

GOD'S PLAN of SALVATION: THE FIRST S _____

Genesis 3:20-24

²⁰ Adam^[c] named his wife Eve,^[d] because she would become the mother of all the living.

²¹ **The LORD God made garments of skin for Adam and his wife and clothed them.** ²² And the LORD God said, "The man has now become like one of us, knowing good and evil. He must not be allowed to reach out his hand and take also from the tree of life and eat, and live forever." ²³ So the LORD God banished him from the Garden of Eden to work the ground from which he had been taken. ²⁴ After he drove the man out, he placed on the east side^[e] of the Garden of Eden cherubim and a flaming sword flashing back and forth to guard the way to the tree of life.

GENERATIONAL SIN: Generations of a Broken World

"The Lord is slow to anger, abounding in love, and forgiving sin and rebellion. Yet He does not leave the guilty unpunished; He punishes the children for the sin of the Fathers to the third and fourth generation." Number 14:18,

- Children are not punished for the sins of their parents...Parents aren't punished for the sins of their children....Remember....."*The soul who sins must die.*"
Ex. A father robs a bank. Will God punish the man's son even though he had nothing to do with the robbery at all? Absolutely not.
- The e_____ of sin are naturally passed down from one generation to the next.
- A new generation will tend to r_____ the sins of their forebears; thus, generational patterns of sin continue until it is broken by the power of Jesus Christ alone.
- "Punishing the children" is another way of saying children often repeat the sins of their fathers and mothers.

The Second Generation: Cain and Abel

"Now Cain said to his brother Abel, "Let's go out to the field. And while they were in the field, Cain attacked his brother Able and killed him." Genesis 4:8

Examples of Generational Sins: Sexual Immorality. Addictions. Depression. Manipulation. Habitual Lying. Rage. Possessiveness. Bitterness. Victim Mentality.

What does this mean for me?

The cure for a "generational curse" is repentance of the sin in question, faith in Christ, and a life consecrated to the Lord.

TRUTH: No matter the s_____ and no matter the chains, Jesus Christ can and will set you free!

"So if the Son sets you free, you are free indeed." John 8:38

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old is gone, behold, the new has come!" 2 Corinthians 5:17

From the Garden to Me: MY SIN

MY SIN

The **FIRST TRUTH**: I am a sinner separated from God because of my sins and I cannot **SAVE** myself.

(We all **START** at the same place).

- ✓ Born in sin: (Think about a toddler who isn't even talking yet. He bites, hits, grabs, etc., --not because he was taught to do these things but because *it is in our nature---our SIN NATURE*).
- ✓ No one is righteous---ALL have turned from God to sin.
- ✓ All fall short of God's glory because of sin.

Psalm 51:3-5

³ For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me.

⁴ Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight; so you are right in your verdict and justified when you judge.

⁵ Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me.

CONSEQUENCES OF MY SIN

- ✓ Broken relationship with God **SHATTERS** our LIVES!!!
- ✓ As a result there is:
 - C_____ and broken relationships with others
 - Pain, suffering, disease, war, jealousy, hatred, killing, abuse.....
- ✓ Physical Death is a part of life—None of us will get out of this alive.
- ✓ Spiritual Death is a reality because our sin separates us from God
- ✓ WE MUST BE BORN AGAIN

Romans 6:23

23 For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

- ✓ The wages of my sin is death.
- ✓ Because of MY SIN, I am spiritually D_____ and APART from God.
- ✓ There is NO HOPE of relationship with God, no hope of salvation and no eternal life until I recognize and confess MY SIN. **R_____ is NECESSARY!**

CONCLUSION: Only by recognizing and understanding the completeness of our sinfulness and our total inability to save ourselves can we begin to understand our REAL PROBLEM.

I must first REALIZE I AM LOST---APART FROM GOD---and I CANNOT SAVE MYSELF