

GOD'S WISDOM WITHIN THE FALL

Genesis 3.1-19 // December 9, 2018

A FAULTY FIGHT FOR WISDOM

Satan convinced Eve that through *disobedience* she could become "like God." She was convinced that the tree was good to "make one wise." She desired exactly what Satan sought: to be like God. The irony of both of their sin and rebellion is that they believed that to become like this holy and righteous God, sin would be the best path to get there! But that would make them *unrighteous*!

**No creation could ever become one with God
in their own power and by their own wisdom.**

GOD'S "FOOLISH" DESIGN

At first glance, this looks like a mistake of epic proportion. But God was not surprised by this, nor did He create a Plan B. If He is truly God, we ought to assume that He *knew* this would happen, and that in causing this to be part of His plan, He *knew* that it would somehow display His glory in a way that would be mesmerizing.

AN IMPROBABLE ADVENT

Genesis 3.14, 15

God, not willing to *only* be a transcendent God, makes a startling revelation. There is another kind of advent in Genesis 3. The revealing of the Good News. God's response to the rebellion of Adam and Eve was unlikely and completely unexpected: He promises to send a Savior, and this Savior would be the offspring of Adam and Eve.

**The "problem" with this promise
is that since man is the one who sinned,
only man should atone;
but man could *not atone* for his own sin.
Furthermore, only God *could* atone for sin,
but God *should not* atone for sin,
since it was not God who sinned.**

The solution? God would become a Man. He would not remain as simply a transcendent God, or as an author of a movie disconnected with his creation. He would choose to lower Himself *into* His own creation, in order to bring about an unspeakable joy and amazement that would shatter the world.

NOTES:

This Week's Scripture to Memorize:

2 Corinthians 8:9

"For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich."

ARE YOU NEW HERE?

WELCOME TO LIFE MISSION!

We'd love for you to **fill out a Connection Card** so we can welcome you and answer any questions you may have. You can drop it in the offering basket during the service or take it to one of our teammates at the **Connection Booth** outside. Feel free to grab some coffee and snacks in the courtyard and hang out. We hope you'll **join us next Sunday** and consider making us your church family.

WHAT ABOUT THE KIDS?

Our childrens' ministry, which we call **Kids on Mission**, has classes for **newborns - 5th grade**. We have a great team of volunteers who have all been screened with background checks for extra security. Each week your child will get to **worship** with their class, followed by an **age-appropriate lesson** that points them towards Jesus and helps root them in the Word of God.

Visit our website to read more about the vision of Kids on Mission and a walkthrough of our curriculum. If you have any questions, email **Amber Willis at amber@lifemission.tv**

JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL

Our **6th - 8th graders** begin each Sunday by **worshipping with the adults** and then head to their classroom with their teacher and classmates for the rest of service. Visit our website to read more about our junior high ministry and a walkthrough of our curriculum.

Our **9th-12th graders stay in the service** with the adults because we believe that it is crucial for them to not "graduate the faith" when they graduate high school.

For more information about our Junior High & High School ministries, email **Tyler Willis at tyler@lifemission.tv**.

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COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

Before your group starts, is there anyone who can share the **Memory Verse**?

Read **Genesis 3.1-19**. What stands out to you in this passage, and what stuck out to you most from the sermon on Sunday?

Preaching the Gospel to Yourself

The first Gospel! How does knowing that the Gospel goes *all the way* back to the third chapter of the bible bring you comfort in your day to day need for the Gospel?

Repent and Ask

We often are short sighted, thinking God's work in our life doesn't look wise or good. We often assume we deserve more or are owed more. How does the perspective of the "unexpected" announcement of the Gospel in light of the just punishment of Satan bring about a reality check to repent?

Your Life Mission

We live in a very, very fallen world, and every person in your life is in a fallen state. Christmas is filled with *so many opportunities* to have conversations and invite these folks into our homes. In what ways are you hoping to create in roads to conversations with others in need of the Gospel?

What conversations or social settings with non-believers are coming up that you could use prayer for? How can your group be praying for the people in your life that you love and care for?

End the evening in a time of prayer, praying through the theme of the night using the **P.R.A.Y.** model with your group. Pray for these people you have mentioned and for your heart and plan as you pursue them in love. Make sure to end your time of prayer **Yielding with Thanksgiving** for God's sovereignty and plan for your life.



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