

Tragedy to Triumph
"Good News, Bad News"
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Scripture: Romans 5:1-12 (NLT)

UNDERSTANDING THE SEVERITY OF THE BAD NEWS

#1 All of humanity has a sin problem.

No human being is good and righteous.

No human being sets out to seek God.

#2 Humanity's sin problem penetrates and permeates every aspect of life.

the way we think.

the way we talk.

the way we walk.

before others.

before God.

Scripture: Proverbs 8:13

When there is no fear of God, humanity will embrace evil, not avoid it.

God's holiness requires God's justice, which demands God's judgment of sin.

#3 Therefore, without Christ, humanity is hopeless, and forever lost in sin.

#4 Its only when we understand the bad news that we can begin to appreciate the GOOD NEWS!

Scripture: Luke 24:44-49; I. Corinthians 15:1-4 (NLT)

Christ came.

Christ lived.

Christ died.

Scripture: 2. Corinthians 5: 21 (NLT)

Christ overcame.

Christ ascended.

Christ will return.

Scripture: Romans 5:1 (NLT)

It is in the fact of justification that enables God to begin the work of sanctification—the process by which God makes us in reality what we already are positionally.

#1 We must remember humanity's great need of salvation.

Scripture: Romans 1:16 (NLT)

#2 We must remember humanity's tragedy was dealt with by Christ's triumphant life, death, and resurrection.

#3 We must embrace the on-going sanctification process.

#4 We must realize we too can live triumphantly!

Scripture: John 10:10 Romans 5:15-21 (NLT)