3) All humanity has refused to glorify God and give him thanks. (**vs. 21-23**)
 - C. The consequences of humanity's rebellion: The wrath of God will be unleashed on us!
 - (1) God will let us suffer the consequences of our sinful behaviors in this life. (**vs. 24, 26, 28**)
 - (2) Ultimately, we will suffer eternal wrath and condemnation.

*"But because of your stubbornness and your unrepentant heart, you are storing up wrath against yourself for the day of God's wrath when his righteous judgment will be revealed. God will give to each person according to what he has done.... But for those who are self-seeking and who reject the truth and follow evil, there will be wrath and anger." **Romans 2:5-6, 8***

2. The Good News: Those who acknowledge God and have faith in the sacrifice of His Son Jesus on their behalf, will not suffer His wrath but have eternal life.

*“To those who by persistence in doing good seek glory, honor and immortality, he will give eternal life.” **Romans 2:8***

“For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. God presented him as a sacrifice of atonement through faith in his blood.”

*“Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life, but whoever rejects the Son will not see life, for God’s wrath remains on him.” **John 3:36***

3. Your Response

- (1) Believe in Jesus Christ
- (2) Thank God for His grace and mercy
- (3) Be humble toward others
- (4) Be brokenhearted for those who are lost

Sermon questions

We're in a series in the book of Romans called Good News where we are studying the many ways that the gospel is good news for everyone. This week, our passage is **Romans 1:18-23**, and we are learning that only by fully understanding the bad news, can we appreciate the good news.

Use these questions to discuss the message from Sunday, focusing on how you can **grow** as an everyday follower of Jesus and how you can **go** accomplish what Jesus calls you to do.

1. What thoughts and feelings come up for you when discussing the topic of God's wrath? How did this text and Pastor Brad's message challenge you??
2. Have someone read **1 John 4:8**. How does the concept that "God is Love" fit with the wrath of God revealed in **Romans 1:18-23**?
3. Have someone read **Romans 1:18-23**. Paul is describing idolatry, which is worshipping things in the created world rather than the creator. What does idolatry look like in our culture today? How can you **grow** in recognizing it in your own life and repenting from it?

