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### Genesis 3: We All Fall Down

Genesis 3

Series: Genesis – The Story of Us All

#### The Story of Us All

- ❖ The Bible in general, and Genesis in particular, presents a unique and universal worldview.
- ❖ The worldview presented in the scriptures is dependent on revelation rather than discovery.
- ❖ The Bible in its entirety, including Genesis, is about God's redemption of mankind and the renewal of all things in Christ.

*Luke 24:27 (ESV) — 27 And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself. (See also, John 5:39-40; Acts 8:26-35)*

#### Central Passage

*Genesis 3:6–7 (ESV) — 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. 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.*

**Central Thought:** A key element in the Story of Us All is that we are fallen; a sinful and rebellious people, separated from our Creator and in desperate need of forgiveness and restoration.

*Romans 3:23–24 (ESV) — 23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, 24 and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus*

#### Facing Our Fallenness

- ❖ The Context of the Fall: A lack of spiritual awareness.

*Genesis 3:1 (ESV) — 1 Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God actually say, 'You shall not eat of any tree in the garden'?" (See also, Ephesians 6:10-12; 1 Peter 5:8-9)*

- ❖ The Content of the Fall: A distrust of God, and a desire for God-like knowledge and experience.

*Genesis 3:2–6 (ESV) — 2 And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, 3 but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.' " 4 But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. 5 For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." 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. (See also, 1 John 2:15-17)*

- ❖ The Consequences of the Fall: Shame, separation and struggle – death. (*Gen. 3:7-19*)

*Romans 6:23 (ESV) — 23 For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. (See also, James 1:13-15; Revelation 21:8)*

**Quote:** "Life changing repentance starts where blame shifting ends. Blame shifting might make you feel good but it won't change you." Timothy Keller

- ❖ The Cure for the Fall: The sacrificial covering provided by God himself through Christ Jesus.

*Genesis 3:21 (ESV) — 21 And the LORD God made for Adam and for his wife garments of skins and clothed them. (See also, Genesis 3:20-24; Hebrews 2:17; 4:14-16)*

**Quote:** "We are more sinful and flawed than we ever dared believe, yet more loved and accepted in Jesus than we ever dared hope." Keller

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