



# At the Core

Rediscovering the essential teachings of Christianity


**“Paradise Lost”**

*Genesis 3:1-8*

**Energizing your faith in Christ to live biblical truth**



**1. The Serpent's Deceptive Scheme:**  
**Satan plants seeds of doubt about God and His goodness.**  
**(v.1-5)**



**3 Insights about the fall of mankind and the power of sin**



**“There was a real serpent, as there was a real paradise;  
there was a real Adam and Eve, who stood at the head of  
our race, and they really sinned, and our race is really fallen.  
Believe this.”**

**-Charles Spurgeon**





**Satan's attacks here had 2 Purposes:**

- 1. To lead Eve to doubt God's Word.**
- 2. To lead Eve to doubt the goodness of God.**





**“Satan wants you to see sin as something good  
that a bad God doesn’t want you to have.  
His lie to you—sin is not bad, and God is not good.”  
-David Guzik, Pastor**





**What Adam was told by God:**

**“And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, “Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.”**

**Genesis 2:16-17**

**What Eve tells the serpent:**

**“We may eat the fruit of the trees of the garden;  
but of the fruit of the tree which *is* in the midst of the garden,  
God has said, ‘You shall not eat it, nor shall you touch it, lest you die.’”**

**Genesis 3:2-3**





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**“Let no one say when he is tempted, “I am tempted by God”;  
for God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He Himself tempt anyone.  
But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and  
enticed. Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin;  
and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death.” James 1:13-15**





**The Pattern of Temptation:**  
**You see it, You want it, You take it, and You hide it.**





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**3. The Separation Experienced:**

**Adam and Eve's sin brings shame and the loss of innocence.**

**(v.7-8)**

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**“Satan promises the best, but pays with the worst;  
he promises honor, and pays with disgrace;  
he promises pleasure, and pays with pain.”  
-Thomas Brooks**

