

The Fall of Mankind

Genesis 3

Read Genesis 3:1-6.

The serpent tempted Eve to sin.

- Describe the steps that the serpent took in tempting Eve to disobey God.
- Give examples of how the meaning of God's Word is twisted today?

Principle: God's Word is true and good.

Read Genesis 3:7-19.

After Adam and Eve disobeyed God, He explained the consequences of sin.

- What were the consequences of sin for the serpent, Adam and Eve?
- Will you be honest with God, admit your sin and ask His forgiveness?

Principle: Sin brings death.

Read Genesis 3:20-24.

Adam and Eve are sent from Eden with hope.

- How did God cover Adam and Eve?
- What attribute of God from Genesis 3 means the most to you?

Principle: Sin requires a Savior.

Review Genesis 3.

- How does Genesis 3 help you understand the difference between right and wrong?

Main truth: Sin brought death and God's promise of a Savior.

Scripture Memory Verse

“So the LORD God said to the serpent, ‘Because you have done this ... I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel.’ ” – Genesis 3:14-15

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Exploring the Christian Faith

An Attribute of God

from this week's passage

Holy

God is high and lifted up. He is set apart from His creation. Our English word “holy” is from the same root word as “whole.” God is whole – perfect in goodness and righteousness. No one is like God. Even God’s holy angels tremble in reverent worship before Him. God sets apart His children for Himself and commands us to be holy as He is holy. Being holy makes you whole – what God intended you to be.

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A Basic Truth of the Christian Faith

What is sin?

Sin is everything in thought, word and deed that is contrary to the will of God.¹ Sin is failure to love God, or to love things more than God. It is sinful to lie, cheat and steal or disobey our parents.² Sin is a condition every person inherits from Adam.³ Apart from Christ, all people are slaves to sin and Satan, living to please only themselves.⁴

Leviticus 5:17¹; Exodus 20:1-17²; Romans 5:12, 19³; John 8:34⁴

Think About It

How can God call what we do sin?

Sin is a serious matter. Because we are born as sinners, we naturally break God’s Word, separating us from Him. Obeying God brings goodness, but breaking God’s commands brings destruction. Sin hurts us and everyone and everything around us. That is serious! We cannot even understand what is good apart from God.

If we are born as sinners, how can God hold us responsible for our sin?

Adam and Eve were created with the ability to obey God, but they did not. As a result, we are born with a sinful nature. We are responsible for our own sin because we deliberately choose to ignore and disobey God. We enjoy choosing our own way rather than God’s. We each are personally guilty before the Holy God. God is just in judging each individual for their own sin.

Are all people who do not trust Christ really slaves to sin?

All people who do not trust Christ are slaves to sin, like prisoners who cannot free themselves from jail. Although people who do not trust Christ may look good on the outside, everyone is selfish and sinful on the inside. Even in the good things they do, they are unable to please God and stop sinning. They are so gripped by sin that they cannot make themselves better, but only worse. Only Christ can save us from slavery to sin.

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