

Questions

1. What are some of the ways that we experience effects of sin?
2. Although the serpent is not specifically identified in Genesis 3 as anything other than a serpent, how does Genesis 3:15 help us get to the core of its identity?
3. What are some common ways that Satan tempts you to not believe God's Word?
4. Read James 1:14. What part do your own desires play in your sin? What's a good desire for something that's not necessarily sinful that you can elevate to the point of becoming an evil desire?
5. What seems to be the difference between Eve's sin and Adam's sin (cf. 1 Timothy 2:14)?
6. When you experience shame for sin you've committed, what are some foolish ways that you are tempted to respond? How should you respond?
7. How do blame-shifting and excuse-making short-circuit the necessary elements of confession, repentance, and seeking forgiveness?
8. What part did Adam's sin play in your guilt before God (cf. Romans 5:12-19)?

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BEGINNINGS

Genesis 1-11

Sin Entered the World

Genesis 3:1-13

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The Gospel of Jesus Christ is Good News only when we understand the truth about our sin and its origin. That truth is the focus of Genesis 3:1-13.

1. How did evil get in the Garden of Eden? (3:1; cf. Isaiah 14:12-15; Revelation 12:9)

2. What was the serpent's first line of attack against God? (3:1-4)

3. What is sin's appeal? (3:5; cf. James 1:14)

5. What did sin cause? (3:7-13)

Sin causes shame, and shame can drive us to even more foolish things. We try to hide our guilt, to run from it, and to make excuses and blame others.

4. Why did Adam and Eve sin? (3:6)

Eve was deceived into thinking that she could replace dependence on God with self-reliance.

Adam sinned by willful disobedience, choosing Eve over God.

6. How does Adam's sin affect us? (Romans 5:12; cf. Psalm 51:5; Ephesians 2:3; Romans 5:18-19; 1 Timothy 1:15-16)