

YOUR SIN MATTERS

Series: Theology for Everyone

Key passage

"Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God really say, 'You must not eat from any tree in the garden?'" The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, but God did say, 'You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.'" "You will not certainly die," the serpent said to the woman. "For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it.

GENESIS 3:1-6 (RVR1960)

1. WE ALL HAVE A PROBLEM Romans

3:23 says:

"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. 2. THE PROBLEM OF SIN IS MORE DEEPER THAN OUR BEHAVIOR

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3. OFTEN SIN IS A LEGITIMATE NEED SOUGHT IN THE WRONG WAY

"Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praises." JAMES 5:13 (RVR1960)

4. That is why the world has tried to solve the problem of sin in many ways.

5. Genesis 3 shows us what sin produces.

1. They hid

2. THEY STARTED TO BLAME

6. JESUS DID NOT COME TO MAKE US BETTER; HE CAME TO MAKE US NEW

Romans 5:17 says:

"For if, by the transgression of the one man, death reigned through that one man, how much more will those who receive God's abundant provision of grace and of the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ!"

Romans 5:17 (NIV)

7. Grace does not mean that sin does not matter.

8. JESUS NOT ONLY FORGIVES YOU; HE ALSO GIVES YOU A NEW LIFE

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

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— 2 Corinthians 5:17

9. SO WHAT DO WE DO WHEN WE ARE TEMPTED?

1 Corinthians 10:13 says:

"No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it."

1 Corinthians 10:13 (RVR1960)

10. ASK YOURSELF: WHAT AM I REALLY LOOKING FOR?

Hebrews 4:15-16 "

For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Hebrews 4:15-16 (RVR1960)

"For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their lawless deeds I will remember no more."

Hebrews 8:12 (RVR1960)