

THREE FALLS.....ONE HOPE

THE BEGINNING OF THE STORY OF JESUS LEADS US THE BEGINNING OF THE WORLD!

John 1:1-5 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was with God in the beginning. ³ Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made.⁴ In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

John 1:9-14 The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. ¹⁰ He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. ¹¹ He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. ¹² Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God — ¹³ children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

¹⁴ The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

“GOD WANTED TO BE WITH US!!!! RELATIONSHIP!!!!

-NOT ONLY THE PLAN WHEN JESUS CAME TO THIS EARTH

.....BUT BEFORE WE EVEN HEAR OF HIM 2000 YEARS AGO!

From the beginning of all creation....we see a creator that wanted to know mankind!

WE START AT THE BEGINNING!

Genesis 1:26-27 Then God said, “Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground.” ²⁷ So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

NOTE: verse 26 “US” & “OUR”

HUGE QUESTION: WHO IS THE US?

-I will tell you someone that was there.....

John 17:5 And now, Father, glorify me in your presence with the glory I had with you before the world began.

IN HIS IMAGE.....REPEATED! VERSE 27

Humans, like God, have a mind, will, intellect, emotions, and moral capacity.

Chapter 3 FALL OF MAN!

-One tree (Stewardship)

-Root problem exposed: Man wants to be like God!

-Devil was a fallen Angel (Same reason)

Genesis 2:15-25 The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it. ¹⁶ And the Lord God commanded the man, “You are free to eat from any tree in the garden;¹⁷ but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die.”

Don't eat from the ONE tree! SIMPLE! RULE.....CONSEQUENCE.....DEATH!

-NEXT VERSES.....GOD CREATED EVE

Genesis 3:1-5 Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, **“Did God really say, ‘You must not eat from any tree in the garden’?”**

² The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, **³** but God did say, ‘You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.’”

⁴ **“You will not certainly die,”** the serpent said to the woman. **⁵** **“For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”**

Question if God really said that?

-Plant a lie.....”you will not die”

-Try to speak a hint of TRUTH that makes sense!
JUSTIFY OUR ACTIONS!

SAME PLAN FOR THOUSANDS OF YEARS!

2 Corinthians 11:13-15 For such people are false apostles, deceitful workers, masquerading as apostles of Christ. **¹⁴** And no wonder, for **Satan himself masquerades as an angel of light.** **¹⁵** It is not surprising, then, if his servants also masquerade as servants of righteousness. Their end will be what their actions deserve.

Jesus warned us that many would try to deceive His followers!

Genesis 3:6-7 When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was **good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it.** **⁷** Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves.

SIN looks GOOD.....We often drag others into our sin!

Genesis 3:8-13 Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the Lord God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the Lord God among the trees of the garden.⁹ But the Lord God called to the man, “Where are you?” ¹⁰ He answered, **“I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid.”** ¹¹ And he said, “Who told you that you were naked? **Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?”** ¹² The man said, **“The woman you put here with me—she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it.”**

¹³ Then the Lord God said to the woman, “What is this you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”

Sin SEPARATES us from God

1 response.....TO HIDE

#2 response.....TO BLAME

Consequences handed out!

Genesis:3:14-15 So the Lord God said to the serpent, “Because you have done this,
“Cursed are you above all livestock and all wild animals! You will crawl on your belly and you will eat dust all the days of your life. ¹⁵ **And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush^b your head, and you will strike his heel.”**

-We see the foreshadowing of Jesus! The divine offspring from the Seed of Abraham through the line of David who would CRUSH the head of Satan, but Satan would cause injury!

SO MUCH HERE!!!!

Genesis 3:16-19 To the woman he said, “I will make your pains in childbearing very severe; with painful labor you will give birth to children.

Your desire will be for your husband, and he will rule over you.”¹⁷ To Adam he said, “Because you listened to your wife and ate fruit from the tree about which I commanded you, ‘You must not eat from it,’ “Cursed is the ground because of you; through painful toil you will eat food from it all the days of your life.¹⁸ It will produce thorns and thistles for you, and you will eat the plants of the field.¹⁹ By the sweat of your brow you will eat your food until you return to the ground, since from it you were taken; for dust you are and to dust you will return.”

CONSEQUENCES.....HARD WORK & DEATH!

Genesis 3:20-24 Adam named his wife Eve, because she would become the mother of all the living.²¹ The Lord God made garments of skin for Adam and his wife and clothed them.²² And the Lord God said, “The man has now become like one of us, knowing good and evil. He must not be allowed to reach out his hand and take also from the tree of life and eat, and live forever.”²³ So the Lord God banished him from the Garden of Eden to work the ground from which he had been taken.²⁴ After he drove the man out, he placed on the east side^[e] of the Garden of Eden cherubim and a flaming sword flashing back and forth to guard the way to the tree of life.

We were made in God’s image.

Vs 21 is super interesting: instead of sewn leaves....now skins of animals

-commentaries: foreshadowing: Animal sacrifice....MOSAIC COVENANT

Vs 22 WE NOW KNEW GOOD & EVIL! (Innocence lost) KICKED OUT!!

Genesis 4:1-2 Adam made love to his wife Eve, and she became pregnant and gave birth to Cain. She said, “With the help of the Lord I have brought forth a man.”² Later she gave birth to his brother Abel.

-Cain ends up killing AbelDOWNHILL FROM THERE!

Genesis 5 shows the ages and genealogy from Adam to Noah -10 GENERATIONS

-BY GENESIS 6....THE WORLD IS SO WICKED THAT GOD IS GOING TO DESTROY IT!

