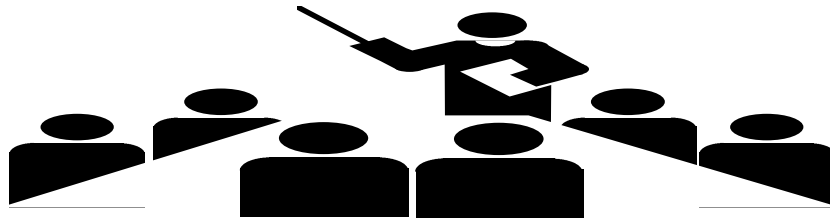


# EVANGELISM SEMINAR



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**Topic:**  
**“The Good News, Bad News, Good News”**

# Evangelism Workshop

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## The Good News, Bad News, Good News<sup>1</sup>

**Proposition:** The Gospel is the good news of what God has done through Jesus Christ to restore humanity to its original state. It reveals the mystery that had been hidden from the foundation of the world. Therefore, it must begin with the good news of God's love through creation. It must include the bad news of humanity's fall and its terrible effects. But it must stress the good news of how Christ's incarnation, sacrificial death, resurrection, and intercession, restore to humanity all that was previously lost.

**I. The Good News:** God created us in His image that we might love and enjoy Him forever. This means that **originally**, humanity was created with the following:

- A. **Spiritual Life:** we were created *spiritually alive*
- B. **Moral consciousness:** we were created with *a sense of right and wrong* consistent with God's will
- C. **Original righteousness:** we were created with *a propensity to do right*
- D. **A Relationship with God:** we were created with *the capacity for divine fellowship and intimacy*
- E. **Immortality:** we were created with bodies that were intended to *live forever*
- F. **Paradise:** we were created and placed into a perfect environment, *the Garden of Eden*

**II. The Bad News:** Through sin our original state was lost and the image of God in us was marred. This means that **consequently**, we are all born into the following:

- A. **Spiritual death:** we are born *spiritually dead* [Psalm 51:5; Ephesians 2:1]
- B. **Moral depravity:** we are born with *a warped sense of right & wrong* [Prove. 14:12; 16:25; Eph. 4:17-18]
- C. **Original sin:** we are born with *a propensity to do what is wrong* [Romans 7:14-24; Eph. 2:2-4; 4:19]
- D. **Alienation from God:** we are born with *no capacity for divine fellowship or intimacy* [Ephesians 4:18]
- E. **Mortality:** we are born with bodies that are *certain to die* [Hebrews 9:27]
- F. **A sinful world:** we are born into *a world of sickness, sorrow, pain, & death* [Job 14:1-2; Ecc. 2:23; Jn. 16:33]

**III. The Good News:** Through Christ our original state and God's image in us can be restored. This means that **ultimately**, Jesus Christ can restore us to the following:

- A. **Spiritual life** by giving us *a spiritual rebirth* [John 1:12, 13; 3:3-8; 1 Peter 1:23]
- B. **Moral consciousness** by *the indwelling Holy Spirit* [John 14:15-18, 25-26; 16: 7-15]
- C. **A Propensity to do right** by giving us *a new nature* [2 Peter 1:3-4; 1 John 3:9]
- D. **A Relationship with God** by *forgiving & cleansing us* [Psalm 32:1-5; Isaiah 1:18; Col. 1:13-14; 1 John 1:9]
- E. **Immortality** by giving us *eternal life* [John 3:16; 6:39-40; 11:25-26; 1 John 5:11-12]
- F. **Paradise** by taking us to *heaven* with Him. [John 14:1-3; 1 Peter 1:3-5]

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<sup>1</sup> Robert G. Tuttle, *Sanctity without Starch: A Lay Person's Guide to a Wesleyan Theology of Grace* (Anderson, IN: Bristol Books, 1992), pp. 17-116.

