

# GOOD NEWS?

## Study Skill | Cross-References

This is the practice of finding and considering similar passages to the one being studied. The Bible interprets the Bible.

Many Bibles have a cross-reference column. This is a great place to start. Superscript letters are placed near words or phrases that link to similar passages throughout the Bible. The superscript letters refer to a center column that lists the verses you should look up.

Look up the following cross-references and make observations:

Isaiah 53:6

Romans 3:23

Psalms 145:15-16

Colossians 2:13-15

How do these verses add to your understanding?

## GENESIS 1:26-28

26 Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

27 So God created man in his own image,  
in the image of God he created him;  
male and female he created them.

28 And God blessed them. And God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth."

## EPHESIANS 2:1-10

1 And you were dead in the trespasses and sins 2 in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— 3 among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body[a] and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. 4 But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, 5 even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you

### **Discussion Questions:**

What do we learn from these passages about humanity?

What do these verses say about our ability to live how God has designed us to?

How do I pursue my passions and pleasures rather than living for the Lord?

What good news we see in these verses?

### **For further reflection:**

How are you prompted to respond to these passages?

Read and Discuss: **Isaiah 53**

have been saved— 6 and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, 7 so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. 8 For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, 9 not a result of works, so that no one may boast. 10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

## TITUS 3:3-7

3 For we ourselves were once foolish, disobedient, led astray, slaves to various passions and pleasures, passing our days in malice and envy, hated by others and hating one another. 4 But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, 5 he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, 6 whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, 7 so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.