

1. Intro

- Last week we looked at the "crown jewel" of God's creation... mankind! God's creation allows us to experience so much goodness and blessing in life.
- This week, we will look at the flip side of all the goodness and blessing. Genesis 3 will tell us about the beginning of broken relationships, wars, natural disasters, disease, shame, evil, suffering, grief, and death on earth.
 - We will see that sin damaged God's perfect creation. But we'll also see that God didn't leave us without hope in this fallen, cursed world.

2. Text: Genesis 3

Genesis 3:1-5

- Satan is an evil **liar** and **deceiver**. He hates God and His creation.
 - Satan tempted Eve to disobey God so that she (and ultimately Adam) would "die" and be separated from God.
 - **John 8:44**
 - **2 Corinthians 11:14**
 - **John 10:10**
 - **1 Peter 5:8**
 - **2 Corinthians 11:3** - "But I am afraid that as the serpent deceived Eve by his cunning, your thoughts will be led astray from a sincere and pure devotion to Christ. (ESV)"

Genesis 3:6-13

- The perfect, beautiful **relationship** between God and mankind was **broken**.
 - Adam and Eve disobeyed God and ate the forbidden fruit causing death to enter their relationship with God and also causing death to enter their bodies.
 - **Romans 5:12** "When Adam sinned, sin entered the world. Adam's sin brought death, so death spread to everyone, for everyone sinned."

Genesis 3:14-19

- Man's sin caused serious **consequences** and **curses** on God's perfect creation.
 - All the bad and the ugly in life can be traced back to mankind's choice to sin.
 - Genesis 3:15 refers to God's plan to rescue mankind from Satan's control.

Genesis 3:20-24

- Paradise on earth was **lost**.
 - The LORD God made clothing from animal skins for Adam and Eve. The animal's death was the first physical death and was a picture that the wages of sin is indeed death.

3. Application:

- **Truths to cling to regarding Satan:**
 - **Rev 20:10** - Satan will be defeated and sent to the Lake of Fire forever.
 - **1 John 4:4** "...the Spirit who lives in you is greater than the spirit who lives in the world."
 - **James 4:7** "...Resist the devil, and he will flee from you."
 - Ephesians 6 tells us to put on the whole armor of God to be able to ***stand firm against all strategies of the devil..***
 - Challenge Satan's lies with the truth from God's Word.
- **Truths to cling to while we live under the curse of sin:**
 - If we lean into God, trust Him, believe He is working even in our trials, He will cause us to grow in Godliness, and we'll become mature, strong, and resilient to the trials we face in life.
 - **James 1:2-4**
 - **Romans 5:3-5**
 - **2 Corinthians 4:8-10**
 - **2 Corinthians 12:9-10**
 - **Psalms 119:71**
 - **1 Peter 1:6-7**
 - **Romans 8:18-28**
 - **Revelation 21:1-4**