

How did we get here?

What's Wrong With This World?

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Genesis 2:16-17 (NLT) 16 But the LORD God warned [Adam], "You may freely eat the fruit of every tree in the garden—17 except the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. If you eat its fruit, you are sure to die."

Romans 5:12, 18-19 (NLT) 12 When Adam sinned, sin entered the world. Adam's sin brought death, so death spread to everyone, for everyone sinned. 18 Yes, Adam's one sin brings condemnation for everyone, but Christ's one act of righteousness brings a right relationship with God and new life for everyone. 19 Because one person disobeyed God, many became sinners. But because one other person obeyed God, many will be made righteous.

The effects of original sin:

Woman

Genesis 3:16

Man

Genesis 3:17-19

Sin Polluted Our Heart

Jeremiah 17:9 (NLT) The human heart is the most deceitful of all things, and desperately wicked. Who really knows how bad it is?"

Mark 7:20-23 (NLT) 20 [Jesus] added, "It is what comes from inside that defiles you. 21 For from within, out of a person's heart, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, 22 adultery, greed, wickedness, deceit, lustful desires, envy, slander, pride, and foolishness. 23 All these vile things come from within; they are what defile you."

James 4:1-2 (NLT) 1 What is causing the quarrels and fights among you? Don't they come from the evil desires at war within you? 2 You want what you don't have, so you scheme and kill to get it. You are jealous of what others have, but you can't get it, so you fight and wage war to take it away from them.

Sin severed our relationship with God

Genesis 3:23 (NLT) So the LORD God banished them from the Garden of Eden...

Judges 21:25 (NLT) ...all the people did whatever seemed right in their own eyes.

Matthew 19:26 (NIV) "With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."

John 3:16 (NLT) "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."

2 Corinthians 5:19 (NLT) For God was in Christ, reconciling the world to himself, no longer counting people's sins against them.

2 Corinthians 8:9 (NLT) You know the generous grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. Though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty he could make you rich.

What should we do?

Romans 7:18-25 (NLT) 18 And I know that nothing good lives in me, that is, in my sinful nature. I want to do what is right, but I can't. 19 I want to do what is good, but I don't. I don't want to do what is wrong, but I do it anyway. 20 But if I do what I don't want to do, I am not really the one doing wrong; it is sin living in me that does it. 21 I have discovered this principle of life—that when I want to do what is right, I inevitably do what is wrong. 24 Oh, what a miserable person I am! Who will free me from this life that is dominated by sin and death? 25 Thank God! The answer is in Jesus Christ our Lord.

He's the God of second chances

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

Isaiah 1:18 (NLT) "Come now, let's settle this," says the LORD. "Though your sins are like scarlet, I will make them as white as snow. Though they are red like crimson, I will make them as white as wool."

Romans 5:20 (NIV) But where sin increased, grace increased all the more...

1 John 5:4 (ESV) This is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith.