



“Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the LORD God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the LORD God among the trees of the garden. But the LORD God called to the man, “Where are you?” He answered, “I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid.” And he said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?” The man said, “The woman you put here with me—she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it.” Then the LORD God said to the woman, “What is this you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.” So the LORD God said to the serpent, “Because you have done this, - “Cursed are you above all the livestock and all the wild animals! You will crawl on your belly and you will eat dust all the days of your life. **And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; He will crush your head, and you will strike His heel.**” (Genesis 3:8-15 - NIV)

Prayer: Lord God, You are the strength of all who trust in You, - mercifully hear my prayers. Be gracious to me in my weakness and give me strength to keep Your commandments in all that I say and do; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, my Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. AMEN



Order of Worship – The Common Service With L.S. – pg. 15

- Greeting by the Pastor

- Invocation (Liturgy pg. 15)

Opening Hymn **C.W. 376 vss. 1 & 2** Sung by the Congregation

- Confession of Sins

- Absolution

- Prayer and Praise (pg. 16)

- Prayer of The Day (pg. 17)

First Lesson – Genesis 3:8-15-Adam and Eve Hide From God.

PSALM OF THE DAY Psalm 51a (C.W. pg. 86 – Sung by Monica McInnis)

Second Lesson – I Corinthians 4:13-18-I believe, I Speak.

Gospel Lesson – Mark 3:20-35-Accusations Against Jesus & His Mother & Brothers.

The Nicene Creed by the Congregation: (Liturgy pg. 18)

Sermon Hymn: **C.W. 378** sung by the Congregation

Sermon Text: Genesis 3:8-15

Sermon Theme: God Confronts Sin = The Law;
God Makes the 1st Promise of Your Savior = The Gospel

"Create in Me" – (pg. 20)

Offering (The plates will not be passed but are at the entrance doors)

Offering Prayer

Prayer of The Church

Lord's Prayer

Communion Liturgy (Liturgy - pg. 21)

Sanctus (Holy, Holy, Holy – Liturgy pg. 22)

Words of Institution (Liturgy pg. 23)

Agnus Dei (O Christ Lamb of God – Lit. pg. 23)

RECEPTION of Christ's Body & Blood which are Really Present, In / With and Under the Bread and the Wine for the forgiveness of sins.

Communion Hymn **C.W. 310 vss. 1-4 & 11** sung by the Congregation after everyone has communed including the Pastor

Nunc Dimittis (Song of Simeon - Liturgy pg. 24)

Collect / Prayer (pg. 24)

Benediction

Closing Hymn **C.W. 376 vss. 3-6** sung by the Congregation.

SERMON TEXT: Genesis 3:8-15

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Vs. 9 - But the LORD God called to the man, "Where are you?"

Vs. 10 - He answered, "I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid."

Vs. 11 - And he said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?"

Vs. 12 - The man said, "The woman you put here with me—she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it."

Vs. 13 - Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

Vs. 14 - So the LORD God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, - "Cursed are you above all the livestock and all the wild animals! You will crawl on your belly and you will eat dust all the days of your life.

Vs. 15 - And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; He will crush your head, and you will strike His heel."

GREETING: I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know Him better. (Eph. 1:17)

Can you remember what the two (2) Main Teachings / Doctrines of the Bible are?

The **Law** - which Shows Us Our Sin – S.O.S.

AND

The **Gospel** – Which Shows Us Our Savior – S.O.S.

Whenever studying the Scriptures, we can ask ourselves:

Where is the Law and Where is the Gospel in this Section of Scripture?

A Passage in the Bible which clearing shows and demonstrates these two teachings of the Bible is **Romans 6:23**: - **"The Wages of sin is death – BUT The GIFT of God is Eternal Life in Christ Jesus our Lord."**

This passage from Paul's letter to the Romans clearly and plainly divides the Law and the Gospel.

The Law which shows us that because of our sin, we deserve, as a wage, as a payment, we deserve death.

The Gospel which shows us that Eternal Life in Heaven is a Gift from God, because of and in Christ Jesus alone.

Our Salvation is God's GIFT to us in Christ Jesus.

When we receive a gift, it has been given to us for FREE. No payment is expected, that is why it is called a gift.

Today as we look at this section from Genesis 3:8-15, we ask the questions:

Where is the Law?

Where is the Gospel?

The Law is found as we see God confront the sin of Adam and Eve.

Just the very fact that as God is walking through the Garden of Eden we see Adam and Eve *hide* from God, we know that the relationship between God and Mankind has changed.

God is Holy and perfect.

Adam and Eve (Mankind) has lost that perfection, that holiness. They have lost the image of God.

As God calls out for Adam and Eve, God of course knew where Adam and Eve were, He is God. God knows all things. (Psalm 139:7-12)

God then confronts Adam and Eve and even Satan, directly!

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Is there any way that the sin and devastation which occurred can be undone? NO! Of course not!

God had told Adam and Eve that on the day that they ate of the fruit of *The Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil*, they would surely die. (Genesis 2:16-17)

Even though Adam and Eve did not immediately die physically, they had died spiritually. They became enemies of God and friends of Satan.

Genesis 5:5 records for us that Adam lived to be 930, and then he died.

And so we see the law loud and clear!

Now where do we see the Gospel in this section of Genesis 3:8-15. Where do we see the GOOD NEWS? Where do we see the - ευαγγελιον -?

We see the Gospel in the FIRST Promise of the Savior as given in Genesis 3:15.

Vs. 15 - And I (GOD) will put enmity between you (SATAN) and the woman, and between your (SATAN) offspring and hers; He (JESUS) will crush your head, and (even though) you (SATAN) will strike His (JESUS) heel.”

Even though Adam and Even did not know that The Name of the Savior would be Jesus - as New Testament believers living in the year 2021, we know that this verse from Genesis point forward some 4,114 years to the birth of Jesus Christ born of the Virgin Mary, conceived by the Holy Spirit.

We know that about 2021 years ago, Jesus The Christ, the Seed of the Woman came into this world and crushed the head, crushed the power of Satan!

We know that Jesus defeated death, made full payment for the sin of the Whole World and suffered hell in our place, as our substitute, so that we do not need to fear death. (John 3:16)

If Jesus does not come first, we will face physical death, but we need not fear the 2nd death which is hell.

(Rev. 20:6, Rev. 20:14; Rev. 21:18)

Instead we can look forward to **heaven because of Christ Jesus** Who crushed Satan's head, which is truly Good News, that is The Gospel. AMEN

**THEME: God Confronts Sin = The Law;
God Makes the 1st Promise of Your Savior = The Gospel!**