

TO WHOM SHALL WE GO?...

A Video Bible Study Series

(John 6:68, NIV)

EPISODE 1 – THE GARDEN (GENESIS 1-3)

UNWRAPPING EASTER SERIES

- The Easter story is one part of God’s remarkable love story that began even before the creation of the world.
- The apostle Paul wrote in **Ephesians 1:4-5**; *“God chose us to belong to Christ before the world was created. He chose us to be holy and without blame in His eyes. He loved us. So He decided long ago to adopt us. He adopted us as His children with all the rights children have. He did it because of what Jesus Christ has done. It pleased God to do it.”*
- From the very beginning of creation, God’s focus was on us. In fact, everything He created was for us.
- **Genesis 1:26**; *“Then God said, “Let us make human beings so that they are like us. Let them rule over the fish in the seas and the birds in the sky. Let them rule over the livestock and all the wild animals. And let them rule over all the creatures that move along the ground.”*
- God created the first man and woman. He planted a beautiful garden and placed Adam in it and later created Eve. In the garden, they could live in the presence of God. God would even walk in the garden with them.
- It was all about a relationship between God, the creator of the universe, and humans. Out of love, God gave Adam and Eve everything they would ever need.



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- God said they could eat from any tree in the garden, but they must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, which was at the center of the garden. He said if they ate from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, they would certainly die.
- In **Genesis 3:1-21** Satan tempted Eve in the form of a serpent. He asked her, *“Did God really say, ‘You must not eat fruit from any tree in the garden’?”*
- Eve told the serpent that they could eat from any tree except the one tree in the middle of the garden. If they ate from that tree, they would die.
- But Satan lied to her. He said, *“You will certainly not die. God knows that when you eat fruit from that tree, you will know things you have never known before. Like God, you will be able to tell the difference between good and evil.”*
- Adam and Eve were not satisfied with what God gave them. They could see the fruit was beautiful, and they wanted to be as smart as God. They disobeyed God and did exactly the one thing God told them not to do.
- He even warned them that they would die. But Satan lied to them. He said they would not die.
- Suddenly, Adam and Eve realized they were naked and made clothes for themselves out of leaves. They heard the Lord walking in the garden and hid from Him. But God called to Adam and asked, *“Where are you?”*
- Adam answered, *“I heard you in the garden. I was afraid, because I was naked. So I hid.”*
- God knew they had eaten from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, so He cursed the serpent and promised a Savior to save us. That Savior is Jesus Christ.
- God told Eve that she would have to suffer severe pain to give birth to children and that her husband would rule over her.

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- God told Adam, because he listened to Eve, that he would have to work hard for food all the days of his life. The ground would produce thorns and thistles and by his sweat he would eat his food until he died.
- Satan told Adam and Eve that they would not die if they ate from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, but he lied. They would die, but first they would have to work hard and suffer to have enough food to eat.
- The Lord made clothes from animal skins for them to wear and then drove them out of the garden. Their sin destroyed the peace they had with God and they could no longer live in His presence.
- Just like Adam and Eve, we are aware of our sins and we hide from God because of them. We stay away from church and reading the Bible. We avoid other Christians. We even stop praying.
- Sin made life much harder for Adam and Eve, and without putting our trust in Jesus, it does the same in our lives. We have no joy or peace towards God. Sin destroys our relationship with God and peace between God and us is impossible.
- But there is hope for us sinners. It says in **2 Corinthians 5:17-18**, *“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! All this is from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ.”*
- Being reconciled through Christ means God changed our relationship with Him. He did this by sacrificing His only Son. Jesus died on the cross as payment for our sins. God fixed what was broken, and when we put our trust in Jesus, we can again be at peace with God. Jesus restored our friendship with God.
- God reconciled us to Himself and when we put our trust in Jesus, we become new creations. God also went a step further by sending us a helper, the Holy Spirit. God’s own Spirit dwells in us to help us resist temptation. He also teaches, guides, and equips us to follow Jesus.

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. From which trees were Adam and Eve allowed to eat?

- They were allowed to eat from all the trees in the garden except for one.

2. From what tree was Adam and Eve not allowed to eat from?

- They were not allowed to eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

3. How did Satan lie to Adam and Eve?

- Satan told them they would not die if they ate from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, but he lied.

4. What was the reason God made Adam and Eve leave the garden?

- Adam and Eve had been together with God in the garden, but they disobeyed God and sinned by eating from the one tree God told they were not allowed to eat from. Their sin destroyed the peace they had with God and they could no longer live in His presence. To this day, sin continues to destroy the peace we have with God.

5. What does reconcile mean?

- It means God changed our relationship with Him. He did this by sacrificing His only Son. Jesus died on the cross as payment for our sins. God fixed what was broken, and when we put our trust in Jesus, we can again be at peace with God. Jesus restored our friendship with God.

6. What is the purpose of the Holy Spirit in our lives?

- God sent the Holy Spirit to dwell in us to help us resist temptation. He also teaches, guides, and equips us to follow Jesus.

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PERSONAL QUESTIONS

1. Take a few moments to think about some of the things you do that you know you should not do.
2. Do you have a relationship with God? Have you put your trust in Jesus? Do you know how to restore your relationship with God?
 - God already did all the work through His Son Jesus to reconcile us to Himself. We only need to trust in Jesus as our Lord and Savior.

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