

**The Good News and the Bad News
Matt 11:1-20**

In this sermon I will simply explain what is the good news and what is the bad news according to the scriptures.

Illustration: A Man in his early 50's goes to a doctor because he is sick. After a thorough examination, the doctor tells him, "I've got some good news and I have some bad news, which would you like to hear first?" The man says, "Well, I'd rather hear the bad news first, so let me have it." The Doc says, "If you don't quit the partying and the drinking and the smoking and the gambling and the wild women, and the night life, you'll die before the age of sixty." He says "Wow doc that's some pretty bad news...what's the good news?" The doctor tells him, "If you quit the partying and the drinking and the smoking and the gambling and the wild women, you'll live to see sixty."

The scriptures tell us that if we repent and be obedient it will be good news for us.

But if we do not repent, we will receive the bad news in the end.

Luke 13:1-5

Call to Repent

Lu 13:1 ¶ There were present at that season some that told him of the Galilaeans, whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices.

2 And Jesus answering said unto them, Suppose ye that these Galilaeans were sinners above all the Galilaeans, because they suffered such things?

3 I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.

4 Or those eighteen, upon whom the tower in Siloam fell, and slew them, think ye that they were sinners above all men that dwelt in Jerusalem?

5 I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.

Matthew 11:1-6

John's Questions

Mt 11:1 ¶ And it came to pass, when Jesus had made an end of commanding his twelve disciples, he departed thence to teach and to preach in their cities.

2 Now when John had heard in the prison the works of Christ, he sent two of his disciples,

3 And said unto him, Art thou he that should come, or do we look for another?

4 Jesus answered and said unto them, Go and shew John again those things which ye do hear and see:

5 The blind receive their sight, and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, and the poor have the gospel preached to them.

6 And blessed is he, whosoever shall not be offended in me. Why(by the way) do you think John may have been offended at Christ? Because John knew Christ had the power to deliver him, but it was not His will to do so. How easily we get offended at Him when He doesn't give us what we want. Easily offended means immature.

Jesus' Tribute to John

Mt 11:7 ¶ And as they departed, Jesus began to say unto the multitudes concerning John, What went ye out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken with the wind?

8 But what went ye out for to see? A man clothed in soft raiment? behold, they that wear soft clothing are in kings' houses.

9 But what went ye out for to see? A prophet? yea, I say unto you, and more than a prophet.

10 For this is he, of whom it is written, Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, which shall prepare thy way before thee.

11 Verily I say unto you, Among them that are born of women there

hath not risen a greater than John the Baptist: notwithstanding he that is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

12 And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force.

13 For all the prophets and the law prophesied until John.

14 And if ye will receive it, this is Elias, which was for to come.

15 He that hath ears to hear, let him hear.

Malachi 4

Final Admonition

Mal 4:1 ¶ For, behold, the day cometh, that shall burn as an oven; and all the proud, yea, and all that do wickedly, shall be stubble: and the day that cometh shall burn them up, saith the LORD of hosts, that it shall leave them neither root nor branch. (bad news)

2 But unto you that fear my name shall the Sun of righteousness(Jesus Christ) arise with healing in his wings; and ye shall go forth, and grow up as calves of the stall. (good news)

3 And ye shall tread down the wicked; for they shall be ashes under the soles of your feet in the day that I shall do this, saith the LORD of hosts.

4 ¶ Remember ye the law of Moses my servant, which I commanded unto him in Horeb for all Israel, with the statutes and judgments.

5 Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great (good news) and dreadful (bad news) day of the LORD:

6 And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers (good news), lest I come and smite the earth with a curse. (bad news)

Where we are at in the Lord will determine whether it is good news or bad news for us in the end.

Luke 1:17

Lu 1:17 And he shall go before him in the spirit and power of Elias, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just; to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.

Matthew 11:16-19

Mt 11:16 ¶ But whereunto shall I liken this generation? It is like unto children sitting in the markets, and calling unto their fellows,

17 And saying, We have piped unto you (given good news), and ye have not danced; we have mourned unto you (given the bad news), and ye have not lamented.

18 For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, He hath a devil.

19 The Son of man came eating and drinking, and they say, Behold a man gluttonous, and a winebibber, a friend of publicans and sinners. But wisdom is justified of her children. (By her deeds) 5043

Who's mentioned in Matt 11:16-19 and why?

John Baptist- he preached fire and brimstone for those who didn't repent

Which is bad news-like the bad news of someone dying in a funeral

Jesus Christ- He is the Husband and is coming to receive His bride.

Application: weddings and funerals are two events that have to go just right.

Wedding -If anyone were to get married and have a wedding, wouldn't you want everything to be perfect! You would want it to be a positively memorable event!

Ref. Matt 22:1-13 Mt 22:11 And when the king came in to see the guests, he saw there a man which had not on a wedding garment:

12 And he saith unto him, Friend, how camest thou in hither not

having a wedding garment? And he was speechless.

13 Then said the king to the servants, Bind him hand and foot, and take him away, and cast him into outer darkness; there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

Funeral-If you were mourning a loved one(your parents, your wife, your only child) at a funeral and some bozo's came and joked around, laughing and singing and showing disregard and disrespect. You'd be furious!

Luke

Lu 7:11 ¶ And it came to pass the day after, that he went into a city called Nain; and many of his disciples went with him, and much people.

12 Now when he came nigh to the gate of the city, behold, there was a dead man carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow: and much people of the city was with her.

13 And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her, and said unto her, Weep not.

14 And he came and touched the bier: and they that bare him stood still. And he said, Young man, I say unto thee, Arise.

15 And he that was dead sat up, and began to speak. And he delivered him to his mother.

16 And there came a fear on all: and they glorified God, saying, That a great prophet is risen up among us; and, That God hath visited his people.

17 And this rumour of him went forth throughout all Judaea, and throughout all the region round about.

18 And the disciples of John shewed him of all these things.

19 ¶ And John calling unto him two of his disciples sent them to

Jesus, saying, Art thou he that should come? or look we for another?

Wedding-I wanna be married I wanna sing at weddings I wanna dance at wedding receptions (Good news)

Burial-I don't want to be dead (spiritually) mourn at funerals (Good News)

**What leads a man to repentance? The Goodness of God(Good News)
Rom 2:1**

Godly Sorrow(Bad News) II Cor 7:10. It's not enough to be sorry but to repent because you are sorry.

Eg of those who were sorry but didn't repent

OT Esau Heb 12:16,17(14-17)

**NT Judas Matt 27:3 repented 3338 metamelomai regret not 3340
metaneuo repent**

**They are similar words regretting goes hand in hand with repenting
just like believing 4100 pisteuo goes hand in hand with faith 4102
pistis**

The Unrepenting Cities

**20 Then He began to denounce the cities in which most of His
miracles were done, because they did not repent.**

To Christians Good News .To non-Christians Bad News.

So what'll it be guys, do you want the Good news or the bad news?

Romans 1:16-19

**16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel(good news), for it is the power
of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also
to the Greek.**

**17 For in it *the* righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as
it is written, "But the righteous *man* shall live by faith."**

Unbelief and Its Consequences

18 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men who suppress the truth in unrighteousness (bad news), 19 because that which is known about God is evident within them; for God made it evident to them.

Rom 1:17 Righteousness of God

Rom 1:18 Wrath of God

This follows Rom 1:16

It's bad news to be ashamed of the Good News!

The good News of the Gospel and How to obey it I Cor 15:1-4; Rom 6:1-4

1Co 15:1 ¶ Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand;

2 By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain.

3 For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures;

4 And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:

Ro 6:1 ¶ What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound?

2 God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein?

3 Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death?

4 Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.