## ORIGINS: *Marked By Grace* Genesis 4:8-16 Sunday, November 13, 2016 Dr. Paul White, Senior Pastor

## **Review from last week:**

• The worship God desires expresses \_\_\_\_\_\_ in Him and holds \_\_\_\_\_\_ back from Him.

### • Each of us is on one of two paths:

- The way of Abel which is a \_\_\_\_\_\_ life.
- In justice God punishes our sin, but in His kindness and grace He gives us a way to \_\_\_\_\_\_ to Him.

## Understanding the story:

v. 8

vv. 10-12

vv. 13-14

vv. 15-16

## The Mark of Cain...

#### • Is evidence of God's

For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth. For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse. (Romans 1:18-20)

#### Demonstrates the \_\_\_\_\_ of God.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person – though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die – but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. (Romans 5:6-8)

# • Doesn't \_\_\_\_\_ we will die to pride, repent and turn to God.

For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened. Claiming to be wise, they became fools... (Romans 1:21-22)

## Walking in the way of Abel

Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?" And Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit." (Acts 2:37-38)

NEXT WEEK IN ORIGINS: Hope When Things Are At Their Worst (Genesis 4:17-26)

#### Legend:

The worship God desires expresses trust in Him and holds nothing back from Him. The way of Cain is a self-focused life.

The way of Abel is a God-focused life.

In justice God punishes our sin, but in His kindness and grace He gives us a way to come back to Him.

- Is evidence of God's justice.
- Demonstrates the love of God.
- Doesn't guarantee we will die to pride, repent and turn to God.

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