

Evangelism Definition

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“walked according to this worldly age” (2:2)	“raised us up with Him” (2:6)
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“by nature we were children under wrath” (2:3)	“display the immeasurable riches of His grace in [His] kindness to us in Christ Jesus” (2:7)

Figure 1.3: Humanity in Sin and in Christ

OUR FALLEN STATE WITHOUT JESUS

OUR REDEEMED STATE WITH JESUS

Notice above our fallen state with our redeemed one (figure 1.3):

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Ephesians 2:1-7 and a definition is: **Evangelism is the activity of speaking to the dead.** We have conversations with those who are spiritually dead to the gospel and are not forgiven yet through Jesus’ work on the cross and the power of the resurrection.

We live in a fallen or sinful state without hope. The gospel brings hope (see Col. 1:23).

There is power in the gospel (Ro.1:16). We cultivate conversations where we live, work and play.

Who do you know that is dead in their sins today where you live, work and play?

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