

Gospel Identity

“Stories”

Top layer → Being told around us - EXTERNAL

Deeper layer → Being told by us - INTERNAL

**Deepest layer → Being told by God over us -
ETERNAL**

Bad News | Good News

(worse than you know) | (greater than you ever
imagined)

Bad News

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Ephesians 2:1-3

Bad News

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- The devil

- The world ~

Your spiritual
condition

- Your flesh
(sin)

Bad News - Satan

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Bad News

“The greatest trick the Devil ever pulled was
convincing the world he didn't exist”
—Charles Baudelaire

Bad News

You are of your father the devil, and your will is to do your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks out of his own character, for he is a liar and the father of lies.

- John 8:44

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But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

Ephesians 2:4-7

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But God, did something about our spiritual
condition (DEAD)

PAST

PRESENT

FUTURE

Good news - Our past!

But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, **even when we were dead in our trespasses**, made us alive together with Christ! (v5)

Good news - Our past!

For by grace you have been saved through faith.
And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of
God, not a result of works, so that no one may
boast.

Ephesians 2:8

Good news - Our past!

For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—
though perhaps for a good person one would dare
even to die— but God shows his love for us **in that**
while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Romans 5:7,8

Good news - Our past!

For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith

Philippians 3:8b,9a

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Ephesians 2:4-6

Good news - our present position!

I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

I do not nullify the grace of God, for if righteousness were through the law, then Christ died for no purpose.

Galatians 2:21

Good news - Our future!

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Ephesians 2:4-7

Good news - Our future!

For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

Ephesians 2:10

Good news - Our future!

Cleanse out the old leaven that you may be a new lump,
as you really are unleavened. For Christ, our Passover
lamb, has been sacrificed.

1 Corinthians 5:7