

The “Why” That Caused Christmas...

Genesis 2&3

Let me tell you a story of long ago when God created the universe.



There were two people, a man named Adam and a woman named Eve. They were the first two people to ever walk on this land.

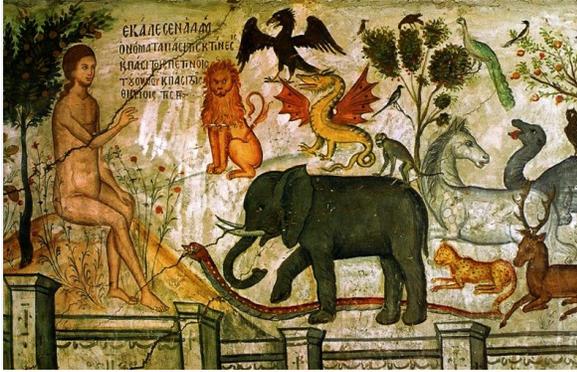


They lived in this beautiful garden called Eden that God, the creator of everything had made. He had even

made the man Adam and then the woman Eve. God had made everything including fish, birds, cows, and creeping things like bugs and caterpillars. He had even made more than this garden but He wanted Adam and Eve to live in His garden and take great care of it for Him.

God had planted everything He desired to be in His garden and then He gave the job to Adam and Eve to take great care of it all. This was a very special gift that God had given to Adam and Eve. He even allowed them to enjoy everything and to eat anything in the garden except from one tree that God had planted there. God, knowing this was His garden, made it the most beautiful garden ever and just the way He wanted it too!

His garden was Perfect and Beautiful in every way. You could smell the blossoms from the fruit trees and the sweet smell of flowers was everywhere. Everything looked, felt, smelled, sounded and tasted wonderful and fabulous. You could even walk throughout the garden and feel the soft grass and fresh soil beneath your feet. It was the most perfect garden ever ever ever ever made.



God made all the animals too and then brought them to Adam so he could name each one. Even the really really big ones and the itsy bitsy, teeny-weeny little ones; Adam got to name them all.



But one day, a very sneaky snake was in the garden where Adam and Eve lived. This snake said to Eve, the woman, “Did God really say to you that you should not eat from any tree of the garden?” And Eve said to the snake, “We can eat from all the fruit of all the trees except the one God said no to. You know,

the tree over there that is in the middle of the garden, God said that we can’t eat from it or even touch it or we will die.

Then the snake said to Eve, “You really aren’t going to die. But God knows that the day you eat from His special tree, your eyes will be opened and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”

When Eve saw that the tree was good for food, and it looked really beautiful and it would also make you wise, she picked a piece of fruit and took a bite of it and then gave it to her husband Adam, and he ate it too.

So, what do you think happened then? Remember, Adam and Eve had disobeyed God and listened to the snake.

OK, let me tell you what happened. Both Adam and Eve’s eyes were opened and they could see that they didn’t have any clothes on; they were naked and afraid. They now knew about good and evil; they had known good and they now knew evil and they did not like evil at all.

Before they disobeyed God, Adam and Eve were able to walk with God and talk with God freely in His

garden, but now they were afraid of God. You know, sin makes us afraid too.



Because of not obeying God, Adam and Eve had to leave God's beautiful garden. They had to go outside of God's beautiful garden into the land that they had never even seen. It would be like us going out into a new country with no one else around but us. They felt totally and completely lost, scared, abandoned and guilt-ridden because of sin. The ground was rough and had rocks and thorns because of sin. The sun was bright and hot and they would have to work and farm the land made of hard dirt so they could get food to eat; because of sin. They were sad, they were scared, they were lonely, cold and afraid and it would even be more painful to have children because of their sin; all this because of the sin of disobeying God.



Everything they were feeling was the result of their Sin: disobeying God. They had disobeyed God and now knew what sin felt like. It did not feel good at all.

God knew what they were feeling as He had experienced this before in Heaven with an angel, He named Lucifer. God had made Lucifer just as He had made all the other angels, except He made Lucifer more beautiful than all the rest. And just as God had given Adam a job to do in His garden, God gave Lucifer the job of leading all the worship in heaven of God. Lucifer thought that he was more beautiful than God who had made him, so he thought that he should be God. He even convinced a whole bunch of angles to agree with him. He started a huge fight in heaven and tried to take over heaven and take it away from God. This was sin! But Lucifer lost and God cast him out of heaven to this new earth God had made. His name even changed from Lucifer to Satan. And with

Satan, God cast out all the angels that followed Satan.



