

MESSAGE NOTES

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LENTEN SERIES: "OUR BATTLE WITH SIN"**MESSAGE: "THE ORIGINAL (FIRST) SIN"**

Genesis 2:15-17. ¹⁵The Lord God placed the man in the Garden of Eden to tend and watch over it. ¹⁶But the Lord God warned him, "You may freely eat the fruit of every tree in the garden – ¹⁷except the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. If you eat its fruit, you are sure to die."

Genesis 3:1-6. ¹The serpent was the shrewdest of all the wild animals the Lord God had made. One day he asked the woman, "Did God really say you must not eat the fruit from any of the trees in the garden?" ²"Of course we may eat fruit from the trees in the garden," the woman replied. ³"It's only the fruit from the tree in the middle of the garden that we are not allowed to eat. God said, 'You must not eat it or even touch it; if you do, you will die.'" ⁴"You won't die!" the serpent replied to the woman. ⁵"God knows that your eyes will be opened as soon as you eat it, and you will be like God, knowing both good and evil." ⁶The woman was convinced. She saw that the tree was beautiful and its fruit looked delicious, and she wanted the wisdom it would give her. So she took some of the fruit and ate it. Then she gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it, too.

Romans 5:12. ¹²When Adam sinned, sin entered the world. Adam's sin brought death, so death spread to everyone, for everyone sinned.

G.K. Chesterton. Original sin is the only doctrine that is empirically verifiable. [Everybody dies. Death and disease affect everyone.]

THE FIRST SIN = _____

THE ROOT OF THE PROBLEM

- _____ = lacking confidence, considering unlikely, or questioning the sincerity of God's Word

Genesis 3:1. ¹Did God really say...?

Proverbs 3:5-6. ⁵Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. ⁶Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take.

- _____ = sinful cravings opposed to God's will

Genesis 1:6. ⁶She saw that the tree was beautiful and its fruit looked delicious, and she wanted the wisdom it would give her.

2 Timothy 4:3. ³For a time is coming when people will no longer listen to sound and wholesome teaching. They will follow their own desires and will look for teachers who will tell them whatever their itching ears want to hear.

- _____ = wrongly choosing who and what you listen to or follow

Genesis 1:6. ⁶The Woman was convinced.

Matthew 11:15. ¹⁵Anyone with ears to hear should listen and understand!

Isaiah 42:20. ²⁰You see and recognize what is right but refuse to act on it. You hear with your ears, but you don't really listen.

THE FIX

Colossians 2:7. ⁷Let your roots grow down into him, and let your lives be built on him. Then your faith will grow strong in the truth you were taught, and you will overflow with thankfulness.

Jeremiah 17:7-9. ⁷Blessed are those who trust in the Lord and have made the Lord their hope and confidence. ⁸They are like trees planted along a riverbank, with roots that reach deep into the water. Such trees are not bothered by the heat or worried by long months of drought. Their leaves stay green, and they never stop producing fruit. ⁹The human heart is the most deceitful of all things, and desperately wicked. Who really knows how bad it is?