

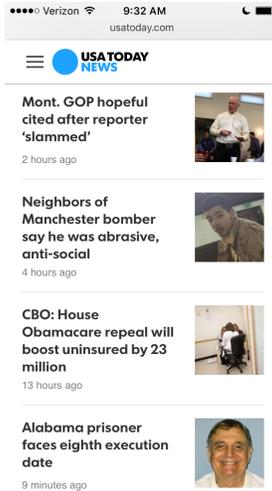
# Vintage: Changing Times. Changeless God.

## Week 1: Old News Is Good News

**Weekly Summary:** We are all desperate for good news, for something more than the temporary high of another text or last-second victory. We want what people used to call “gospel,” the kind of good news that goes on and on. That is exactly what Paul is offering to the Romans and to us in the introduction to his famous letter.



- ❖ “[Romans] is worthy not only that every Christian should know it word for word, by heart, but also that he should occupy himself with it every day..In [it] we find...law, gospel, sin punishment, grace, faith, righteousness, Christ, God, good works, love, hope, and the cross.”
  
- ❖ Romans 1:1 - Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle and set apart for the gospel of God -
  - ❖ Gospel = Euangelion = Evangelical = **Good News!**
  
- ❖ Romans 1:2 - the gospel he promised beforehand through his prophets in the Holy Scriptures



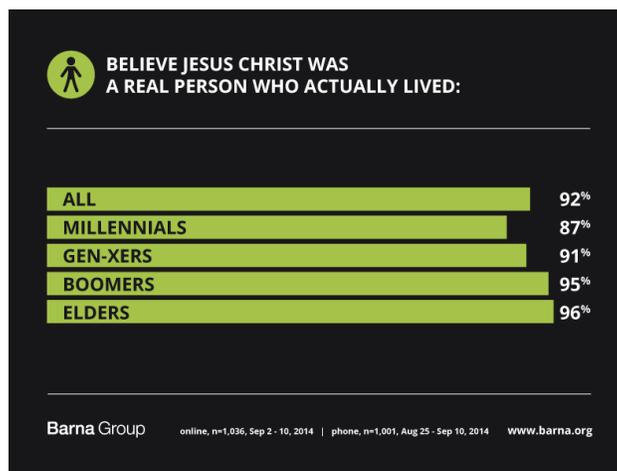
❖ Psalm 103 - "God does not treat us as our sins deserve."

Psalm 103 - "As far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us."

Zephaniah 3 - God will take great delight in you. He will rejoice over you with singing."

Jeremiah 31 - "I will forgive your wickedness and remember your sins no more."

❖ Romans 1:3-4 - regarding his Son, who as to his earthly life was a descendant of David, 4 and who through the Spirit of holiness was appointed the Son of God in power by his resurrection from the dead: Jesus Christ our Lord.



❖ Romans 1:5-7 - Through him we received grace and apostleship to call all the Gentiles to the obedience that comes from faith for his name's sake. 6 And you also are among those Gentiles who are called to belong to Jesus Christ. 7 To all in Rome who are loved by God and called to be his holy people: Grace and peace to you from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

❖ Grace = God loves you with no reason to.

❖ Obedience of Faith = Doing what God and I want.



❖ Big Idea: The Gospel is old and improved.

❖ Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=alSQpinagp0>

❖ Old News:

1. YouVersion

2. 922Church App

3. Summer in Romans

❖ Hymn #562 - I Love To Tell The Story

I love the tell the story  
Of unseen things above  
Of Jesus and his glory  
Of Jesus and his love  
I love to tell the story  
Because I know it's true  
It satisfies my longings  
As nothing else can do  
I love to tell the story  
'Twill be my theme in glory  
To tell the old, old story  
Of Jesus and his love

I love to tell the story  
For those who know it best  
Seem hungering and thirsting  
To hear it like the rest  
And when in scenes of glory  
I sing the new, new song  
'Twill be the old, old story  
That I have loved so long  
I love to tell the story  
'Twill be my theme in glory  
To tell the old, old story  
Of Jesus and his love

### **Points to Ponder**

1. Do a word search for "gospel" (on biblegateway.com). What "good news" did you find in God's Word?
2. How much time do you spend reading/listening to breaking news? How much time do you spend reading/listening to the old news of Scripture? How might God bless you if you prioritized daily time with his Word?
3. Which definition of grace do you prefer — "Undeserved love" or "God loves you without a reason to"? Explain your answer to a friend.

### **Homework For Next Week: Romans 1:1-17**

*"Knowing God is your single greatest privilege as a Christian."  
~ Sinclair Ferguson*

### **Worship Through Song at The CORE:**

1. "One Thing Remains" - by Kristian Stanfill
2. "Mighty To Save" - by Jeremy Camp
3. "Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)" - by Chris Tomlin
4. "Don't Ever Stop" - by Chris Tomlin