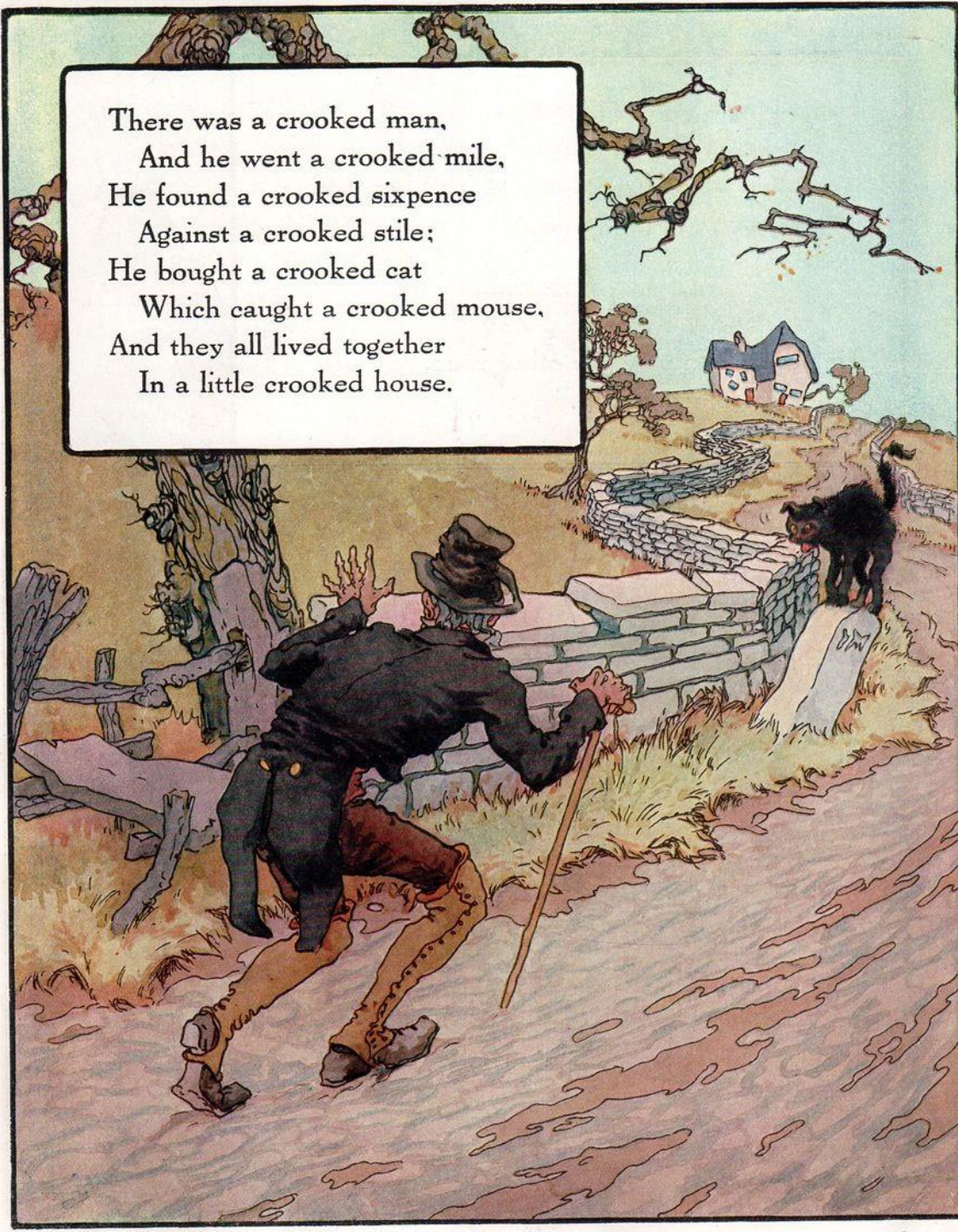


There was a crooked man,
And he went a crooked mile,
He found a crooked sixpence
Against a crooked stile;
He bought a crooked cat
Which caught a crooked mouse,
And they all lived together
In a little crooked house.



Immanuel Kant

**“Out of the crooked timber of humanity,
no straight thing was ever made.”**

6 Sinful Desserts



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**The Best News
Begins with Bad News**

(Ephesians 2:1-6)

The Best News in the World, No. 1

Ephesians 2:1 (NIV)

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The Bad News

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- 2.**
- 3.**

Ephesians 2:1 (NIV)

**“As for you,
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Ephesians 2:1-2 (NIV)

**“As for you, you were dead
in your transgressions and sins,
²in which you used to live when you
followed the ways of this world and of the
ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit
who is now at work in those who are
disobedient.”**

The Bad News

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- 2. Disobedient (Ephesians 2:2)**
- 3.**

Evangelical Convictions by EFCA

**“We human beings are a mystery to ourselves.
We are rational and irrational,
civilized and savage,
capable of deep friendship and murderous
hostility,
free and in bondage,
the pinnacle of creation and its greatest danger.**



Evangelical Convictions by EFCA

**We are Rembrandt and Hitler,
Mozart and Stalin,...
Ruth and Jezebel.”**

Abraham

**“I am nothing but dust and ashes”
(Genesis 18:27).**



Job

**“I am unworthy”
(Job 40:4).**

King David

**“Surely I was sinful at birth,
sinful from the time my mother
conceived me”
(Psalm 51:5).**

Isaiah

“Woe to me!” I cried.

“I am ruined!

**For I am a man of unclean lips,
and I live among a people of unclean lips”
(Isaiah 6:5).**

Peter

**“Simon Peter...fell at Jesus’ knees
and said,
‘Go away from me, Lord;
I am a sinful man!’”
(Luke 5:8).**

Paul

**“Here is a trustworthy saying
that deserves full acceptance:
Christ Jesus came into the world
to save sinners—of whom I am the worst”
(1 Timothy 1:15).**

Chinese Proverb

**“There are two good men...one is dead
and the other is not yet born.”**

Ephesians 2:3 (NIV)

“All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our sinful nature and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature objects of wrath.”

The Bad News

- 1. Dead (Ephesians 2:1)**
- 2. Disobedient (Ephesians 2:2)**
- 3. Doomed (Ephesians 2:3)**

Ephesians 2:4-5 (NIV)

**“But because of his great love for us,
God, who is rich in mercy,
⁵ made us alive with Christ
even when we were dead
in transgressions—
it is by grace you have been saved.**

Ephesians 2:6 (NIV)

**“And God raised us up with Christ
and seated us with him
in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus.”**

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Presentation

Bad News

- **Everyone is sinful.**
- **The penalty of sin is death.**

Good News

- **Jesus Christ died to pay for your sin.**
- **You must trust Jesus Christ.**



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