

The storyline of the Bible involves a holy and loving God taking on the evil and sin of this world (and our hearts!) – restoring, renewing, rescuing, conquering, and one day removing the effects of The Fall, the stain of sin and the presence of evil.

The Greatest of all Tragedies

Genesis 3

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Revelation 21:3-5

Love the Gospel, Live the Gospel, Advance the Gospel

- Genesis 3 offers an explanation for the way the world is today. Are you comfortable enough with the story to share it with someone else?
- What questions does this story set out to answer?
- What do we know about the serpent? What did he do? How did he do it?
- What did Adam and Eve do wrong? What were the consequences?
- What do we learn about God in this story? About His justice and his grace? His holiness and mercy?
- Are you ever tempted to believe that old lie that you would be better off out from under the authority of God's Word? What should we do in response?
- Why do you think Satan attacked God's word and character? What does that tell us about the importance of God's Word and character?
- Why is Genesis 3:15 often called the first announcement of the gospel (good news)? What is it describing? Read 1 John 3:7-8 and Hebrews 2:14-15; Romans 16:20.
- Read Romans 5:12-19. What does this passage highlight about Jesus' life and death?
- Why is a clear understanding of *The Fall* found in Genesis 3 such an important part of the storyline (creation, fall, redemption, restoration) we see in Scripture?

Genesis 3

A true story (communicated in a unique way)

1. A terrible lie (Genesis 3:1-5)

Verse 1 “the serpent” (Revelation 12:9, 2 Corinthians 11:14)

“Did God really say...”

What God really said = **Genesis 2:16-17**

The terrible lie: God can't be trusted and you should live your life apart from Him, out from under His authority! He doesn't love you.

Romans 1:25

2. A tragic reality (Genesis 3:6-13)

Adam and Eve believed the lie

Genesis 6 "...he ate it."

WE (entire human race) lost our vision of God (seeing Him for who HE really is!), we lost our true selves (meaning, identity, purpose) and we lost relationship with God and others, which would now be characterized by brokenness, loneliness, and alienation.

Genesis 3:9 "Were are you?"

3. A deserved judgment (Genesis 3:14-24)

- **Romans 8:20-25**

Genesis 3:15 - A hint (whisper) of victory and restoration

- **Romans 5:12, 18-19**
- **1 John 3:7-8**
- **Hebrews 2:14-15**; Colossians 2:13-15; Revelation 20:7-10

Genesis 3:22-24 - Banished for good reason and with a purpose

Michael Lawrence: "When we understand the story of The Fall, we understand why the message of Christianity is good news. In the gospel, God has accomplished a cure for the fall, a rescue..."