

# 246 IN THE BEGINNING



## Lesson 03— Sin enters a perfect world

### I. Life Before the “Fruit”

- A. Everything was PERFECT and was created for PEOPLE
  - 1. After creation, God called everything He had made “VERY GOOD”
  - 2. What God created on days 1-5, was for people to ENJOY (**Genesis 1:28-30**)
- B. Even though everything was perfect, people were still given a CHOICE to obey God (**Genesis 2:16-17**)

### II. Sin Enters the World

- A. Eve was tempted by Satan through a snake to eat FRUIT from a forbidden tree (**Genesis 3:1-5**)
  - Satan made her question...
  - 1. If God was telling the truth about her DYING if she ate the fruit (she doubted)
  - 2. If God was HIDING good things from her (she wanted to “try out” sin)

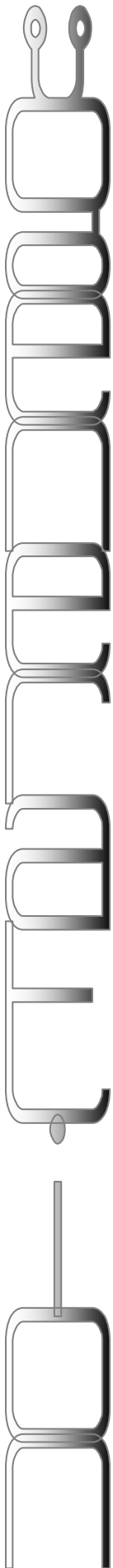
\*Why do people choose a life of sin over accepting Christ today?

\*Why does God allow sin to exist?

- B. Eve ate the forbidden fruit and then fed it to Adam (**Genesis 3:6**)
- C. They immediately realized their SIN and that they were naked before God (**Genesis 3:7-8**)

### III. The Consequences of Sin

- A. Life would become HARD (**Genesis 3:16-19**)
- B. PHYSICAL Death (**Genesis 3:19**)
- C. SPIRITUAL Death (**Genesis 2:17**)
  - \*they no longer had an intimate/close walk with God
  - \*they experienced shame and guilt and they feared God
- D. A PRICE would have to be paid for people to be redeemed for their sins
  - 1. the blood of a perfect ANIMAL had to be shed for payment of sins (**Hebrews 9:22**)
  - 2. eventually, the blood of a perfect HUMAN would be shed for all the sins of the world (**II Corinthians 5:21**)



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### Application (**Romans 5-6**)

#### SIN

1. We are all sinners (**Romans 5:12**)
2. Because of our sin, we face physical and spiritual death (**Romans 5:12**)
3. Grace for our sins can be found in Jesus Christ (**Romans 5:17-20**)

#### SALVATION

1. We must put our faith in Jesus, who freely gives His grace (**Romans 5:21; 8:1**)
2. We must choose to live a life of following Christ through faith (**Romans 6:1-2**)

#### The CHRISTIAN LIFE

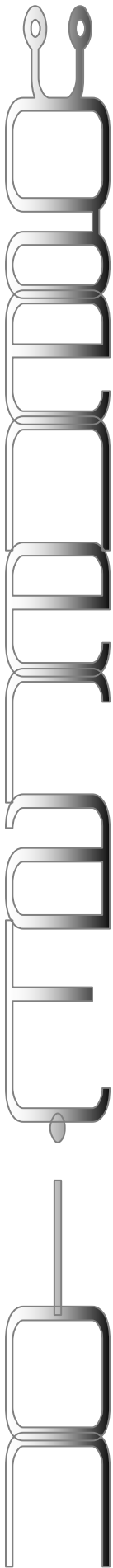
1. The first step of obedience is Baptism (**Romans 6:4-5**)
2. We are to daily follow Christ (**Romans 6:15**)
3. We are to be different than the world, not living as we did before we were saved (**II Corinthians 5:17**)
4. Through the cross and the Holy Spirit, we are able to have a clear conscience of our past sins and are empowered to follow Christ today (**Hebrews 9:12-14**)

#### 2 Decisions:

1. Do I realize I am a sinner? Do I realize that Christ has taken the punishment for my sins? Have I made a true confession to Christ that I am a sinner, accepted what He did on the cross as payment for my sins, and chosen to live my life to trust Him by faith?
2. Does my life say “Thank You” to the savior who took the punishment for my sins?

#### Our testimony should be **Romans 6:21-23**.

*“And what fruit was produced then from the things you are now ashamed of? For the end of those things is death. But now, since you have been liberated from sin and become enslaved to God, you have your fruit, which results in sanctification- and the end is eternal life! For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”*



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### Old Testament Sacrifice vs New Testament Sacrifice

#### Hebrews 10:1-18

*1 Since the law has [only] a shadow of the good things to come, and not the actual form of those realities, it can never perfect the worshipers by the same sacrifices they continually offer year after year. 2 Otherwise, wouldn't they have stopped being offered, since the worshipers, once purified, would no longer have any consciousness of sins? 3 But in the sacrifices there is a reminder of sins every year. 4 For it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins. 5 Therefore, as He was coming into the world, He said: You did not want sacrifice and offering, but You prepared a body for Me. 6 You did not delight in whole burnt offerings and sin offerings. 7 Then I said, "See, I have come— it is written about Me in the volume of the scroll— to do Your will, O God!" 8 After He says above, You did not desire or delight in sacrifices and offerings, whole burnt offerings and sin offerings, (which are offered according to the law), 9 He then says, See, I have come to do Your will. He takes away the first to establish the second. 10 By this will, we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once and for all. 11 Now every priest stands day after day ministering and offering time after time the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. 12 But this man, after offering one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down at the right hand of God. 13 He is now waiting until His enemies are made His footstool. 14 For by one offering He has perfected forever those who are sanctified. 15 The Holy Spirit also testifies to us about this. For after He had said: 16 This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord: I will put My laws on their hearts, and I will write them on their minds, 17 [He adds]: I will never again remember their sins and their lawless acts. 18 Now where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer an offering for sin.*