

“Christ in Eden”

There are many shadows in Scripture. Take, for example, the ark during the flood, the circumcision of the flesh versus a circumcision of the heart, or the Promised Land of freed captives compared to the Promised Land of the faithful. It is all there, and that is the beauty of the Bible. From Genesis to Revelation, the scriptures reveal Christ. Occasionally, we must point this out to those with whom we are studying. It is a way to display the continuity of God to those who do not know Him.

Imagine that you are sitting down in the dining room of one who has shown an interest in the Christian faith. Your responsibility is to follow the example and command of Christ by teaching them the Gospel and the saving message of the cross. What if you could do that beginning in Genesis, chapter three. Let us look at it together. I will only bullet-point specific verses here, but I would encourage you to open your Bible and read the chapter, making notes as necessary.

- Satan lures Eve away from the command of God (vv. 1-6a).
- Eve draws Adam away from the command of God (v. 6b).
- In realizing their sin, they attempt to cover themselves with fig leaves (v. 7).
- They attempt to hide from the presence of God (v. 8).
- God requires their confession, the man blames the woman, and the woman blames Satan (vv. 9-13).
- God makes them garments of animal skin (v.21)

Perhaps this is an over-simplification, but the Gospel is not complicated. Our goal is to now branch out from this, to show Christ. Due to space limitations, I will provide you with cross-references for the study immediately following the context.

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In points one through three, we see that people distance themselves from God – He does not leave us; rather, we depart from Him (*see* Rom. 3:23; Jas. 1:14-15). Initially, we attempt to cover ourselves, which may come in the form of excuses (1 Jn. 1:8). We blame other people; we accuse our past, etc. We deny our responsibility in sinning against God. Much like the fig leaves of Genesis, chapter three, our coverage is inadequate as we cannot save ourselves (Rom. 4:1-12; Rom. 5:6-16).

In points four and five, there is an extended denial. However, in this case, we do not deny what we have done; we reject what God will do. He will not send people to hell; He will not punish people for eternity, etc. We must come to terms with where we stand before God and confess our sins (Psa. 32:3; Prov. 28:13; Acts 3:19; Jas. 5:16; 1 Jn. 1:9).

In the sixth and final point, we see that God covers them more appropriately – more completely. It is only then that He is satisfied. To be clear, we are not saying that He is pleased – only that He is satisfied. We liken this to the cross and the blood of Christ. Only such a sacrifice as was made that day will provide such coverage as is acceptable to God (Col. 1:20; Eph. 1:7; Heb. 9:14; Heb. 9:22; Heb. 10:19).

As you can see, when we take the time to study the Word of God, we see Him everywhere and are more firmly capable of explaining the gift of salvation to others. Yes, the church was established in the New Testament, but Jesus wasn't! Let us share Him wherever He may be found.

Mike

WHEN ALL BLUE AREAS ARE FILLED, THE YELLOW TAPED AREAS CAN BE USED FOR SEATING

PLEASE MOVE TO THE INSIDE OF THE PEWS TO ALLOW MAXIMUM SEATING IF YOU ARE ALONE.
YOUR COOPERATION IS APPRECIATED TO HELP US ADHERE TO CURRENT TEXAS REQUIREMENTS.

More Church One-Liners

- ◇ 1 cross + 3 nails = 4 given.
- ◇ We don't change the message, the messages changes us.

Prayer Requests & Concerns

Dana, Glen Holveck's niece, did well with the heart valve replacement. Thank you for all the prayers on her behalf and continue praying that she will make a complete recovery.



Charles Ann Sandler, former member, had knee surgery Monday. She did great and is now home.

Polly Tan, Nancy Smith's daughter, will have another MRI Tuesday. Keep her and her family in your prayers.

Laura Clifton, Fayrene Minton's daughter-in-law, continues to struggle with a plethora of health issues. Keep her and the family in your prayers.

Keep Ursula Hargrove in your prayers inasmuch as her health has declined after the passing of Russ. She is now living with her son and daughter-in-law.



Amelia Reyes' brother passed away October 1. Amelia will be traveling to the valley this weekend for his memorial service. Keep her in your prayers as she deals with this loss and pray for traveling safety as her and her daughter travel.

Bob Kaufman, former member of Freetown, lost his life in an accident this week. Funeral was yesterday in Coleman. Pray for his loved ones as they struggle with this loss.

Daily Bible Reading

October 4 Jeremiah 2:31-4:18; Colossians 1:1-17; Psalm 76:1-12; Proverbs 24:21-22

October 5 Jeremiah 4:19-6:15; Colossians 1:18-2:7; Psalm 77:1-20; Proverbs 24:23-25

October 6 Jeremiah 6:16-8:7; Colossians 2:8-23; Psalm 78:1-31; Proverbs 24:26

October 7 Jeremiah 8:8-9:26; Colossians 3:1-17; Psalm 78:32-55; Proverbs 24:27

October 8 Jeremiah 10:1-11:23; Colossians 3:18-4:18; Psalm 78:56-72; Proverbs 24:28-29

October 9 Jeremiah 12:1-14:10; 1 Thessalonians 1:1-2:8; Psalm 79:1-13; Proverbs 24:30-34

October 10 Jeremiah 14:11-16:15; 1 Thessalonians 2:9-3:13; Psalm 80:1-19; Proverbs 25:1-5

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Service & Class Times

Bible Class: 9:30 AM

Sunday Worship: 10:30 AM

Wednesday Bible Study: 7:00 PM

Minister:
Mike Lane



- October 6—Tammi King
- October 7—Dan Weber
- October 7—Tennessee Liebowitz
- October 10—Judy Burge

Welcome Guests!

Please Stop By Our Visitor Center Located in the Foyer!

We are delighted you have chosen to worship with us. You honor us with your presence. We pray you find your time with us uplifting and encouraging and that our worship will honor our God and bring you closer to Him. If you have any questions, simply ask one of our members, or speak to one of our ministers. Please take a moment to fill out one of our visitors' cards, so we can have a record of your visit with us. Feel free to let us know what you think by writing comments on that card. You are always welcome!

Those to Serve

October 11, 2020

- Song Leader: Jim Lucas
- Welcome, Opening Prayer, and Family Matters
Gary Gough
- Family prayer: Raul Rendon
- Communion Leader: Perry Grace
- Scripture Reading: Brandon Anguiano
- Closing Prayer: Joey Anguiano
- Greeters: Jim and Lisa Lucas
- Building lock up: Raul Rendon

The Family Gram

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Becoming a Rainmaker

Order of Worship

Song Leader Perry Grace Hymn We Have Come into His House Hymn The Lord is in His Holy Temple Welcome & Opening Prayer Raul Rendon Hymn Though Your Sins Be as Scarlet Hymn Oh, to Be Like Thee Family Prayer Jim Lucas Hymn He's My King	Scripture Reading Luke 5:31-32 Sermon The Forgotten Doctrine of Hell (Part 3) Hymn Jesus Paid it All Hymn Jesus, Let Us Come to Know You Communion Communion Leader Tommy Seymour Family Matters Raul Rendon Hymn Sweet By and By Closing Prayer
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Sunday, September 27, 2020

Sunday Attendance-AM Worship: 71
2020 Budget: \$3,697.75
Contribution: \$2,922.63