

Genesis 3:1-15, 21
The Hope of the Garden
12-4-22

HOPE – That we will be restored in our relationship with God forever.

I. Hope Lost

Genesis 3:6 – *"So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate."*

1. Through a failed relationship.

Genesis 3:7 – *"Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths."*

2. Through a failed salvation.

II. Hope Promised

Genesis 3:14-15 – *"The LORD God said to the serpent, 'Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and above all beasts of the field; on your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel.'"*

~ Through a serpent crusher.

III. Hope's Cost

Genesis 3:21 – *"And the LORD God made for Adam and for his wife garments of skins and clothed them."*

~ Through the blood of a substitute.

GROWING DEEPER THIS WEEK

1. What did you think about the message this week? What stood out to you or challenged your thinking?
2. What are things that people place their *hope* in today? Why is it easy for them to place their *hope* in these things?
3. Why is it important for Christians to be reminded of the message of *hope*? What are some reasons why we may lose sight of the *hope* we have?
4. What does it say about God that He communicated *hope* before judgement?
5. In what ways does Genesis 3:15 help us understand what the Bible is about? Therefore, how should we read our Bibles?
6. In what ways does Genesis 3 clarify for us what the Gospel is really about?
7. Look at our Transformation verse – 1 Peter 1:3. It is “according to God’s great mercy” that we are born again to a living *hope*. How does God’s mercy apply to us receiving *hope*?
 - Mercy = God showing compassion or forgiveness to those He has the power to punish.

PRAYER

- Spend some time sharing with each other who God has placed on your heart to invite to our Christmas Gatherings. As a group be praying for one another and keeping each other accountable on reaching out to those people!
- We have a message of *hope* that the world needs to hear!