

The Consequences of Adam's Sin and the Glory of Jesus Christ

Genesis 2:16-17; 3:11-24

Romans 5:12-21

Isaiah 53:1-12



Pressing Forward into 2022

- Are we pursuing our goals?
 - Philip 3:12-14
- What are we doing to pursue our goals? - Philippians 2:12-13; 2 Peter 1:10-11
 - Catechism Questions and Meditation
 - Scripture Memorization and Meditation

Where we are going in 2022

What We Learnt Last Week?

- The Great mystery of Adam, Christ, Eve, and the Church
- God unfolds His eternal purpose through pictures - Adam is a picture of Christ, Eve is a picture of the Church. - Romans 5:14; Ephesians 5:22-33

What is the connection between Creation and the Gospel?

- Creation is the stage for the unfolding of God's eternal purpose. For God to carry out His eternal purpose it was necessary that He would create the earth to be inhabited by people - Isaiah 45:12, 18; Isaiah 42:5; Jeremiah 10:12; Psalm 115:16
- Sin, Grace and the Promise of the Messiah is seen in creation through the fall of the first created man and the unfolding of God's redemption plan -Genesis 3:6, 15, 21; Romans 5:12, 15; Ephesians 1:7

The Commandment of God and the Penalty of Disobedience

Refer to Genesis 2:16-17 - '...you shall surely die'

- Man died: spiritual death and SEPARATION from God (God created us to be in an intimate relationship with Him) - Matthew 27:45-46; Psalm 22; Isaiah 59:1-3; Lamentations 1:8; Micah 3:4; Ezekiel 39:23
- Man's mind, heart (affections and emotions) and will became corrupted and twisted. Man was created to glorify God and enjoy Him forever but because of the fall man became unwilling, unsuited and incapable of doing this. Ephesians 2:1-5; 4:18; Colossians 2:13

Refer to Romans 1:18-32 - 'the wrath of God revealed against unrighteousness'

- We became futile (useless, purposeless, worthless, ineffective) in our thoughts - v. 21
 - Our foolish hearts were darkened - v.21
 - Professing to be wise, we became fools - v.22
 - We changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man - v.23
 - God gave us up to uncleanness in the lusts of our hearts - v.24
 - We exchanged the truth of God for a lie - v.25
 - We worshipped and served the creature instead of the Creator, who is blessed forever - v.25
 - God gave us up to a debased (depraved, reprobate, corrupt, worthless) mind, to do those things which are unfitting and unnatural - v. 28
 - Being filled with all unrighteousness - v.29
- ★ But through the Grace of God revealed through Jesus Christ, we can now have a relationship with God - Romans 6:23, Romans 5:10-11, 2 Corinthians 5:18, Colossians 1:20, Ephesians 2:4-5

Genesis 3:11-24 - Observe and consider how God reacts to the first sin! We see the wrath and mercy of God.

- v.15 - The curse of the serpent and the first prophecy of the coming of the Messiah (this is God's eternal plan revealed).
- v.16 - The woman is cursed: She shall have pain and difficulty in childbirth. Strive and competition between men and women for control and dominance.
- v. 17-18 - Because of Adam's sin, the ground is cursed and it shall bring forth thorns and thistles. The rest of creation also suffers because of man's sin - Romans 8:19-22
- v. 19 - A picture of suffering, hardship and misery for man while on this cursed earth.
- v. 19 - The curse of physical death for all humanity.

Why did God proclaim this judgment on man and the rest of creation?

- To answer this question, we must know and understand who God is and what sin is:
 - **God is the Creator** - This is His world and He chooses to do as He pleases - Daniel 4:35; Isaiah 46:9-10; Psalm 115:3
 - **God is the Lawgiver** - Isaiah 33:22. As Lawgiver He has commanded us to keep the first commandment- Deuteronomy 6:5; Matthew 22:37
 - **Sin is Lawlessness** - 1 John 3:4
 - **God is Holy** - Isaiah 6:3; 1 John 1:5; Hab 1:13; James 1:13; Psalm 5:4

