



“The Bad News”

Romans 1:18-3:20



Some really bad news...

We all have a divine summons to appear in the court of Heaven before the Holy God to hear His verdict on our life.

Are you ready?

DEPARTMENT OF STATE POLICE		VIRGINIA UNIFORM SUMMONS	
001 23591757		CASE NO.	
YOU ARE SUMMONED TO APPEAR IN THE (CITY OF / COUNTY OF)		NAME LAST FIRST MIDDLE	
PRINCE GEORGE		[REDACTED]	
GENERAL DISTRICT COURT (TRAFFIC)		RES. ADDRESS	
GENERAL DISTRICT COURT (CRIMINAL)		[REDACTED]	
JUVENILE & DOMESTIC RELATIONS DISTRICT COURT		RES. JURIS.	
6601 COURTS DR. P.O. BOX 187		CITY/TOWN STATE ZIP	
PRINCE GEORGE VA 22875		Wheat Creek PA 19380	
ON FEB 04 ADDRESS 20 IL AT 1230 A.M. P.M.		RACE SEX DOB HT WT EYES HAIR	
FOR VIOLATION OF STATE COUNTY CITY TOWN		W M MO DAY YR 6 00 B W	
LAW SECTION 18.2-86.3 DESCRIBE CHARGE:		D.U.C. # (IF CRIMINAL OFFENSE OR NO LICENSE, USE: BSN)	
RECESS DURING BY SPEED		STATE PA	
(84 / 76) (Random)		CDL HOLDER YES NO	
COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLE YES NO		YEAR MAKE TYPE LICENSE NO. YEAR STATE	
HAZARDOUS MATERIALS YES NO		V E H 13 MINI 200 16 PA	
RESULTED IN FATALITY YES NO		JURISDICTION OF OFFENSE DATE OF OFFENSE DAY OF WEEK TIME	
HIGHWAY SAFETY CORRIDOR YES NO		074 1/3/13 SUN 4:45 PM	
I PROMISE TO APPEAR AT THE TIME AND PLACE SHOWN ABOVE, SIGNING THIS SUMMONS IS NOT AN ADMISSION OF GUILT. I CERTIFY THAT MY CURRENT MAILING ADDRESS IS AS SHOWN BELOW		DIRECTION ACCIDENT WEATHER ROUTE NUMBER/STREET	
[REDACTED]		N YES NO C W 285	
SIGNATURE		LOCATION OF OFFENSE	
YOU MUST APPEAR AT TRIAL (JUVENILES MUST APPEAR WITH PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN).		3 WMA	
YOU MAY AVOID COMING TO COURT ONLY IF THIS BLOCK IS CHECKED AND ALL INSTRUCTIONS ON DEFENDANT'S COPY ARE FOLLOWED.		ARREST DATE ARREST LOCATION	
ONLY CALL (800) 733-2780 IF MORE HELP IS NEEDED.		Same 074	
MAILING ADDRESS: SAME AS ABOVE AT RIGHT P.O. BOX/STREET CITY/TOWN STATE ZIP		OFFICER CODE/BADGE NO.	
CHANGE FROM D.L.		[Signature] 8039	
PRETRIAL WAIVER AND PREPAYMENT INSTRUCTIONS			
1. CALCULATE THE AMOUNT OWED FROM PREPAYABLE OFFENSE INFORMATION SHEET IF GIVEN A COPY BY THE ARRESTING OFFICER, OTHERWISE:			
A. PROMPTLY CALL THE TELEPHONE NUMBER LISTED ABOVE.			
B. IF YOU HEAR A PRE-RECORDED MESSAGE, LISTEN TO THE ENTIRE MESSAGE, OTHERWISE, TELL THE PERSON ANSWERING THE TELEPHONE THAT YOU WISH TO WAIVE TRIAL AND "PREPAY" THE FINE, COSTS AND FEES. STATE THE EXACT CHARGE DESCRIPTION AND LAW SECTION NUMBER (IF ANY) WRITTEN ON THE SUMMONS. DISTRICT COURTS ACCEPT PERSONAL CHECKS AND CREDIT CARDS BUT, IF YOU WISH TO PAY BY CREDIT CARD, YOU SHOULD ASK THE COURT WHICH TYPE OF CREDIT CARD IT ACCEPTS.			
C. WRITE DOWN THE AMOUNT TO BE PAID AND ANY SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.			
2. SIGN AND DATE THE WAIVER OF A TRIAL ON THIS SUMMONS. ALSO COMPLETE PROCEDURE "IF ACCUSED IS A JUVENILE" IF YOU ARE CHARGED WITH A MOTOR VEHICLE OFFENSE AND ARE UNDER AGE 18.			
3. PROMPTLY MAIL OR DELIVER TO THE COURT THIS SUMMONS WITH PAYMENT ATTACHED. PAYMENT MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE COURT BEFORE THE TRIAL DATE. TIMELY DELIVERY BY MAIL IS AT THE SENDER'S RISK.			
IF ACCUSED IS A JUVENILE		DEFENDANT'S COPY - PG. 2	
IF ACCUSED IS UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE, THE ACCUSED'S PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN MUST ALSO SIGN, IN PERSON AT THE COURT, OR IF THE FORM IS MAILED TO THE COURT, PARENT'S OR LEGAL GUARDIAN'S SIGNATURE MUST BE NOTARIZED.		READ NOTICE ON REVERSE.	
SIGNATURE OF PARENT/GUARDIAN DATE		VUS REV. 7-01-12	
SWORN AND SUBSCRIBED TO BEFORE ME THIS DATE.			
NOTARY PUBLIC CLERK MAGISTRATE DATE			
CITY/COUNTY STATE			
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES:			
IF PREPAYMENT IS MADE, ATTACH PAYMENT HERE.			

