

# **“Good News, Bad News”**

Romans chapter 10

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**Intro:** This morning I have some “good news” and some “bad news”... Romans 10!

**First:** G.O.S.P.E.L.!

**Next:** Romans 9:30-33:

*the Gentiles, who did not pursue righteousness, have obtained it, a righteousness that is by faith; **31** but Israel, who pursued a law of righteousness, has not attained it. **32** Why not? Because they pursued it not by faith but as if it were by works. They stumbled over the “stumbling stone.” **33** As it is written: “See, I lay in Zion a stone that causes men to stumble and a rock that makes them fall, and the one who trusts in him will never be put to shame.”*

## **GOOD NEWS:**

**PASSION v.1-3:** *Brothers, my heart’s desire and prayer to God for the Israelites is that they may be saved. **2** For I can testify about them that they are zealous for God, but their zeal is not based on knowledge. **3** Since they did not know the righteousness that comes from God and sought to establish their own, they did not submit to God’s righteousness.*

**PERSON v.4:** *Christ is the end of the law so that there may be righteousness for everyone who believes.*

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**PERFECTION v.5:** *Moses describes in this way the righteousness that is by the law: “The man who does these things will live by them.”*

**PROXIMITY v.6-8:** *But the righteousness that is by faith says: “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ down) **7** “or ‘Who will descend into the deep?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). **8** But what does it say? “The word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart,” that is, the word of faith we are proclaiming:*

**PROMISE v.9-15:** *(Potential, Availability, Responsibility... read Titus 1:10-16))*

***Potential 9-10:*** *That if you confess with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, & it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved.*

**Key = define LORD!** (Lord 600 time in N.T..... while Savior is used 8 times....)

**Key = link “confess” with COMMIT**

**Availability 11-13:** *As the Scripture says, Anyone who trusts in him will never be put to shame. For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile—the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, for, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”*

**Responsibility 14-15** *How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? 15 And how can they preach unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”*

**Titus 1:10-16** = *For there are many rebellious people, mere talkers and deceivers, especially those of the circumcision group. 11 They must be silenced, because they are ruining whole households by teaching things they ought not to teach—and that for the sake of dishonest gain. 12 Even one of their own prophets has said, “Cretans are always liars, evil brutes, lazy gluttons.” 13 This testimony is true. Therefore, rebuke them sharply, so that they will be sound in the faith 14 and will pay no attention to Jewish myths or to the commands of those who reject the truth. 15 To the pure, all things are pure, but to those who are corrupted and do not believe, nothing is pure. In fact, both their minds and consciences are corrupted. 16 They claim to know God, but by their actions they deny him. They are detestable, disobedient and unfit for doing anything good.*

## **BAD NEWS:**

**POIGNANT 16** *But not all the Israelites accepted the good news. For Isaiah says, “Lord, who has believed our message?”*

**PROVISION 17** *Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word of Christ.*

**POSTURING 18** *But I ask: Did they not hear? Of course they did: “Their voice has gone out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world.” 19 Again I ask: Did Israel not understand? First, Moses says, “I will make you envious by those who are not a nation; I will make you angry by a nation that has no understanding.”*

**PORTRAIT of Grace 20** *And Isaiah boldly says, “I was found by those who did not seek me; I revealed myself to those who did not ask for me.”*

**PINPOINTED PROBLEM 21** *But concerning Israel he says, “All day long I have held out my hands to a **disobedient and obstinate people**.” (Read Parable of the Vineyard & Parable of the Banquet)*

### **The Parable of the Vineyard/Tenants = Matthew 21:33-44:**

*"Listen to another parable: There was a landowner who planted a vineyard. He put a wall around it, dug a winepress in it and built a watchtower. Then he rented the vineyard to some farmers and went away on a journey. **34** When the harvest time approached, he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his fruit. **35** "The tenants seized his servants; they beat one, killed another, and stoned a third. **36** Then he sent other servants to them, more than the first time, and the tenants treated them the same way. **37** Last of all, he sent his son to them. 'They will respect my son,' he said. **38** "But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, 'This is the heir. Come, let's kill him and take his inheritance.' **39** So they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. **40** "Therefore, when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" **41** "He will bring those wretches to a wretched end," they replied, "and he will rent the vineyard to other tenants, who will give him his share of the crop at harvest time." **42** Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the Scriptures: "'The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone; the Lord has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes'? **43** **Therefore I tell you that the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit. **44** He who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces, but he on whom it falls will be crushed."***

### **Isaiah 5: The Song of the Vineyard**

**1** *I will sing for the one I love  
a song about his vineyard:  
My loved one had a vineyard  
on a fertile hillside.*

**2** *He dug it up and cleared it of stones  
and planted it with the choicest vines.  
He built a watchtower in it  
and cut out a winepress as well.  
Then he looked for a crop of good grapes,  
but it yielded only bad fruit.*

**3** *"Now you dwellers in Jerusalem and men of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. **4** What more could have been done for my vineyard than I have done for it? When I looked for good grapes, why did it yield only bad? Now I will tell you what I am going to do to my vineyard: I will take away its hedge, and it will be destroyed; I will break down its wall, and it will be trampled. **6** I will make it a wasteland, neither pruned nor cultivated, and briers and thorns will grow there. I will command the clouds not to rain on it." **7** The vineyard of the LORD Almighty is the house of Israel, and the men of Judah are the garden of his delight. And he looked for justice, but saw bloodshed; for righteousness, but heard cries of distress.*

**Woes and Judgment:**

**11 Woe to those who... 12 They have harps and lyres at their banquets, tambourines and flutes and wine, but they have no regard for the deeds of the LORD, no respect for the work of his hands. 13 Therefore my people will go into exile for lack of understanding; their men of rank will die of hunger and their masses will be parched with thirst. 14 Therefore the grave enlarges its appetite and opens its mouth without limit; into it will descend their nobles and masses with all their brawlers and revelers.**

**18 Woe to those who draw sin along with cords of deceit, and wickedness...**

**20 Woe to those who call evil good and good evil, who put darkness for light and light for darkness, who put bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter.**

**21 Woe to those who are wise in their own eyes and clever in their own sight.**

**22 Woe to those who are heroes at drinking wine and champions at mixing drinks, 23 who acquit the guilty for a bribe, but deny justice to the innocent.**

**Therefore, as tongues of fire lick up straw and as dry grass sinks down in the flames, so their roots will decay and their flowers blow away like dust; for they have rejected the law of the LORD Almighty and spurned the word of the Holy One of Israel.**

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