

The Fall Of Mankind

LENT – Part 2

March 1, 2026

Genesis 1-2: Creation

¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was with God in the beginning. ³ Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. ⁴ In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

John 1:1-5

¹⁵ The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. ¹⁶ For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him.

Colossians 1:15-16

¹ In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. ² Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.

Genesis 1:1-2

*The Spirit of God has made me;
the breath of the Almighty gives me life.*

Job 33:4

¹⁵ The LORD God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it. ¹⁶ And the LORD God commanded the man, "You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; ¹⁷ but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die."

Genesis 2:15-17

Genesis 3: The Fall

¹ 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'?" ² The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, ³ but God did say, 'You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.'"

⁴ "You will not certainly die," the serpent said to the woman. ⁵ "For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

Genesis 3:1-5

⁶ 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. ⁷ 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.

⁸ 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. ⁹ But the LORD God called to the man, "Where are you?"

¹⁰ He answered, "I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid."

¹¹ And he said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?"

¹² The man said, "The woman you put here with me—she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it."

¹³ 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

¹⁴ So the LORD God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this,
"Cursed are you above all livestock
and all wild animals!
You will crawl on your belly
and you will eat dust
all the days of your life.

¹⁵ And I will put enmity
between you and the woman,
and between your offspring and hers;
he will crush your head,
and you will strike his heel."

¹⁶ To the woman he said,
"I will make your pains in childbearing very severe;
with painful labor you will give birth to children.
Your desire will be for your husband,
and he will rule over you."

¹⁷ To Adam he said, "Because you listened to your wife and ate fruit from the tree about which I commanded you, 'You must not eat from it,'

"Cursed is the ground because of you;
through painful toil you will eat food from it
all the days of your life.

¹⁸ It will produce thorns and thistles for you,
and you will eat the plants of the field.

¹⁹ By the sweat of your brow
you will eat your food
until you return to the ground,
since from it you were taken;
for dust you are
and to dust you will return."

Genesis 3:14-19

The Consequences Of The Fall:

- Violence
- Relational Conflict
- Pain is Amplified
- Death

¹⁹ For the creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed.

²² We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time.

Romans 8:19, 22

Futile Ways To Fix What's Wrong

- ✓ Self
- ✓ Others
- ✓ Things
- ✓ Religion

Small Group Discussion Questions for the Week of March 1, 2026.

Opening

1. What perspective, "Good News" or "Bad News," do you generally approach life with?
2. A simpler way to ask this question: Do you tend to be a "Good News" or "Bad News" person?

Digging Deeper into the Scriptures

Read Genesis 3.

1. What did the Serpent and Eve say about God and his commands in verses 1-5 that created confusion?
2. In what ways did Eve's perspective on the tree change after listening to the serpent?
3. How did the serpent's tactics (doubt, twisting truth, appealing to desire) mirror the temptations we face today?

Applying the Scriptures

1. How does Adam blaming Eve, and Eve blaming the serpent, illustrate mankind's tendencies to avoid accountability?
2. What "distorted realities" and "lies" are you most often tempted to believe?
3. How does this story change your understanding of sin's impact on your relationship with God?