-NEXT WEEK.....THE 2ND FALL!

THIS ACTION OF ADAM AND EVE CHANGED EVERYTHING!!!!

Before that moment.....there was COMPLETE innocence! NO SIN!!!

AFTER: They felt shame and guilt and HID from God.

Genesis about creation and civilization growing.

Exodus is Moses dealing with God's rebellious people.

Leviticus and Numbers we begin to see a system of restoration unfold.....

OLD COVENANT:

Salvation came through a faith expressed by **obedience to his law** and **its sacrificial system**.

Hebrews 9:1-7 Now the first covenant had regulations for worship and also an earthly sanctuary. 2A tabernacle was set up. In its first room were the lampstand, the table and the consecrated bread; this was called the Holy Place. 3Behind the second curtain was a room called the Most Holy Place, 4which had the golden altar of incense and the gold-covered ark of the covenant. This ark contained the gold jar of manna, Aaron's staff that had budded, and the stone tablets of the covenant. 5Above the ark were the cherubim of the Glory, overshadowing the atonement cover. But we cannot discuss these things in detail now.

6When everything had been arranged like this, the priests entered regularly into the outer room to carry on their ministry. 7But only the high priest entered the inner room, and that only once a year, and never without blood, which he offered for himself and for the sins the people had committed in ignorance.

Lev 16:3-5 The Day of Atonement

This is how Aaron is to enter the sanctuary area: with a young bull for a sin offering and a ram for a burnt offering. 4 He is to put on the sacred linen tunic, with linen undergarments next to his body; he is to tie the linen sash around him and put on the linen turban. These are sacred garments; so he must bathe himself with water before he puts them on. 5 From the Israelite community he is to take two male goats for a sin offering and a ram for a burnt offering.

Lev 17:11 For the life of a creature is in the blood, and I have given it to you to make atonement for yourselves on the altar; it is the blood that makes atonement for one's life.

Heb 9:22 In fact, the law requires that nearly everything be cleansed with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness.

THAT WAS THE RULES....BLOOD SHED FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS!

OT Prophet Jeremiah prophesied that in the future God would make a new covenant

Jeremiah 31:31-34 31 "The time is coming," declares the LORD, "when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah. 32 It will not be like the covenant I made with their forefathers when I took them by the hand to lead them out of Egypt, because they broke my covenant, though I was a husband to them, " declares the LORD. 33 "This is the covenant I will make with the house of Israel after that time," declares the Lord. "I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people. 34 No longer will a man teach his neighbor, or a man his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest," declares the LORD. "For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more."

**THERE WERE 332 OLD TESTAMENT PROPHECIES ABOUT A MESSIAH THAT WOULD COME FOR THE REDEMPTION OF GOD'S PEOPLE!!!
EVERY ONE WAS FULFILLED IN JESUS BIRTH, LIFE & DEATH.....**

-Old Testament of the Bible made bold and specific predictions about what would happen to and around the Messiah.

These predictions all were written down in the Bible between 400 to 1400 years before Jesus was born.

These prophecies were incredibly detailed.

- what city He would be born in, what family He would be born to, what His manner of birth would be, how He would live, how He would die, and how He would rise again.

All told, at least *332 prophecies were fulfilled in Jesus' first coming.*

THE BIRTH OF JESUS.....THIS MESSIAH WOULD CHANGE EVERYTHING!!

Jesus was "Immanuel.....GOD WITH US!"

Matthew 1:23 "The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel" (which means "God with us").

JESUS INSTITUTED THE NEW COVENANT

A covenant of promise or adoption to those who through faith, accepted Christ as God's son, received his promises, and commit themselves personally to him and to the obligations of the new covenant

The first covenant was about laws and regulations and sacrifices!

The new covenant was about relationship and adoption!

Heb 8:6 But the ministry Jesus has received is as superior to theirs as the covenant of which he is mediator is superior to the old one, and it is founded on better promises.

Matt 26:26-28 While they were eating, Jesus took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body." Then he took the cup, gave thanks and offered it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you. 28 This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.

Mk 14:24 "This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many," he said to them.

Heb 9:14-15 How much more, then, will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself unblemished to God, cleanse our consciences from acts that lead to death, so that we may serve the living God! **15** For this reason Christ is the mediator of a new covenant, that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance—now that he has died as a ransom to set them free from the sins committed under the first covenant.

1 John 4:9-10 This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.

JESUS CHANGED EVERYTHING!

Romans 3:25 God presented him as a sacrifice of atonement, through faith in his blood.

Heb 10:19-22 Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, **20** by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body, **21** and since we have a great priest over the house of God, **22** let us draw near to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water.

JESUS CHANGED EVERYTHING!

1 Peter 1:18-19 For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your forefathers, ¹⁹but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect.

JESUS CHANGED EVERYTHING!!

Hebrews 8:13 By calling this covenant ‘new,’ he has made the first one obsolete; and what is obsolete and aging will soon disappear.

Hebrews 1:1-3 In the past God spoke to our forefathers through the prophets at many times and in various ways, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom he made the universe. The Son is the radiance of God’s glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven.

God is like what John wrote:

1 John 1:1-2 The Incarnation of the Word of Life

¹ That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched—this we proclaim concerning the Word of life. ² The life appeared; we have seen it and testify to it, and we proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us.

JESUS WAS THE ANSWER AND ALWAYS HAS BEEN THE ANSWER!

SIGNIFICANCE AND SACRED NATURE OF COMMUNION:

COMMUNION:

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, ²⁴and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me." ²⁵In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me." ²⁶For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

PRAYER TEAMS