

Daily Devotion For September 7, 2022

“For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.” Romans 3:23

In Monday’s Prayer Focus I mentioned that Bob McIntyre was at CHOMP awaiting a room due to an obstructed bowel. When I saw Bob yesterday he told me that he had both good and bad news. The bad news was that Bob was to have immediate surgery to untangle the obstructed bowels. The good news was that the surgeon has been in practice for over 30 years, has performed countless procedures like Bob needs and that he considers Bob’s procedure routine.

When someone is going to deliver a difficult message, they’ll sometimes ask you: *Which do you want first, the good news or the bad news?* The word *gospel* comes from a Greek word that means *good news*. It was a technical term for a message of victory. But first, Paul delivers what some might consider bad news.

Paul explains in Romans 3:23 “that all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.” It makes no difference if you are Jewish or Gentile, devout, or irreligious. We are all sinners and without excuse. Paul further writes in Romans 6:23 that “the wages of sin is death,” or eternal separation from God in heaven. That is the bad news.

As bad as this news may be, the universality of sin opens the door for good news. On the night that Jesus was born, the angels proclaimed, “Behold I bring you GOOD NEWS of great joy that shall be for ALL the people, for unto you is born this day in the city of David, a SAVIOR who is Christ the Lord.” Luke 2:10

**Thought For Today:** The bad news is that our sinfulness means we are eternally separated from a Holy and Loving God. The good news is that we can receive forgiveness for our sins and righteousness through faith in Jesus Christ.

**Today’s Prayer Focus:** Thank God for the Good News of the Gospel found by faith in Jesus Christ. Continued prayers for Bob McIntyre. Deo Viente.