

WHAT'S SO GOOD ABOUT THE GOOD NEWS? (PART ONE)

2 CORINTHIANS 5:21 (NLT)

For God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for our sin, so that we could be made right with God through Christ.

The Gospel comes from the Greek word **euangelion**, which means good news. But before we discuss why the Gospel is good news, we need to know and understand the bad news first.

*“At the heart of the gospel is the message of reconciliation. One of the prerequisites for reconciliation is estrangement. People don’t get excited about the gospel today because they don’t believe that there’s any real estrangement between themselves and God.”
(R.C. Sproul)*

Paul said that Jesus’ death on the Cross made us right before God.

We begin here with our first point...

I. MAN’S SEPARATION FROM GOD

*“For the day you eat of it, you shall surely die.”
(God to Adam & Eve)*

Ever since our first parents sinned, we have known decay, destruction, and death. Their disobedience began an exponential cycle of fear, suffering, and devastation.

GENESIS 6:5 (ESV)

The Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intention of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.

1. WE ARE BORN SINNERS

Our very essence is sinful. That is what we are at the most fundamental level.

ROMANS 5:12 (ESV)

Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned...

*“We are not sinners because we sin. We sin because we are sinners.”
(R.C. Sproul)*

EPHESIAN 2:3 (ESV)

...we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind.



2. OUR OFFENSE IS AGAINST A HOLY GOD

PSALM 51:4 (ESV)

Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight...

*“What we have to understand is the gospel primarily has to do with the attributes of God, not just the sin of man. You see the sin of man wouldn’t be a problem if God was like us, but God is not like us.”
(Paul Washer, Missionary)*

ISAIAH 6:3 (NLT)

And they were calling to one another:

“Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory.”

*“Whenever sinful man is in the presence of holy God, he becomes painfully aware of his own unholiness.”
(Steven Lawson)*

3. WE CAN NEVER KEEP THE LAW PERFECTLY

EXODUS 20:3 (ESV)

You shall have no other gods before me.

JAMES 2:10 (NLT)

For the person who keeps all of the laws except one is as guilty as a person who has broken all of God’s laws.

MARK 7:21

For from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, 22 coveting, wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride, foolishness.

4. WE WILL GIVE AN ACCOUNT TO GOD FOR ALL THAT WE HAVE DONE

HEBREWS 4:13

Nothing in all creation is hidden from God’s sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

QUESTIONS FOR HUDDLE DISCUSSION:

1. According to Romans 5:12, what is the reason why we experience death?
2. In what ways has sin separated you from God?