

First The Bad News, Then The Good News

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[0 : 00] The 10th of May. First the bad news, then the good news. Our passage today is from Romans chapter 3 verses 23 and 24.

For we have all sinned and are justified by his grace as a gift. Fake news! It would be nice to believe that we are not sinners and that God is pleased with us and will never turn us away from his heaven.

Now that would be fake news. The truth is that we are all sinners, every one of us, and while we are still sinners, God is not pleased with us and not one of us will find a place in God's heaven.

We have all sinned and fallen short of God's glorious standard. That is not false news, it is bad news. But it is not the end of the story. There is good news, indeed amazingly good news.

Jesus Christ came into our world to save sinners by taking on himself all our sin with its guilt and shame. And he died in our place on the cross. Why? He paid the penalty for sins. Why did he do this?

[1 : 14] It is God's pure gift of love. He got us out of the mess we are in and restored us to where he always wanted us to be. And he did it by means of Jesus Christ.

Romans chapter 3 verses 23 to 24. The message version. That is the good news.

I thank you for the good news of salvation for a sinner like me. Amen.