

Good News for Bad News People

Romans 16:25-27

Romans 1:16-17, ESV—I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, “The righteous shall live by faith”

What?

Choose the Good News

First the bad news, then the good—

We’re bad news people because **we have no strength to obey God**

God’s law is all about loving Him by obeying Him and loving others, but it’s quite another thing to actually do these things

The bad news is that everyone who spends their lives breaking God’s laws will be judged and sentenced by God

But the good news is that there is salvation that enables us **not only obey God’s standards but to love and desire them**

Also, we’re bad news people **because we have no wisdom**

We know there is a God, but we have no wisdom in ourselves to know who He is and how to reach Him

The bad news is that using our own wisdom, we will never reach God or know Him, and we’ll die apart from Him

But the good news is that **God is not only wise, but loving**

He has revealed the truths that we can’t know ourselves, through Scripture, and by sending His own Son to show us

We are bad news people, **because we don’t naturally want to honour God**

God’s plan for all people in all nations to be His people, who will forever give Him praise and honour as the source of life and blessing

But we would rather honour ourselves than God

The bad news is that people who honour only themselves will not spend eternity in heaven, where God is honoured, but rather in the Lake of Fire with the devil, who honours himself

But the good news is that we can become part of God’s people, **who love to give Him honour, praise and worship**

The Big Question—How do we become Good News people?

The final words of Romans answers this—**through Jesus**

The strength to obey God comes from the very presence of the Holy Spirit of Jesus living in our hearts

The wisdom to know God comes from the Scriptures that reveal God and His Son Jesus to us

The desire to honour and praise God comes from a thankful heart towards God for sending Jesus and saving us

So What?

The truth is that when we were in sin without strength to obey God or wisdom to know God or the desire to honour God, **God sent Jesus to us to die as our ransom from sin**

If you’re already a good news person—**go deeper in knowing God, further in obeying God, higher in honouring God**, because that’s why Jesus died for you

The last word—John

Revelation 5:13, NIV— “To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor and glory and power, for ever and ever!”

Now What?

Call on Jesus to save you today

Rejoice today because you can know God, obey God and honour God, because of Jesus