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.
            (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).
            (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)
   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?