Divine Judgment Day

- 2:2 – We know that the judgement of God rightly falls upon those who practice such things.
- 2:3 – Do you presume that you will escape the judgement of God?
- 2:5 – You are storing up wrath for yourself in the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgement of God.
- 2:6 – He will repay to each according to his works.
- 2:16 – On the day when, God will judge the secrets of men through Christ Jesus.
- 3:4 – That you may be justified in your words, and overcome when you are judged (or in your judging).
- 3:6 – Otherwise, how will God judge the world?
- 3:19 – So that every mouth be shut and all the world may become accountable to God.
- 3:20 – by the works of the law no flesh will be justified in His sight.

The Court of Heaven

On the Docket:

Main theme: sinfulness of man

Judge: God Almighty

Suspect: Every Man (Rev. 20 - “the dead”)

1. God’s case against the irreligious, immoral pagan (1:18-32)
2. God’s case against the religious, moral person (2:1-16)
3. God’s case against the Jew (2:17-3:8)

Conclusion: God’s verdict for all men (3:9-3:20)

Case 1: God vs. Immoral Person

Crimes:

1. Ungodliness and unrighteousness (1:18)
2. Suppress the truth (1:18)
3. Exchange glory of God (1:22)

Temporary Result:

(until judgement day)

God gave them over –
wrath of abandonment
(1:24, 26, 28)

Romans 1:18-20

18 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all **ungodliness** and **unrighteousness** of men who **suppress the truth** in unrighteousness,

19 because that which is known about God is evident within them; for God made it evident to them.

20 For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, both His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made, so that they are without excuse.

Romans 1:21-23

21 For even though they knew God, they **did not glorify Him** as God or give thanks, but they became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish heart was darkened.

22 Professing to be wise, they became fools,

23 and **exchanged the glory** of the incorruptible God for an image in the likeness of corruptible man and of birds and four-footed animals and crawling creatures.

Romans 1:24-32

24 Therefore **God gave them over** in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, so that their bodies would be dishonored among them. 25 For they exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.

26 For this reason **God gave them over** to dishonorable passions; for their females exchanged the natural function for that which is unnatural, 27 and in the same way also the males abandoned the natural function of the female and burned in their desire toward one another, males with males committing indecent acts and receiving in their own persons the due penalty of their error.

28 And just as they did not see fit to acknowledge God, **God gave them over** to an unfit mind, to do those things which are not proper, 29 having been filled with all unrighteousness, wickedness, greed, evil; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, malice; they are gossips, 30 slanderers, haters of God, violent, arrogant, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents, 31 without understanding, untrustworthy, unloving, unmerciful; 32 and although they know the righteous requirement of God, that those who practice such things are worthy of death, they not only do the same, but also give hearty approval to those who practice them.

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Case 2: God vs. Moral Person

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2. Undervalue God's kindness (2:4)
3. Stubbornness/unrepentance (2:5)
4. Selfishly ambitious (2:8)
5. Obey unrighteousness rather than truth (2:8)

Temporary Result:
(until judgement day)

Storing up wrath (2:5)

Romans 2:1-4

- 1 Therefore you are without excuse, O man, everyone who passes judgment, for in that which you judge another, you condemn yourself; for you who judge practice the same things.
- 2 And we know that the judgment of God rightly falls upon those who practice such things.
- 3 But do you presume this, O man—who passes judgment on those who practice such things and does the same—that you will escape the judgment of God?
- 4 Or do you think lightly of the riches of His kindness and forbearance and patience, not knowing that the kindness of God leads you to repentance?

Romans 2:5-11

5 But because of your stubbornness and unrepentant heart you are storing up wrath for yourself in the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God, 6 who will repay to each according to his works:

7 to those who by perseverance in doing good seek for glory and honor and immortality, eternal life;

8 but to those who are selfishly ambitious and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, wrath and anger.

