

Sermon Notes, Sunday Evening, January 17, 2010
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The Basis For All True Christian Beliefs
Bad News That Makes the Good News Good
(Romans 1:18-32)

I. The Bad News: Man's Depravity is Obvious (vv. 18-32)

A. God chose to Enlighten Man's Mind (vv. 19-20)

1. Through the Conscience (Rom 2:14-15)
2. Through the Creation (Psalm 19:1-3)

B. Man chose to Exchange God's Objectives (vv. 21-27)

1. Exchanged objects of their Worship (vv. 22-23; Psa 14:1; Jn 9:5)
2. Exchanged objects of their Beliefs (vv. 21, 25; Jn 3:19)
3. Exchanged objects of their Pleasures
(vv. 26-27; Lev 18:22; Lk 17:26-30; Ezek 16:49-50)

C. God chose to Execute His Wrath (v. 18; 2Pet 2:6-9)

1. Giving man over to Degraded Bodies (v. 24)
2. Giving man over to Detestable Relationships (vv. 26-27)
3. Giving man over to Depraved Minds (v. 28; Matt 22:37-39)
 - a. Results in Social Perversion (vv. 29-31)
 - b. Results in Spiritual Perversion (v. 32)

II. The Good News: God's Deliverance is Offered (v. 16)

A. God has Revealed His Existence to Man (v. 20)

B. God has Revealed His Judgment of Man (v. 18)

C. God has Revealed His Righteousness for Man (v. 17a)

1. Love willing to Redeem Mankind (Ephesians 1:7)
2. Love willing to Restore Mankind (1Jn 4:10; Isa 1:18)

D. God has Revealed His Terms to Man (v. 17b)

1. We must Believe Enough to Repent of Sin (Lk 13:3)
2. We must Believe Enough to Receive His Son (1Jn 5:11-12)