

Sunday, January 15, 2023

## Narrative

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### True Story

Intro Series.

*“Christian maturity is the process of removing my lenses of how I see God and life and replacing them with biblical lenses.”*

We all have a world view.

A worldview is a collection of attitudes, values, stories and expectations about the world around us, which inform our every thought and action.

### **What’s your worldview?**

Throughout this series our goal is to identify competing narratives to the “One true story” so that we may have a biblical worldview.

Please turn to Genesis 3:1-7, found on page 2 in the Pew Bibles.

### **The fall**

#### Competing Narratives

1. Lower God
2. Exalting man

The serpent told a story that represented his aims or values.

-Narrative; a spoken or written account of connected events; a story.

-Narrative; a representation of a particular situation or process in such a way as to reflect or conform to an overarching set of aims or values.

Is there a narrative that reflects and conforms to truth that sets aims or values in line with reality? Yes, it’s the one **True Story→ God**

**Unique to God (Incommutable)-Creator (ex Nihilo) , Infinite, Unchanging (immutable), Eternal, Triune, Self-sufficient, Omniscient (all knowing), Omnipotent (all powerful), Omnipresent (all present), & Sovereign.**

## **Reflective Attributes (commutable)-Good, Just, Righteous, Merciful, Gracious, Loving, Holy, Jealous, Wise, Truthful, Faithful**

### **True Story → Man**

#### **Read Gen. 3:7-13**

**-Covering themselves**

**-Shame**

**-Blame**

#### **Original sin**

**Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me.**

#### **Psalm 51:5**

*Original Sin-(David) was acknowledging the human condition of fallenness—that condition that was part of the experience of his parents, a condition that he himself brought into this world. Therefore, original sin has to do with the fallen nature of mankind. The idea is that we are not sinners because we sin, but that we sin because we are sinners.<sup>1</sup> RC Sproul*

As it is written: “None is righteous, no, not one; no one understands; no one seeks for God. All have turned aside; together they have become worthless; no one does good, not even one.” Romans 3:10-12

#### **(Mirror)**

This is the true story... And it's so hard to hear because we know it. We don't want to face it... It's not good news. Pelagianism: Man is good. Semi-Pelagianism; basically good

This belief is like Adam and Eve looking to leaves to cover themselves rather than looking to God for forgiveness!

-Self-help, success, etc

Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death?

Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! Romans 7:24-5a

#### **GOSPEL!**

#### **True Story**

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.ligonier.org/learn/articles/tulip-and-reformed-theology-total-depravity>

**1. Exalts God**

**2. Man Needs God**

But by the grace of God I am what I am, 1 Corinthians 15:10

Communion