

Pastor Todd Schlechty March 18, 2018 Good News Wins Romans 5:12-21

Why is there so much bad news?

Bad News Versus Good News:

I. The World's Bad News:

Romans 5:12-14 Therefore, just as through one man sin entered into the world, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men, because all sinned-- ¹³for until the Law sin was in the world, but sin is not imputed when there is no law. ¹⁴Nevertheless death reigned from Adam until Moses, even over those who had not sinned in the likeness of the offense of Adam, who is a type of Him who was to come.

• Death reigned--

II. God's Good News:

Romans 5:15-17 But the free gift is not like the transgression. For if by the transgression of the one the many died, much more did the grace of God and the gift by the grace of the one Man, Jesus Christ, abound to the many. ¹⁶The gift is not like that which came through the one who sinned; for on the one hand the judgment arose from one transgression resulting in condemnation, but on the other hand the free gift arose from many transgressions resulting in justification. ¹⁷For if by the transgression of the one, death reigned through the one, much more those who receive the abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ.

• The gift by the grace of the one Man, Jesus Christ.

III. God's Best Good News: _

Romans 5:18-21 So then as through one transgression there resulted condemnation to all men, even so through one act of righteousness there resulted justification of life to all men. ¹⁹For as through the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, even so through the obedience of the One the many will be made righteous. ²⁰The Law came in so that the transgression would increase; but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more, ²¹so that, as sin reigned in death, even so grace would reign through righteousness to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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Point:



- Doggy Bag: Something to take home and chew on!1. What reigns as sovereign in your life? What are the signs of its reign? What has control over you?
 - 2. When have you experienced sin having control over your life? In what areas?
 - 3. When have you experienced death as something to be feared? When have you experienced death as something that has already been defeated?
 - 4. How would it change your life to know that Christ has defeated your sin?
 - 5. How does it change your life to know that Christ has defeated your death?

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