

The Fall

Brandy - Genesis 3:1-24 (ESV)

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God actually say, ‘You shall not eat of any tree in the garden?’”

Crafty – subtle, skilled in deceit

Luke 10:17-18 (ESV)

The seventy-two returned with joy, saying, “Lord, even the demons are subject to us in your name!”¹⁸ And he said to them, “I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven.”

Revelation 12:7-12 (ESV)

Now war arose in heaven, Michael and his angels fighting against the dragon. And the dragon and his angels fought back,⁸ but he was defeated, and there was no longer any place for them in heaven.⁹ And the great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.

Revelation 20:1-3 (ESV)

Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, holding in his hand the key to the bottomless pit and a great chain.² And he seized the dragon, that ancient serpent, who is the devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years,³ and threw him into the pit, and shut it and sealed it over him, so that he might not deceive the nations any longer, until the thousand years were ended. After that he must be released for a little while.

2 Corinthians 11:1-3 (ESV)

I wish you would bear with me in a little foolishness. Do bear with me!² For I feel a divine jealousy for you, since I betrothed you to one husband, to present you as a pure virgin to Christ.³ But I am afraid that as the serpent deceived Eve by his cunning, your thoughts will be led astray from a sincere and pure devotion to Christ.

- Why did the serpent pick on Eve?

1 Peter 3:7 (ESV)

Likewise, husbands, live with your wives in an understanding way, showing honor to the woman as the weaker vessel, since they are heirs with you of the grace of life, so that your prayers may not be hindered.

- How was Eve formed? Why?
- How was Christ’s bride formed?
- Weaker physically by design – body
 - Illus: Olympics, NFL, NBA, LPGA, the brain
- Weaker in susceptibility to temptation
- Needs covering by design – protection
- Husbands protect your wives and wives live under your husband’s protection from the deceiver.

Genesis 3:2-3 (ESV)

And the woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden,³ but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.’”

Genesis 2:16-17 (ESV)

And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, “You may surely eat of every tree of the garden,¹⁷ but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.”

- Was the tree of the knowledge of good and evil the only tree in the middle of the garden?
- Did God say not to touch it?
- We must be careful with God’s Word!
 - We must share it with careful accuracy.
 - We must receive it as the Bereans did.
 - We must hand it down accurately!
- Jesus modeled how to overcome the serpent.

Genesis 3:4-5 (ESV)

But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die.⁵ For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”

- The deceiver is also the father of lies!
- He uses God’s Truth to deceive.
- They were already like God created in His Image.
- It is so important that you know your identity!
- Why did God **not** want us to have the knowledge of evil?

Genesis 3:6 (ESV)

So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate.

- Now she is willing to look and consider eating it.
- Be care what you look at!
 - Illustration: Eastern market owners
- It might taste good and was a pleasure to look at.
- Be careful! Temptation always appears delicious.
- It always promises things it can’t deliver – wisdom.
- Part of the enemies plan is to get to Adam through his wife.
- We never want to sin alone.
- He was right there & did & said nothing. Why?
- He gave in to peer pressure.

Genesis 3:7 (ESV)

Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.

- What were their eyes opened to?
 - To what they had done.
 - To their consequences – shame and guilt!
 - To what they had lost.
- They knew they were naked!

2 Corinthians 5:1-10 (ESV)

For we know that if the tent that is our earthly home is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.² For in this tent we groan, longing to put on our heavenly dwelling,³ if indeed by putting it on we may not be found naked.⁴ For while we are still in this tent, we groan, being burdened—not that we would be unclothed, but that we would be further clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life.⁵ He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee.⁶ So we are always of good courage. We know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord,⁷ for we walk by faith, not by sight.⁸ Yes, we are of good courage, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord.⁹ So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him.¹⁰ For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil.

- They sowed fig leaves together? Why?
- Did it cover their guilt and shame?
 - How do you try to cover your sin?

Genesis 3:8 (ESV)

And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden.

- Man walked with God in paradise!
- Why did they hide from God?
 - Sin makes us afraid of light!
 - Are you hiding?
 - Walk in the light – confession & repentance

1 John 1:5-10 (ESV)

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.⁶ If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth.⁷ But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.⁸ If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.⁹ If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.¹⁰ If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

Genesis 3:9-10 (ESV)

But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, “Where are you?”¹⁰ And he said, “I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself.”

- Did God not know where Adam was?
- Why does God call Adam?

Communion - Romans 5:12-21 (ESV)

Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned—¹³ for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law.¹⁴ Yet death

reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come. ¹⁵ But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many. ¹⁶ And the free gift is not like the result of that one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brought justification. ¹⁷ For if, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ. ¹⁸ Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. ¹⁹ For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous. ²⁰ Now the law came in to increase the trespass, but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more, ²¹ so that, as sin reigned in death, grace also might reign through righteousness leading to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Invitation

Prayer