

## Questions

1. Theologian Cornelius Plantinga's book on sin is titled *Not the Way It's Supposed to Be* (1995). How have you seen that title to be an apt description of sin's effect in your own life?
2. Read Genesis 3:15-16. What do these verses tell us about the potential for interpersonal conflict? What are some ways you can proactively work to avoid creating such strife in your relationships?
3. Luther said that the entire creation is full of sermons that remind us of our sin and God's wrath. How have you seen that statement played out?
4. What are some of the ways God provided for the man and the woman who had just rebelled against Him? How should this display of His mercy help US in our uncertain days?
5. Read Genesis 3:22-24. What does this passage teach us about God's attitude toward sin? Why is it important that we understand this?
6. What did God use to keep man from returning to the garden, and how was this action later reenacted in the Tabernacle and Temple?
7. Genesis 3:15 is known as the "first gospel" or protoevangelium. How does the promise of the offspring of the woman striking the serpent's head relate to the work of Jesus Christ on the cross?

*Need prayer? Someone will be up front by the piano to pray with you after the 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> services.*

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# BEGINNINGS

## Genesis 1-11

### The Cost of Sin

**Genesis 3:14-24**

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When Adam and Eve disobeyed God (Genesis 3:6), sin entered humanity with grave consequences for the first couple and for all of humanity. God pronounced judgments that would impact every person, but He also gave hope.

#### **1. Pain (3:14-19)**

God cursed the serpent (3:14-15)

There will be ongoing conflict between the people of God and those who belong to Satan.

Sin creates the potential for marital conflict (3:16).

Pain in bearing children (3:16).

Pain in working the ground (3:17-19).

The ultimate pain experienced in death (3:19).

## **2.Provision (3:20-21) – The need for God's provision**

God provided hope that human life would continue.

God provided covering for the man and the woman.

## **3.Partition (3:22-24)**

## **4.The Promise of Provision (3:15; cf. Hebrews 2:14-15; Matthew 27:50-51)**