Epic Christmas: The Epic Fall of Mankind

1. The Fall of Mankind (Gen3:1-6)

- A. God created the heavens, earth and all that is within them (Gen1:1, including angels; Ps24:1) *All was good and perfect (Gen1:26-31; 2:15-25); gave mankind 1 command
- B. The fall of Lucifer (Gen3:1) *Is14:12-14 Jesus uses vs.12 to describe Satan's fall, Lk10:18
 - 1. Ezk28:12-17 Lucifer the high archangel is enrapture w/ his own beauty, falls to pride
- 2. Notice: these 2 passages and Gen3:1, Satan possesses/energizes serpent, like these kings C. The fall of mankind *(Gen3:2-6)*
 - 1. Lucifer/Satan tempts Eve to rebel against God to become enslaved to him; notice he attacks God's order of family, and God's Word when he goes to Eve
 - 2. *Gen3:6 and 1John2:15-16*: Adam follows his wife, instead of leading her; they believe the lie and choose death *(Gen2:16-17)* *they/all mankind after them abide in death; *Ps51:5*; *Ezk18:4*

2. Mankind is Lost/Dead to God (Gen3:7-19) *What does this mean? *Rom5:12

- A. They saw their nakedness and tried to hide it/cover it (vs.7)
 - 1. They broke God's 1 law and immediately saw their "naked" state before a holy God
 - 2. Man still tries to cover his nakedness today with false religions and works righteousness
- B. Their intimate love relationship w/ God was lost (vs.8-16) *Is59:2
 - 1. God came as before in kindness and gentleness, but Adam hid from God; blamed Eve...
 - 2. Love for God became hate, distrust, greed, shame, pain Jn1:9-11; Jn3:19; Rom1:18-21
- C. They were dead in their sins (vs.17-19) *this spread to all mankind that came from them...
 - 1. Romans5:12 sin entered the world and death through sin; all creation is dying and will die
 - 2. *Ecclesiastes12:1-7* Death will decay our bodies until we die; "to dust you shall return" *mighty men dwindle to nothing... (Eccl.12:3)
 - 3. *Ephesians2:1-3* our nature is death/sin/evil, and we are dead to God, He to us *Rom3:10-12*

3. An Epic Christmas! Eph2:4-5

- A. God's Epic Heroic Deed!
 - 1. Why did God not immediately kill Adam and Eve? *Gen3:15 *The promise of Messiah: Is9:2,6-7; Micah5:2-5a; Lk1:68-79
 - 2. God clothed them by killing the first animal, that looked forward to Christ on the Cross! *Gen3:21; Heb9:22
 - 3. We must be clothed w/ the righteousness of Christ to pay for our crimes against God *Gal2:20; 2Cor5:17
- B. Will you have an Epic/Amazing Christmas filled w/ HOPE?! *repent and flee to Christ alone!
 - 1. In this Epic story we start with the great tragedy of mankind's fall into darkness and death; but do you see that out of this tragedy, *Gen3:15 the Triumph of the Cross brings HOPE!!!*
 - 2. The Cross of Christ is the greatest tragedy of all the Holy One, God, giving His life on a criminal's cross, rejected and hated by mankind *YET*, it brought the triumph of eternal life!
 - 3. How does this triumph impact the tragedy that happens in our lives?