

“The Fall”
Genesis 3:1-24

kkC.I.T.—The fall turned everything upside down.

C.I.S.—We live in a fallen world that need to be restored.

Purpose—to show the fundamental worldview of the world around us.

Introduction—Sunglasses give us a shaded view of the world.

I. ***The world intended.***

a. ***Blessed relationship between God and man.***

- i. 1:26-27, 2:7—The Lord formed the man personally.
- ii. 2:15-16—He spoke with him face to face.
- iii. 3:8—He walked in the garden.

b. ***Blessed relationship between man and woman.***

- i. Adam’s declaration in 2:23
- ii. 2:25—Both were naked—open communication between the two.

c. ***Blessed relationship between man and beast.***

- i. 1:26—Given dominion over animals
- ii. 2:19-20—Names each animal
- iii. No fear of animal or animal of man.

d. ***Blessed relationship between man and land.***

- i. 2:5-17—The Lord planted a garden.
- ii. He gave man food to eat.
- iii. He gave man a job to do—work and keep the garden.
- iv. The Lord planted, watered, and brought the garden forth.

e. ***Blessed relationship between man and death.***

- i. 2:17—Eating from the knowledge of good and evil led to death, assumes that they were designed not to die.
- ii. 1:29-30—Plants were given to man for food and to all the animals for food—all animals were herbivores.

f. Illus.—This is the blueprint

g. Application

- i. This was God’s design for creation and for the human experience.
- ii. What a wonderful existence it would be!

II. ***The world interrupted.***

a. They were instructed not to eat from the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

b. They rejected God and sinned against Him.

c. Illus.—Contractor decided that the architect was an idiot and so he began to do his own thing.

d. Application

- i. Adam and Eve rebelled against the plan of God.
- ii. They thought they knew better and sinned against God.

III. ***The world immoral.***

a. ***Broken relationship between God and man.***

- i. 3:8-13
- ii. Realized they were naked and hid from God.
- iii. Didn’t take responsibility for sin but passed responsibility to others.
- iv. Sin, integrity, honesty, lack of responsibility
- v. Romans 3:9-18, 23

b. ***Broken relationship between man and wife.***

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- i. They saw that they were naked.
 - ii. 3:16—Curse against the wife.
 - iii. Childbearing would become much more difficult and painful.
 - iv. Desire against the husband and he shall rule over.
 - v. Different from be fruitful and multiply, and then bone of bone and flesh of flesh.
 - vi. Sin brought enmity between the sexes.
- c. Broken relationship between man and beast.
- i. Serpent was speaking to them—maybe they all could talk?
 - ii. 3:14-15—Enmity between serpent and men
 - iii. Genesis 9:2
- d. Broken relationship between man and land.
- i. 3:16-19—Land became tough to work
 - ii. 3:23-24—Kicked out of Eden, to uncultivated land to start from scratch
- e. Broken relationship between man and death.
- i. 3:19-24
 1. Dust to dust
 2. Garment of skins
 3. Banished from the tree of life
 - ii. Genesis 9:3—start eating living things
 - iii. **Romans 5:12k**
 - iv. **Romans 6:23**
 - v. **James 1:13-15**
 - vi. **Romans 8:18-22**
- f. Illus.—Contractor starts moving things around, instability and disaster.
- g. Application
- i. When we reject the Lord’s design on our world, our world turns upside down.
 - ii. Everything is backwards.

IV. The world expectant.

- a. Romans 8:18-22
- b. 3:15—seed singular will bruise head
- c. 3:21—Death covered break in relationship
- d. 1 Peter 1:20
- e. One day He will come back to restore a new heavens and a new earth.

Conclusion

- The sunglasses you wear will determine how you view the world.
- All that we see in the world today are merely symptoms of the fall.
- The problem is not policy or positions, but sin.
- If we want to change America, we must change Americans.
- This is done through the blood of the lamb.
- This is done by sharing the good news of Jesus to a lost and dying world.
- The reason the world isn’t changing is because we aren’t sharing.

Romans 5:12 Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, in this way death spread to all people, because all sinned. (Rom. 5:12 CSB17)

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James 1:13 No one undergoing a trial should say, "I am being tempted by God," since God is not tempted by evil, and he himself doesn't tempt anyone. ¹⁴ But each person is tempted when he is drawn away and enticed by his own evil desire. ¹⁵ Then after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin, and when sin is fully grown, it gives birth to death. (Jas. 1:13 CSB17)

Romans 8:18 For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is going to be revealed to us. ¹⁹ For the creation eagerly waits with anticipation for God's sons to be revealed. ²⁰ For the creation was subjected to futility-- not willingly, but because of him who subjected it-- in the hope ²¹ that the creation itself will also be set free from the bondage to decay into the glorious freedom of God's children. ²² For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together with labor pains until now. (Rom. 8:18 CSB17)

1 Peter 1:20 He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was revealed in these last times for you.

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(1 Pet. 1:20 CSB17)