

For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures, 1 Corinthians 15:3-4

The Gospel is the good news of Jesus' death, burial, and resurrection.

1. We didn't need the good news because all was good.

Then God saw everything that He had made, and indeed it was very good. So the evening and the morning were the sixth day. Genesis 1:31

2. Disobedience led to domination.

For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." Genesis 3:5

Serpents offer: Reject God as the final authority. Redefine what is good and evil.

We progress externally but regress internally.

Sin is an infectious disease.

If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin lies at the door. And its desire is for you, but you should rule over it." Genesis 4:7

But those things which proceed out of the mouth come from the heart, and they defile a man. For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies. Matthew 15:18-19

Sin is like gravity which pulls everything down.

The law shows us how bad we are but it's powerless to fix us.

3. Serpent wounds the heel that crushes him.

And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel." Genesis 3:15

"Enemy-occupied territory---that is what this world is. Christianity is the story of how the rightful king has landed, you might say landed in disguise, and is calling us to take part in a great campaign of sabotage." - C.S. Lewis, Mere Christianity

Jesus paid the penalty for our sins.

But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement for our peace was upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed. Isaiah 53:5

So when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, "It is finished!" And bowing His head, He gave up His spirit. John 19:30

Jesus crushed the head of the snake.





Inasmuch then as the children have partaken of flesh and blood, He Himself likewise shared in the same, that through death He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil, Hebrews 2:14

Having disarmed principalities and powers, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it. Colossians 2:15