Satan was the one that convinced the snake to lie to Eve in God's garden too. WOW!

Oh, so sad. Man and woman being sent out of God's beautiful garden and the most beautiful angel being cast out of God's beautiful heaven.

All Because Of SIN. Sin really hurts people, doesn't it, and it's no good.

But God loved Adam and Eve and you and me so much that He sent His only Son, Jesus to make things right with all of mankind regarding this horrible sin. Jesus was going to die for the sins of all the world. In God's massive love for us, He was willing to sacrifice His One and

Only Son to fix what Satan and Adam's Sin had broken.

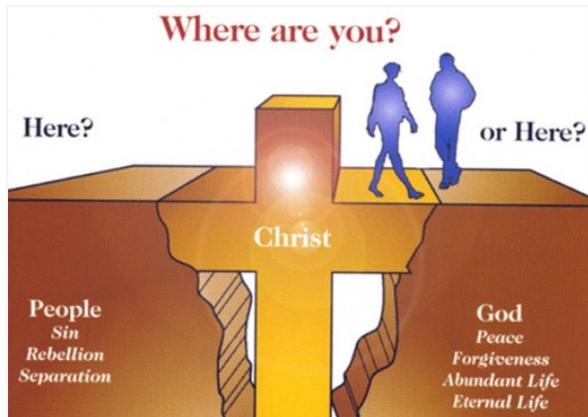
You see, Adam and Eve, just like you and me, knew that sin caused them to be separated from God and continues to cause us to feel pain, fear, hurt, guilt and shame. But God, by giving us His perfect gift of Jesus, made a way for us to experience the forgiveness of sin and shame where we no longer have to be a slave to sin, pain, darkness and fear.

Remember, Adam and Eve knew and experienced God's Glory in His garden, but through their sin found such pain, separation and darkness. I would even say that their guilt, shame and fear was so overwhelming to them at times, they did not know what to do.



Today, we know how sin separates us from God too, but we must acknowledge the sin in our own lives to be free from it. Just like Adam and Eve would have had to

do with God after being sent out from His garden.



Through God's LOVE for us, He offers His grace, mercy, forgiveness and peace if we will just accept it. God says that all we need to do is believe on Jesus Christ and accept God's gift of His Son and admit that we are sinners.

When we believe on Jesus Christ, pain, separation, depression, anxiety, fear, uncertainty, loneliness and strife can go away because God's Holy Spirit lives within us.

Adam and Eve knew the consequence of sin: separation from God. Today, you can say to God, "I don't want to be separated from You any longer. I want to accept Your Son Jesus as my payment for sin. I want to trust You alone and be with You forever and ever."

Adam and Eve were in God's glory in the garden and then through sin were put out of the garden. We are out because of sin too, but through Jesus' Righteousness we can once again be put in a right relationship with God.

What separated Adam and Eve from God? SIN! And what can make us whole again with God? JESUS!

So, here's God's question to each one of us, today as we celebrate the birth of baby Jesus. Do you want to accept Jesus who makes things right with you and God again? Are you willing to let Him deal with the sin and strife in your life? Do you want the peace and joy that only Jesus can give? Do you want the best gift possible for Christmas?

Here's the "Happily Ever After" Part...

If your answer is yes, then right now, come and receive the greatest gift possible for Christmas..... When someone offers you a gift, you come and get it right away! God's gift of salvation through trusting in Jesus Christ is His gift to you right now... Come now and receive it!



If you have trusted Jesus in the past, but your life has become full of sin again, and you have been giving your love to something other than Jesus, you too can come right now and make things right again. What better gift to receive at Christmas than the gift of restoration through Jesus Christ with God? Will you finally stop running from God and start running to God?

Peace is the absence of strife that's caused by sin. If you want to get rid of the strife in your life, then get rid of the sin in your life. HOW? By repenting from your sin, saying I'm sorry and trusting in Jesus. God's grace, mercy and love is greater than any sin!



Come give away the hurt, loneliness, fear and all the other things that come from not accepting Jesus and then, let Jesus remove the sin and replace it with peace, His peace, His eternal peace.

The Best Gift Possible For Christmas, is Jesus... Merry Christmas!

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