

# Bad News and Good News

## Romans 3:9-18

### Introduction:

- A. Doctor says, "I have some bad news and some good news."
  - 1. "The bad news: You have a deadly disease and need an operation."
  - 2. "The good news: The operation has a 100% cure rate."
- B. What would you do under those circumstances?
  - 1. Would you agree to the operation without knowing the bad news first?
  - 2. Would you refuse the operation after receiving both the bad news and the good news.
- C. *The Book of Romans gives us some **bad news and good news.***

### Discussion:

#### I. The Bad News.

- A. All are sinners. (3:10,21).
  - 1. Became sinners, not born sinners. (v. 12-16 Note: Wording of text cannot apply to infants).
  - 2. Became sinners without excuse.
    - a. Gentiles (1:18-20).
      - (1) Did not glorify God while they knew him. (v. 21).
      - (2) Turned to their won wisdom. (vv. 21,22).
      - (3) Turned to false (pagan) worship. (vv. 23-25).
      - (4) Followed their vile passions into gross immorality. (vv. 26-32).
    - b. Jews. (2:1-3, 17).
      - (1) Did as the Gentiles, in principle. (v. 3, 17-24).
      - (2) Will face the same impartial judge as Gentiles (vv. 4-11)
- B. The wages of sin is death. (Rom. 6:23)
- C. The Law (of Moses) does not give relief to the sinner. (7:13-24)

#### II. The Good News.

- A. The gospel ("law of the spirit of life in Christ Jesus") gives relief. (8:1-4).
  - 1. Freedom. (8:2)
  - 2. Sonship. (8:16-17).
  - 3. Hope. (8:24)
  - 4. Help. (8:26-27).
- B. The gospel (Good news) is for all. (1:16,17).
  - 1. It offers grace to all through faith in blood of Christ. (3:24-31; 5:1.2,8-9).
  - 2. It saves all apart from any other system.
    - a. "Law of Conscience" that the Gentiles had depended on. (2:12-15)
    - b. Old Testament law ("law of works") that the Jews had depended on (3:27-30).
- C. The gospel saves all who obey it.
  - 1. Romans begins and ends with obedience. (1:5; 16:26).
  - 2. Romans teaches that an obedient faith saves. (10:16; 6:17,18, 3,4)

### Conclusion:

- A. Those condemned by sin and do not know it need the bad news.
- B. Those condemned by sin and know it need the good news.
- C. If you know both the bad news and good news - what are you waiting for?