

The Story Begins: The Rebellion
Genesis 3
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Paul David Tripp - "Sin lives in a costume; that's why it's so hard to recognize. The fact that sin looks so good is one of the things that make it so bad...and we are all very gifted self-swindlers...We're skilled at looking at our own wrong and seeing good."

D. A. Carson - "A lot of people think that 'sin' is: just breaking a rule. What is at stake here is something deeper, bigger, sadder, uglier, more heinous. It is a revolution. It makes me god and thus de-gods God."

Dawson Trotman - "I kept repeating the same sins until God finally got me to the place where I could honestly admit that I loved my sin and rebellion more than God."

1 John 2:16 - "For everything in the world--the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life--comes not from the Father, but from the world."

I. Rebellion (Genesis 3:1-6)

Satan's Attack on God's Word:

1. Can't be fully trusted.
2. Can be modified.
3. Is restrictive.
4. Is not absolute.

2 Corinthians 1:20 - "For no matter how many promises God has made, they are 'Yes' in Christ..."

II. Ramifications (Genesis 3:7-20)

1. Fear of Exposure (3:7)
2. Performance (3:7)
3. Hiding (3:7-8)
4. Fear (3:9-10)
5. Guilt and Shame (3:10)
6. Blame (3:11-13)
7. Distrust (3:12-13)
8. Pain (3:16)
9. Relational Troubles (3:16-17)
10. Death (3:14-19)

Genesis 2:25

III. Restoration (Genesis 3:8-21)

1. God comes to us. (3:8-9)
2. God confronts us. (3:10-11)
3. God comforts us. (3:21)
4. God covers us. (3:21)

Galatians 3:27 – "For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ."

Discussion Questions for the Week

1. Read Genesis 3:1-24. What do you appreciate about God after reading this?
2. Explain the Gospel to each other.
3. Are you more likely to see your sin as a mistake or as an act of rebellion?
4. Paul Tripp says, "*Sin lives in a costume.*" How have you found this to be true?
5. What happens when we focus on God's prohibitions over His freedom?
6. Discuss how our rebellion has affected the different spheres of society: family, government, church, the environment? How can Christians battle the impacts of sin in each of these spheres?
7. What are some ways we hide from God today? Pray for one another to enjoy God and fight sin.