

redeemed

bible in 3 & 1 Corinthians 5-7

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study 2 FALL Genesis 3

KEY VERSE FOR SERIES: "...you are not your own; you were bought at a price..." 1 Corinthians 6:19-20

We come to week 2 of our 3 week Bible Overview before resuming our journey through 1 Corinthians. Last week you'd recall we saw the 'bookends' of the Bible Story, from Genesis 1-2 to Revelation 21-22; from creation to new creation. And a simple look at that bookends quickly provokes 2 key questions: "what went wrong?", which we take up this week in 'the Fall'; and "how did it ever get put right?", which we will take up next week in 'Redemption'. This week will have a lot packed in it as in reality we try to cover most of the ground that lies in between the bookend intro we started with in talk 1. Although it's tempting (!) to try to cover everything, we will land on just a few key points that help show the key recurring theme started at the fall in Genesis 3: how rejection of God and his Word that started with Adam is repeated in the life of Israel and then also repeated in the life of Israel's kings, only to be reversed by Jesus, the new Adam, the true Israel, the true king. We will follow God's promise to Abraham (Gen 12:1-3) to again bless the world (now cursed through the Fall) ...& find it land on Jesus—and all who trust in him.

some notes on questions

Q1-2. The serpent is a cunning deceiver—in one sense offering us what we already have! As God's children Adam & Eve were made to be like him—made in his image, his likeness (cf Gen 5:1-3). But as obedient children that likeness would grow through listening to God, not replacing him! And in grasping for the one thing off limits, we lost the ability to be those God-like children.

Q3. The creation account, "it was good...it was good.. it was very good..." couldn't make it clearer that God held nothing back from us that would be good for us. But the heart of the serpent's scheme is to plant the lie: "God is not good and has denied you what is good".

Q4. compare 3:7 to 2:25. We have shame (by the way, recall Romans 8:1 at this point!)

Q5. The order of God's creation has been turned literally upside down. God >Adam>Eve> creation became creation (serpent) tempting Eve, followed by Adam... in rejection of God.

Q6. That should be 2 Samuel 11 not 111. Pheww. Notice the pattern (this will be highlighted in the talk) of "looked...desired... took... followed by hiding/covering up. The massive question looking is ... who will ever not just follow in Adam's footsteps? who will ever be the one who doesn't take things into their own hands? who will ever not grasp for equality with God? who will bring the blessing promised to Abraham that the world may be blessed again. See Philippians 2, Romans 5 and Galatians 3!

Q7-10. Rejoice in question 9—the way blocked to eternal life back in Genesis 3 is removed through Jesus—we will need to pick up the 'lamb' theme next week as we focus in on redemption and how Jesus achieved that. The OT in a real sense is a question mark (?) answered by Jesus (!).

digging deeper: so soon after the fall—look at the shocking description in Gen 6:5



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