



Part I: Creation  
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**God created**

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. – *Genesis 1:1*

**God created the principles of:**

Order (chaos is not a part of God’s plan)

Creativity (God loves to make something out of nothing)

Work (God worked and so should we)

Rest (God rested and so should we)

**Satan twisted**

Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God really say, “You must not eat from any tree in the Garden?” – *Genesis 3:1*

**Mankind fell**

<sup>6</sup> When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. <sup>7</sup> Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves.

<sup>8</sup> 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. <sup>9</sup> But the Lord God called to the man, “Where are you?”

<sup>10</sup> He answered, “I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid.”

<sup>11</sup> And he said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?”

<sup>12</sup> The man said, “The woman you put here with me —she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it.”

<sup>13</sup> Then the Lord God said to the woman, “What is this you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.” – *Genesis 3:6-13*

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## **Man hid**

...from his responsibility  
...from the truth  
...from his Creator

### **What are you hiding from right now?**

## **God created again**

The Lord God made garments of skin for Adam and his wife and covered them.  
– *Genesis 3:21*

Truths: There are consequences for sin

God has a plan for the complete restoration of His creation

## **Ephesians 1:3-10**

<sup>3</sup> Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. <sup>4</sup> For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love <sup>5</sup> he predestined us to be adopted as his sons through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will — <sup>6</sup> to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves. <sup>7</sup> In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace <sup>8</sup> that he lavished on us with all wisdom and understanding. <sup>9</sup> And he made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ, <sup>10</sup> to be put into effect when the times will have reached their fulfillment — to bring all things in heaven and on earth together under one head, even Christ.

## **Next Step (Bellingham Campus Only)**

If you've accepted Jesus as your Savior but haven't yet been baptized, we encourage you to make that decision today, attend a baptism class next weekend (July 7 or 8), and be baptized in one of the services on July 14 or 15 (except 8:30 AM). Details are on today's program insert and you can sign up at the Connection Point today.

## **Small Group Questions**

- 1) What is the most beautiful part of God's creation to you?
- 2) Are there ways that you express the creativity of God in your own life? Music, building, art, work, etc.?
- 3) What is one decision you can make to restore order to your life?
- 4) What ways have you found to be obedient to God's principles of work and rest?
- 5) Is there something you're hiding from? What is one decision you can make to come out of the shadows and accept God's help?
- 6) How can we pray for you right now?