

Where Are You?

Genesis 3:8-9 (CSB) Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and they hid from the LORD God among the trees of the garden. So the LORD God called out to the man and said to him, "Where are you?"

Galatians 3:1 (CSB) You foolish Galatians! Who has cast a spell on you, before whose eyes Jesus Christ was publicly portrayed as crucified?

Galatians 5:7-8 (CSB) You were running well. Who prevented you from being persuaded regarding the truth? This persuasion does not come from the one who calls you.

I. Where are You?

Genesis 3:9 (CSB) So the LORD God called out to the man and said to him, "Where are you?"

Where are you? Not in what place? But, in what condition? "Is this all have gotten by eating forbidden fruit?"

Galatians 3:1 (NLT) Oh, foolish Galatians! Who has cast an evil spell on you? For the meaning of Jesus Christ's death was made as clear to you as if you had seen a picture of His death on the cross.

Galatians 1:6 (CSB) I am amazed that you are so quickly turning away from him who called you by the grace of Christ and are turning...

Galatians 5:7-8 (CSB) You were running well. Who prevented you from being persuaded regarding the truth? This persuasion does not come from the one who calls you.

II. What Happened?

Genesis 3:1 (NASB 2020) Now the serpent was more cunning than any animal of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said to the woman, "Has God really said..."

Galatians 3:1 (NASB 2020) You foolish Galatians, who has bewitched you...

2 Corinthians 11:3 (CSB) But I fear that, as the serpent deceived Eve by his cunning, your minds may be seduced from a sincere and pure devotion to Christ.

Matthew 24:24 (NASB 2020) For false christs and false prophets will arise and will provide great signs and wonders, so as to mislead, if possible, even the elect.

1 Timothy 4:1-2 (CSB) Now the Spirit explicitly says that in later times some will depart from the faith, paying attention to deceitful spirits and the teachings of demons, through the hypocrisy of liars whose consciences are seared.

Understand!!!!

2 Timothy 3:12 (NASB 2020) Indeed, all who want to live in a godly way in Christ Jesus will be persecuted.

1 Peter 5:8-9 (NASB 2020) Be of sober spirit, be on the alert. Your adversary, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. But resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same experiences of suffering are being accomplished by your brothers and sisters who are in the world.

III. What must we do?

Galatians 4:9 (NLT) So now that you know God (or should I say, now that God knows you), **why do you want to go back again and become slaves once more to the weak and useless spiritual principles of this world?**

Galatians 5:4 (CSB) ...you have fallen from grace.

2 Timothy 3:5 (NLT) They will act religious, but they will reject the power that could make them godly...

2 Corinthians 6:1 (CSB) Working together with him, we also appeal to you, "Don't receive the grace of God in vain."

Hebrews 12:15 (CSB) Make sure that no one falls short of the grace of God and that no root of bitterness springs up, causing trouble and defiling many.

1. Return

Revelation 2:5 (NLT) (the Ephesians Church) Look how far you have fallen! Turn back to Me and do the works you did at first.

James 4:8 (NLT) Come close to God, and God will come close to you. Wash your hands, you sinners; purify your hearts, for your loyalty is divided between God and the world.

1 John 1:9 (NLT) But if we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness.

Romans 6:16 (NLT) Don't you realize that you become the slave of whatever you choose to obey? You can be a slave to sin, which leads to death, or you can choose to obey God, which leads to righteous living.

2. Retain

Hebrews 2:1-2 (NLT) So we must listen very carefully to the truth we have heard, or we may drift away from it. For the message God delivered through angels has always stood firm, and every violation of the law and every act of disobedience was punished.

Hebrews 3:12-13 (NLT) Be careful then, dear brothers and sisters. Make sure that your own hearts are not evil and unbelieving, turning you away from the living God. You must warn each other every day, while it is still "today," so that none of you will be deceived by sin and hardened against God.

Hebrews 10:38-39 (NLT) And my righteous ones will live by faith. But I will take no pleasure in anyone who turns away." But we are not like those who turn away from God to their own destruction. We are the faithful ones, whose souls will be saved.

Hebrews 12:1-2 (CSB) Therefore, since we also have such a large cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us lay aside every hindrance and the sin that so easily ensnares us. **Let us run with endurance the race that lies before us, keeping our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.** For the joy that lay before him, he endured the cross, despising the shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

John 8:31-32 (CSB) Then Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, "If you continue in my word, you really are my disciples. You will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

John 15:4 (CSB) Remain in me, and I in you. Just as a branch is unable to produce fruit by itself unless it remains on the vine, neither can you unless you remain in me.

Hebrews 10:23-25 (CSB) Let us hold on to the confession of our hope without wavering, since he who promised is faithful. And let us consider one another in order to provoke love and good works, not neglecting to gather together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging each other, and all the more as you see the day approaching.