

The Good News of Jesus Christ

1. Romans 3:23 – All Have Sinned

Sometimes we must hear the “bad news” before we appreciate the “good news.” Here is the bad news. All of us have sinned. Obviously, some people sin more than others and some fall farther short than others; but all fall short, and so all need a Savior – we all need Jesus Christ. None of us are good enough to save ourselves.

“For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.”
Romans 3:23

2. Romans 6:23 – Sin’s Penalty and God’s Gift

The wages (or consequences) of sin are broken hearts, lives, bodies, relationships and finally death. The good news is that Jesus Christ, who had no sin, paid the death penalty so that God can give us the free gift of eternal life. We can’t earn salvation by living a good life – that doesn’t pay the death penalty. Christ paid the penalty by dying for our sins on the cross. Now God can offer eternal life as a free gift to all who receive it.

“For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.” Rom 6:23

3. Romans 5:8 – Christ Paid the Penalty

Christ paid the penalty of death; He was our substitute. Because that one life of Christ was sinless and divine, it could pay the penalty of sin for all of us. God placed His stamp of approval on Christ’s sacrifice by raising Him from the dead and exalting Him to His own right hand in heaven. As Christ died on the cross He cried out, “It is finished,” meaning, our debt is “paid in full.”

“But God demonstrated His own love for us in this: while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”
Rom. 5:8

4. Romans 10:13 and Revelation 3:20 - We must Receive and Trust Christ

It’s not enough to know these things. We must sincerely appropriate them by personally receiving and trusting Christ in our hearts. Right now, you can pray... “Lord, save me; thank you for dying for all my sins. I receive your gift of eternal life.” As we turn to Christ, we turn from sin; this is repentance. In Romans 10:13 God promises to save us if we call. In Revelations 3:20 Christ promises to come in if we open our hearts to Him.

“For everyone who calls on the Name of the Lord will be saved. Rom. 10:13

Because we love Him and are thankful for His wonderful gifts of forgiveness and eternal life we want to ...

- Seek Him – by reading the Bible and praying; and by fellowshiping with other Christians.
- Live for Him – by obeying the Bible.
- Serve Him – by sharing Christ with others and by helping those in need.

Jesus said, “Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in...”
Rev. 3:20