

Spiritual Poverty

Ephesians 2:2 - Message

Before we were saved,
our behavior revealed
that we were under the
influence of the world and
the devil.

This should transform our
perspective on:

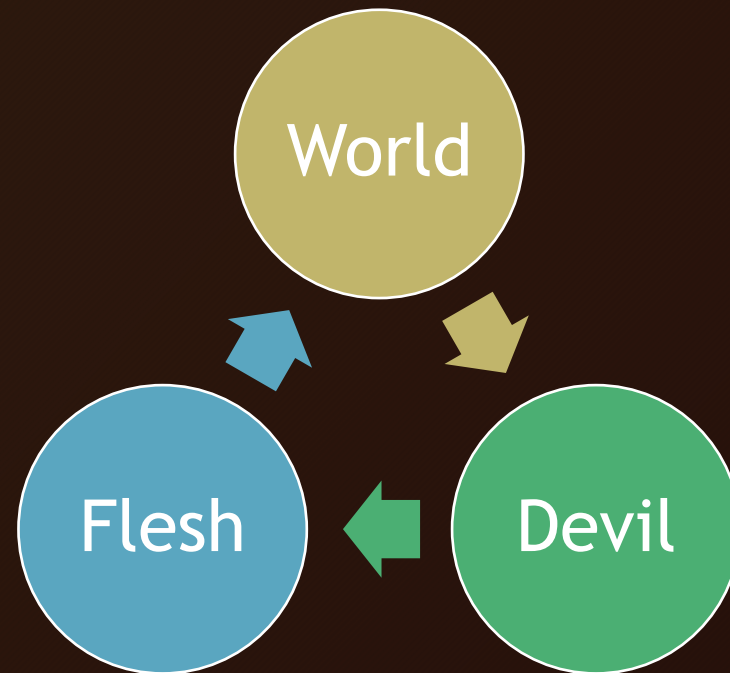
- “The people out there”
- “The people in here”

Our individual status has changed (Eph 2:1-10)

By our walk, we proved that we were spiritually dead (1-3)

- ✓ Our former status was spiritual death (2:1)
- ✓ Our former behavior exposed our spiritual death (2:2-3a)
- ✓ Our former spiritual destiny was to receive wrath (2:3b)

Ungodly influences before we were saved



“Walk”



- “Way of life”
- Daily habit
- Occurs within a “sphere”
 - Ex: “*in Galilee*”; “*in God’s ways*”; “*in trespasses and sins*”
- Walking in Sin:
 - Active in sin
 - Sin was your way of life
 - Sin was your pattern of behavior

Ungodly influences before salvation...

- I. Our former way of life was influenced by the world

Ephesians 2:2

“So both words ‘age’ and
‘world’ express a whole
social value-system which is
alien to God”

Ungodly influences before salvation...

- I. Our former way of life was influenced by the world
- II. Our former way of life was influenced by Satan

“the ruler of this world” (Jn 12:31; 14:30; 16:11)

“the god of this world” who *“has blinded the minds of the unbelieving, that they might not see the light of the gospel”*
(2 Cor 4:4)

If you're not that
bad, then the
gospel is not that
good.