

BAD NEWS, FAKE NEWS, GOOD NEWS

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The Difference of Good News

Romans 5:1-11

Do you tend to want to hear bad news or good news first?

Do you tend to want to give bad news or good news first?

What difference does faith in God's Good News make?

I. Opportunity

Romans 5:1-2 *Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have **peace** with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom we have **obtained access** to this grace in which we stand...*

II. Opportunity

Romans 5:2 *...and we boast in our **hope of sharing the glory of God**.*

III. Opportunity

Romans 5:3-5 *And not only that, but we also **rejoice in our sufferings**, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.*

IV. Opportunity

Romans 5:6-9 *For while we were still weak, **at the right time** Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. ⁸But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. ⁹Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will **we be saved** through him from the wrath of God.*

V. Opportunity

Romans 5:10-11 *For if while we were enemies, we were **reconciled** to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. ¹¹But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.*

Point:



Doggy Bag: Some questions to take home and chew on.

1. How have you been seeking peace? How have you been fighting God?
2. What is your hope for the future? How does faith in Christ give you hope?
3. How do you usually face problems and trials? What could the Holy Spirit grow in you through them?
4. Whose timing are you waiting on? How can you be assured of God's provision?
5. What does your relationship with God look like? What relationship in your life might you need to look/feel weak in order to reconcile?
6. What bad news are you facing? How can God's Good News make a difference in how you see/feel/respond/act?

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