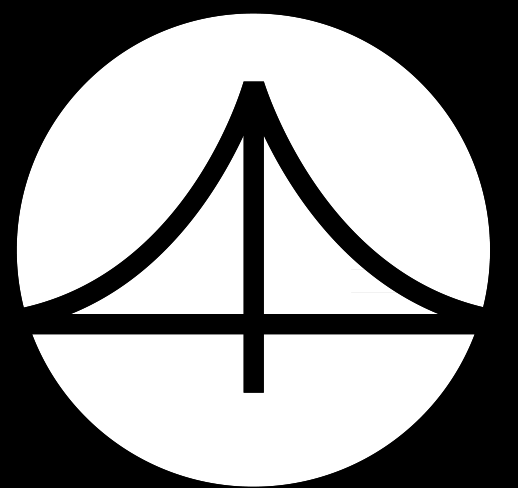


Ephesians: Bad News, Good News

Ephesians 2:1-10



**God saves us from ourselves so we can
live for Him**

- **Bad News**
- **Good News**
- **So What**

Bad News

- The state of humanity apart from God: dead
- Spiritually dead people follow the world
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“In the New Testament the devil is not presented as the problem for which we need a solution. Our own sin and this evil age are. Moreover, to overemphasize the devil is to underemphasize Christ. In effect, this would-be ruler does not deserve our attention—a threat yes, but a minor player... Paul does see a threat here, but he is more concerned that people have aligned with the ruler of this world than that they will be overpowered by him.”

- Klyne Snodgrass

Bad News

- The state of humanity apart from God: dead
- Spiritually dead people follow the world
- Spiritually dead people follow Satan
- Properly diagnosing the problem is the only hope of finding a proper solution
- Properly diagnosing the problem gives clarity on what it means to be a Christian

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Good News

- God rescues us because He loves us
- God saves us so He can show off His kindness and goodness throughout eternity
- The whole process - the grace that saves and the faith that receives grace - is a gift from God
- There is no room for boasting

Ephesians 2:1-10

So What?

- God puts us on a new path for life
- God saving us for good works means our faith is meant to be shared publicly
- God saving us for good works means we'll seek to bring reconciliation in broken relationships

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