

The Christ | The Fall
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Genesis 3.1-9, 22-24:

What was before the fall? Paradise: Perfection! God is King. No hard work, beautiful woman, multiplication! All He commands is good! ***This is life to full.***

We thought we could do better! Staged a coup, dethroned God, messed it up! **Flawless Spec.**

Results:

1. Ruined relationship with God: (3.8, 3.23) We leave God who made us and gave us life. This = death! By definition! We **become deceived by it** "professing to be wise, they became fools". We distrust God, pursue life in a hundred other ways (**creation not Creator**)

2. Paradise is lost: Sin is the cause of every problem in the world. Sin is not 'cute' or 'being naughty'. It is road rage, it is the greed that caused the economic crisis, corporate greed that make sweat shops, it's what's made your marriage hard, it's the reason for the skinny African child, playing in the dust malnourished with bloated stomach, it's the root of your teenagers rebellion, it's your physical ailment, your loved ones death, that child who was sexually abused, the woman who was raped, child and sex slavery, abortion.

3. We are caught in the grip of it: Our freedom is lost. We become slaves to it. Porn addiction. It's never subtle / innocent. Starts small. What we think will bring life, brings death. **This is serious! Can't be minimized! Jesus died for it!!**

How did it happen? Disobedience (Tyra running away)

3.1: the Devil is real, bold, deceptive, wicked. We don't live in fear, but we are aware.

3.1: "Did God actually say?" Condescending exaggeration. Father of lies. "If you are.."

3.4: "You will not die" this is a flat contradiction of God's word . Making him out to be a liar.

At it's most basic level sins root is this: God is not good, not perfect. He doesn't love you. He is stingy and cruel, he withholds, he prevents true life, he's not to be trusted, he's not God.

Exchanged the truth of God for a lie.. worshipped created things instead of the Creator

Hebrews 3.12: Take care brothers, lest there be in any of you an evil, unbelieving heart, leading you to fall away from the living God. But encourage one another daily so that..'

It's attack on God's character: Says He is not the source of all knowledge. Shouldn't be the authority. Shouldn't guide your conduct. Shouldn't control your destiny. Shouldn't be your source of pleasure. Shouldn't be the one you worship, **is not your Father 2 Cor 4.4**

All your problems are about sin: Those who are addicted to sin, slaves to it, those who don't feel that God is good! God wants us to see the horror and disgustingness of sin.

3.15: But at the point of sin occurring is the promise of the crushing of the serpents head.

The love of God! Forgiveness set in his heart since Gen 3. This verse is the promise note that Jesus would come. **Jesus is the true and better Adam who passed the test in the garden.**

The pain is in his heart since then. Note God doesn't say that it's ok I won't make big deal of it. He says I will pay the ultimate price for it.

Jesus: Breaks the power of sin, restores our image of God, reconciles us to God.

The Holy Spirit applies this to you so that experientially you feel a sense of release from the power of sin, love etc, show you Jesus, and experiences the presence of God in your life.

This is where counseling has it's limits. We point to Jesus, There are something's you have to go to God for and ask Him to deliver you personally. **Can we cry out to Him and thank Him!**