- **God is Righteous** - Psalm 11:7; Deuteronomy 32:4; Psalm 92:15
- **God is Just** - Isaiah 61:8; Isaiah 33:22
- **God is King and His word is Law** (He has exalted His word above all His name) - Psalm 138:2; Psalm 56:4,10; Isaiah 42:21; Matthew 5:18; Matthew 24:35
- **The wages of sin is death** - Romans 6:23; Genesis 2:17; Proverbs 11:19; Ezekiel 18:4; Romans 1:32
- A Holy, Righteous and Just King must punish lawless people
- ★ Therefore, God must punish sin because sin is lawlessness
- We learn from God's punishment of sin that God is serious about His commandments
- We learn from God's punishment of sin that sin is a great evil done against an infinitely Holy, Glorious and Gracious God - Psalm 51:3-4
- Sin is not a light issue in God's eyes, God is not like us - Psalm 50:16-21

The Mercy of God in the First Sin

Genesis 3:21 - Also for Adam and his wife the Lord God made tunics of skin, and clothed them - previously Adam and his wife had covered themselves with fig leaves, but this could not cover them completely. God in His love killed an animal and clothed them with its skin, to provide a stronger and complete covering for them. A picture of God covering His people with the righteousness of His Son - Isaiah 61:10; Luke 15:21-22.

- v. 22 - God's grace and mercy is seen here. God did not want man to live forever in his cursed and depraved state, so God drove man out of the garden lest man eats of the tree of life. The tree of life shall be in the new heavens and new earth, its leaves shall be for healing the nations - Revelation 22:2

The promise of the Messiah, the Second Adam and His Great Accomplishments - Romans 5:12-21

- v.12 - Sin and death entered the world through one man. When Adam sinned, we all sinned because he was our REPRESENTATIVE (FEDERAL HEAD).
- v.13 - Until the law was given sin was in the world.
- v.14 - Death reigned from Adam to Moses even over those who didn't sin like Adam did. Adam is a type or picture of Jesus Christ as REPRESENTATIVE/Bridegroom.
- v.15 - The free gift is not like the offense. Death in Adam but the grace of God and the gift of grace through Jesus Christ is MUCH MORE.
- v.16 - Condemnation in Adam but JUSTIFICATION in Jesus Christ.
- v.17 - Death reigned in Adam but MUCH MORE shall those who receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ.

- v.18 - Therefore, in Adam's offense came judgment resulting in condemnation to all men but through the righteous act of Jesus Christ there is justification of life.
- v.19 - Adam's disobedience made us sinners but through the obedience of Jesus Christ many will be made righteous.
- v.20 - Where sin abounds, GRACE abounded much more. This is not a licence to sin - Romans 6:1-4.
- v.21 - Sin reigned in death but GRACE reigns through righteousness to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Have you 'seen' the Holy, Holy, Holy God? Have you seen your sinfulness and are you repenting of your sin? Isaiah 6:1-5.

All human beings are either in Jesus Christ (the second Adam) or in Adam (the first man), there is no middle ground. Where do you stand? We are commanded to examine ourselves - 2 Corinthians 13:5; 2 Peter 1:5-11.

What is the Only Proper Response to Such GRACE?

- **Repent today and continuously repent.** Repentance is a change of mind, change of heart and change of life in accordance with God's written Word- Remember that God did not spare Adam when he sinned - Acts 17:30-31; Acts 20:21; Luke 13:1-5; Luke 24:47
- **Believe God** with all your heart (mind, will, and emotions) and grow your relationship with Him - Acts 8:37; John 3:18, 36; 1 Chronicles 28:9; Jeremiah 9:23-24; Daniel 11:32
- **Submit to Christ** as Lord (Owner, Master, Ruler, Creator) - Romans 10:9-10; Psalm 2:10-12; Matthew 7:21-23, Romans 6:23; 2 Corinthians 5:21
- **Do works befitting repentance** - Ephesians 2:8-10; Acts 26:19-20; Titus 2:14; James 2:14-26
- **Glorify and praise God** for saving you - 1 Peter 2:9-10; Ephesians 1:5-6, 12 Psalm 115:1-3; Revelations 4:9-11