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Genesis: The Epic Story of Beginnings

Lesson Ten • Genesis 3:8-15

Paradise Lost: God's Grace in the Fall

Our Sin and God's Grace

Our sin is APPALLING but God's grace is AMAZING.

*To the praise of His glorious grace, which He has freely given us in the One He loves.
In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins,
in accordance with the riches of God's grace. Ephesians 1:6-7 NIV*

Paradise Lost: God's Grace in the Fall of Adam & Eve

1. God Graciously SEEKS Sinners Like Us!

Guilty Sinners Hide

Adam and Eve HEARD the sound of God in the Garden and then tried to HIDE from the presence of God.

And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. Genesis 3:8

A Gracious God Seeks

God SOUGHT and FOUND Adam and Eve hiding in the Garden.

*Then the Lord God called to Adam and said to him, "Where are you?"
So he said, "I heard Your voice in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; and I hid myself." Genesis 3:9-10*

2. God Graciously CONFRONTS Sinners Like Us!

The Questions of a Gracious God

God confronted Adam and Eve with questions about their sin to give them opportunity to CONFESS their sin.

And He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you that you should not eat?" Genesis 3:11

The Futile Excuses of Guilty Sinners

Adam and Eve shifted BLAME instead of taking responsibility for their sin.

*Then the man said, "The woman whom You gave to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I ate." And the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?"
The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate." Genesis 3:12-13*

3. God Graciously RECONCILES Sinners Like Us!

Fallout from the Fall

Sin always results in SEPARATION from God and others, but God offers reconciliation in the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

The Hope of Reconciliation

- God CURSED the serpent to crawl on its belly and eat dust.

So the Lord God said to the serpent: "Because you have done this, you are cursed more than all cattle, and more than every beast of the field; on your belly you shall go, and you shall eat dust all the days of your life." Genesis 3:14

- God CONQUERED Satan through Christ's victory on the Cross.

"And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel." Genesis 3:15

The Question Remains: "Where are you?"

Are you hiding, afraid of God, because of sin in your life?
God is seeking you to save you from the judgment your sin deserves through the forgiveness of sins in Jesus Christ.

*For He has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son He loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.
Colossians 1:13-14 NIV*

COMMUNION

Remembering God's Grace in Jesus Christ on the Cross

Followers of Jesus Christ (those who trust Christ for salvation and identify with Christ in baptism) are invited to participate in Communion located at the four tables in the auditorium. You may take the bread and cup back to your seat. The bread and juice represent the body and blood of Jesus when He died on the Cross and reminds us who our Lord is, what He has done for us, is doing for us, and will yet do for us when He returns. Come, Lord Jesus, come!