

can find new life and come to know God. Jesus said that He came into the world not to call the righteous but to call sinners. He is able to turn around anyone and make them new creations if they will call on the Lord Jesus and be saved.

The good news teaches that heaven is not a reward but a gift. The Bible says, 'The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.'

TODAY'S NEWS

What worries me about news in today's media is that those who are closest to it say that little of it is accurate. I once met an editor of a 'red-top' newspaper who told me that about 2% of what they published was actually true!

The gospel of Jesus really is true. God did come to our world; He was born in Bethlehem, lived in Nazareth, and went to Jerusalem to die for our sins. He really did rise from the dead. And, if you ask Him, He will forgive you and by His Spirit come to live in your life. He will give you the ability to follow

Him. He does promise heaven – though we deserve hell - to all whose sin is forgiven and have trusted Him as Lord and Saviour.

Will you do that today?

If you do, the good news is so great that there will be rejoicing in heaven over you, the one sinner who has turned from your old life and trusted Jesus.

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AND NOW FOR SOME GOOD NEWS



By Roger Carswell

On 18th April, 1930, the BBC decided there was no news to report. During what should have been the 6.30pm radio news bulletin, the BBC presenter announced: "Good evening. Today is Good Friday. There is no news." Someone, somewhere in the BBC had made a judgement that nothing newsworthy had happened. Piano music was played instead of the current affairs update.

Today, we could never imagine something like that happening. The news industry has grown into a multi-billion pound business. As well, we are blogging, texting and tweeting. The world is a busy place.

There never really can be no news. Somewhere a baby is being born, whilst someone else is doing something good ... or bad ... or even dying. There is always something to report.

FOR YOU, WHAT WOULD BE THE BEST NEWS?

- To win the lottery?
- To be given a clean bill of health?
- To find the perfect partner?
- To be able to start all over again?
- To be forgiven for all that is past?

THE GREATEST NEWS

The story of Jesus is called the 'gospel' which means 'good news'. When He was born 2,000 years ago, His birth was announced as being 'good tidings of great joy'. And every day without exception, Jesus' life, His death on a cross, and His rising again three days later has been the greatest news the world has ever known.

It is good news that God loves us. Jesus said that "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whoever believes in Him (Jesus) should not perish, but have everlasting life."

The good news is not about trying to do better, because we can never be good enough for God. Rather, it says that if we trust Jesus to forgive us, we can come to know God. The Bible makes clear that we can be saved by grace, through faith, and not of ourselves, it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast.

The good news points to the day when Jesus died carrying on Himself all our rebellion and wrong. The Bible says, 'God demonstrated His love toward us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.'

The good news reminds us that even the enemy, death, has been thoroughly beaten by Jesus who not only died and was buried, but rose again three days later. As the Bible says, 'Christ is risen from the dead.'

The good news says that anyone, whatever their background or sins,

