

“In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth”

Genesis 1:1

Who are we?

The Creation....

Genesis 1 & 2....we are created by God in His own image (Genesis 1:26 & 27). This clearly distinguishes us from the rest of creation. We can also have a personal relationship with our Creator (Genesis 3:8 & 9). All of God's creation, up to this point, was *good* (Genesis 1:31)

The Fall of humanity....

Genesis 3....

Adam & Eve were real people and this event was accepted as real by the Bible in Romans 5:12-19....1Cor 15:21 & 22....1Tim2:12 & 13

This is the 1st mention of a being called Satan. Satan is a fallen angel who convinced many other angels (now called demons) to rebel with him against God. Revelation 12:7-9....Isaiah 14:12-17...Ezekiel 28:12-17
Satan transformed human honor, desire & dignity (all God-given qualities) into dishonor, greed & pride. Satan is powerful but no where near as powerful as God.

While Satan & his demons can masquerade as angels of light (2Cor11:14), they will eventually bow down to Jesus Christ (Philippians 2:10,11).

From this point on, human offspring inherited a less than perfect heart. Sin is anything less than perfection....hence, we are all sinners (Romans 3:23 & 6:23). But God loved us too much to leave us in this fallen state forever (Genesis 3:22-24). Adam & Eve weren't kicked out of the Garden Of Eden by an angry God but by a loving God. If they had eaten of the tree of life, they would have lived forever in a fallen state.

God promised us a redeemer....one who will reconnect us to God....Genesis 3:15....Micah 5:2....Matthew 1:21 & 2:6. This redeemer will do right what Adam/Eve did wrong....Romans 5:17-19....1Cor 15:21,22

God's redeemer will restore our spiritual life. Since Adam & Eve were co-regents over the created universe, the creation fell with them (Genesis 3:17-19). Creation awaits God's final redemption (Romans 8:18-23....Revelation 21:1-7) where it will be perfected. Then, He will have completely undone the effects of the Fall.

Lesson