

THE BAD NEWS

The reason we're looking at the bad news is because we can't really appreciate the good news until we know just how bad the bad news is.

- Isaiah 59:1-2
 - What separates us from God?
 - Sin separates us from God and often from others; from those we love.
 - Hurts caused by sin hinder relationships; friendships, marriages and families become superficial, distant and unloving.
 - Sin also separates us from loving ourselves.
 - Depression, guilt, not liking self, feeling sorry for self, hopelessness, feeling unloved, etc.
- Romans 3:23
 - Who has sinned?
 - Who is separated from God?
- Romans 6:23
 - What are the consequences of sin?
 - Eternal separation from God.
 - What wages have we earned for ourselves?
 - Death.
 - What is sin? It literally means to miss the mark. The mark is to be like Jesus, who was sinless, by following him.
 - God didn't create an arbitrary set of rules to be obeyed. He only calls those things detrimental to ourselves sin. (Don't play in the street) .
- Examples of sin: Take an x-ray of you life. Do you see yourself in any of the following?
 - Romans 1:21-32 Notice the way sinfulness digresses.
 - 2 Timothy 3:1-5 They are religious people on the outside, but they don't know the real power of God.
 - Ephesians 5:1-7
 - What would be hints of sexual immorality?
 - Why the warning? (v. 5)
 - James 4:17
 - What would these kinds of sins be?
 - 1 Corinthians 6:9-11
 - Here's the same warning.
 - These folks were in bad shape, but they were changed! We can be too!
 - Revelation 21:8
 - The wages of sin is death.
 - Galatians 5:19-21
 - Another warning.

Where do you think you are right now?

Man's greatest problem is sin. Man's greatest need is forgiveness. Forgiveness is available!
Passages to read before our next Bible study:

Genesis 3:1-24	Sin enters the world and the curse of sin is given
Genesis 4:1-16	Another sin and another curse
Exodus 19:1-25	Preparations for the giving of the 10 commandments
Exodus 20:1-20	The giving of the 10 commandments
Nehemiah 1:1-11	Nehemiah confesses the sins of the nation