

LIFE MADE NEW

*A Self Study on Excerpts from
the Book of Romans*

LESSON 1

"Good News/Bad News"

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“The Gospel is for undeserving sinners. That’s what makes it such good news. It’s for those who know they can’t reach up to God on their religious own, for those who are even a little bit desperate.

The Gospel is not religion. The Gospel is Christianity - faith in and commitment to a person - Jesus Christ”

Digging Deeper

Carefully read Ephesians 2:1-9. Note any similarities between these nine verses and Romans 1.

Key Word: “Gospel”

The word “gospel” is found more than 75 times in the New Testament. It refers to the good news that God in Jesus Christ has provided a way to salvation that is open to all.

- New Bible Dictionary, p. 436

What is the Gospel?

1. The power to save lost men who believe.
2. It is for everyone.
3. It comes from the sacrificial death of Jesus, providing the only bridge between a holy God and sinful men.
4. It is personal. Because of what Jesus has done for you, you can be right with God. You can reach God

“Romans 1:18-3:20 depicts man as he appears in the light of the Cross. It is not a description of specially bad men only, but the innermost truth about all of us, as we are in ourselves.”

- C.E.B. Cranfield

Reflection Questions

1. Romans 1:6 says that believers have the greatest privilege of belonging to _____
_____.
2. Paul describes two blessings of being Christians in Romans 1:7. We are loved _____
_____ and called to be _____.
3. In Romans 1:16, Paul says that the Gospel is the _____ of God for the salvation of everyone who believes.
4. According to Romans 1:17, how do we receive this righteousness (right standing) from God? By _____
_____.
5. In Romans 1:18, Paul says the wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against _____
_____.
6. List at least three things godless people do (Romans 1:21-22):

_____.
7. When people ignore God they do at least two things, as Romans 1:25 describes: They exchange truth for _____ and they worship _____ instead of the _____
_____.

Discussion Questions

1. How do you think man's view of being righteous differs from receiving righteousness from God?

2. According to Romans 1:19-20, why do we not have an excuse before God?

3. What is your reaction to God's response to sinful man, as described in Romans 1:18-32?