9 There will be affliction and turmoil for every soul of man who works out evil, of the Jew first and also of the Greek,

10 but glory and honor and peace to everyone who works good, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

11 For there is no partiality with God.

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Romans 2:12-16

12 For all who have sinned without the Law will also perish without the Law, and all who have sinned under the Law will be judged by the Law.

13 For it is not the hearers of the Law who are just before God, but the doers of the Law will be justified.

14 For when Gentiles who do not have the Law naturally do the things of the Law, these, not having the Law, are a law to themselves,

15 in that they demonstrate the work of the Law written in their hearts, their conscience bearing witness and their thoughts alternately accusing or else defending them,

16 on the day when, according to my gospel, God will judge the secrets of men through Christ Jesus.

Case 3: God vs. Jew

Crimes:

1. Practice the same (2:17-23)
2. Hypocrisy (2:17-23)
3. Transgress the law (2:23, 25, 27)

Temporary Result:
(until judgement day)

Dishonor God (2:23)
Name of God is blasphemed
(2:24)

Romans 2:17-24

17 But if you bear the name “Jew” and rely upon the Law and boast in God, 18 and know His will and approve the things that are essential, being instructed out of the Law, 19 and are confident that you yourself are a guide to the blind, a light to those who are in darkness, 20 a corrector of the foolish, a teacher of the immature, having in the Law the embodiment of knowledge and of the truth, 21 you, therefore, who teach another, do you not teach yourself? You who preach that one shall not steal, do you steal? 22 You who say that one should not commit adultery, do you commit adultery? You who abhor idols, do you rob temples? 23 You who boast in the Law, through your transgression of the Law, do you dishonor God? 24 For “the name of God is blasphemed among the Gentiles because of you,” just as it is written.

Romans 2:25-29

25 For indeed circumcision is of value if you practice the Law, but if you are a transgressor of the Law, your circumcision has become uncircumcision. 26 So if the uncircumcised man observes the righteous requirements of the Law, will not his uncircumcision be counted as circumcision? 27 And he who is physically uncircumcised, if he fulfills the Law, will he not judge you who, through the letter of the Law and circumcision, are a transgressor of the Law?

28 For he is not a Jew who is one outwardly, nor is circumcision that which is outward in the flesh. 29 But he is a Jew who is one inwardly; and circumcision is that which is of the heart, by the Spirit, not by the letter; and his praise is not from men, but from God.

Romans 3:1-4

Then what advantage has the Jew? Or what is the value of circumcision? 2 Great in every respect. First of all, that they were entrusted with the oracles of God. 3 What then? If some did not believe, does their unbelief abolish the faithfulness of God? 4 May it never be! Rather, let God be true and every man a liar, as it is written,
“That You may be justified in Your words,
And overcome when You are judged.”

Romans 3:5-8

5 But if our unrighteousness demonstrates the righteousness of God, what shall we say? Is the God who inflicts wrath unrighteous? (I am speaking in human terms.)

6 May it never be! For otherwise, how will God judge the world?

7 But if through my lie the truth of God abounded to His glory, why am I also still being judged as a sinner?

8 And why not say (as we are slanderously reported and as some claim that we say), “Let us do evil that good may come”? **Their condemnation is just.**

God's verdict against all men

Verdict:

1. Under sin (3:9)
2. None righteous (3:10)
3. Worthless (3:12)
4. Not even one who does good (3:12)

Final Result:

Every mouth shut (3:19)
All the world is accountable to God (3:19)
Knowledge of sin (3:20)

Romans 3:9-18

9 What then? Are we better? Not at all; for we have already charged that both Jews and Greeks are all **under sin**;
10 as it is written,
“There is **none righteous**, not even one;
11 There is none who understands,
There is none who seeks for God;
12 All have turned aside, together they have become **worthless**;
There is **none who does good**,
There is not even one.”
13 “Their throat is an open tomb,
With their tongues they keep deceiving,”
“The poison of asps is under their lips”;
14 “Whose mouth is full of cursing and bitterness”;
15 “Their feet are swift to shed blood,
16 Destruction and misery are in their paths,
17 And the path of peace they have not known.”
18 “There is no **fear of God** before their eyes.”

Romans 3:19-20

19 Now we know that whatever the Law says, it speaks to those who are in the Law, so that **every mouth may be shut** and **all the world may become accountable to God**; 20 because by the works of the Law no flesh will be justified in His sight, for through the Law comes the **knowledge of sin**.

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Our Response

Luke 18:9 And He also told this parable to some people who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and viewed others with contempt: 10 “Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. 11 The Pharisee stood and was praying these things to himself: ‘God, I thank You that I am not like other people: swindlers, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. 12 I fast twice a week; I pay tithes of all that I get.’ 13 But the tax collector, standing some distance away, was even unwilling to lift up his eyes to heaven, but was beating his chest, saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, the sinner!’ 14 I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other, for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but he who humbles himself will be exalted.”