

BAD NEWS, FAKE NEWS, GOOD NEWS

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The Gift
Romans

I. Bad News

Romans 1:18 *For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men who suppress the truth in unrighteousness.*

Romans 2:1 *Therefore you have no excuse, everyone of you who passes judgment, for in that which you judge another, you condemn yourself; for you who judge practice the same things.*

Romans 3:9 *What then? Are we better than they? Not at all; for we have already charged that both Jews and Greeks are all under sin.*

II. Fake News

Romans 3:19-20 *Now we know that whatever the Law says, it speaks to those who are under the Law, so that every mouth may be closed and all the world may become accountable to God; ²⁰because by the works of the Law no flesh will be justified in His sight; for through the Law comes the knowledge of sin.*

III. Good News

- Justify-- _____

How do we receive justification?

A. We don't _____.

Romans 3:21-23 *But now apart from the Law the righteousness of God has been manifested, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets, ²²even the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all those who believe; for there is no distinction; ²³for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.*

B. It is _____ we receive.

Romans 3:24 *... being justified as a gift by His grace through the redemption which is*

in Christ Jesus.

C. By Christ's _____.

Romans 3:25-26 *... whom God displayed publicly as a propitiation in His blood through faith. This was to demonstrate His righteousness, because in the forbearance of God He passed over the sins previously committed; ²⁶for the demonstration, I say, of His righteousness at the present time, so that He would be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.*

- Propitiation-- _____

Hebrews 10:4,11-12 *For it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins... ¹¹Every priest stands daily ministering and offering time after time the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins; ¹²but He, having offered one sacrifice for sins for all time, SAT DOWN AT THE RIGHT HAND OF GOD.*

D. We receive it _____.

Romans 3:27-28 *Where then is boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? Of works? No, but by a law of faith. ²⁸For we maintain that a man is justified by faith apart from works of the Law.*

E. Available to _____.

Romans 3:28-31 *Or is God the God of Jews only? Is He not the God of Gentiles also? Yes, of Gentiles also, ³⁰since indeed God who will justify the circumcised by faith and the uncircumcised through faith is one. ³¹Do we then nullify the Law through faith? May it never be! On the contrary, we establish the Law.*

Point:

Doggy Bag: Something to take home and chew on!

1. How do I feel when I am accused of transgressions, flaws, weaknesses, faults?
2. How do I justify myself in my daily life? How do I justify myself before God?
3. What does it feel like to know that God declares me just by grace?
4. How would it change the way I saw myself, treated others, and lived my life if I know I was righteous by faith?



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