

Universal Problem, Single Solution Pt 1

1Ti 1:15-16 NLT This is a trustworthy saying, and everyone should accept it: “**Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners**”—and I am the worst of them all. 16 But God had mercy on me so that Christ Jesus could use me as a prime example of his great patience with even the worst sinners. Then others will realize that they, too, can believe in him and receive eternal life.

Many of us view people very simplistically as “good” or “bad”. We can become judgemental or feel superior to a “bad person”. And for someone we judge to be a “good person” we can overlook their need for a savior.

COMMAND & CONSEQUENCE: Gen 2:16-17 ESV And the **LORD God commanded** the man, saying, "You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, 17 but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil **you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.**"

MAN ASSERTED HIS INDEPENDENCE: Gen 3:4-5 ESV But the serpent said to the woman, "**You will not surely die.** 5 For God knows that when you eat of it **your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.**"

- To challenge God's word → God is hiding a better way from us → independence to choose good/evil

THE CONSEQUENCE WAS FAR REACHING:

- **It changed the way man thought of himself** Gen 3:7 → naked and ashamed
- **It changed man's relationship with God** Gen 3:8-10 → heard God, afraid and hid themselves
- **It changed man's relationship to man** GeN 3:12 → the woman you gave me
- **It affected the whole world** Gen 3:18 → Thorns and thistles
- **Death became the destiny of every man** Gen 3:19 → to dust you shall return

IT IS THE UNIVERSAL PROBLEM

Rom 3:23 ESV for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

GOD MADE A WAY THROUGH JESUS Isa 53:5-6 ESV But **he was wounded for our transgressions**; he was **crushed for our iniquities**; upon him was the **chastisement that brought us peace**, and with his stripes we are healed. 6 All we like sheep have **gone astray**; **we have turned--every one--to his own way**; and the LORD has laid on him **the iniquity of us all.**

Rom 5:18-19 Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. 19 For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

2Co 5:17&21 ESV Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.....21 For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become **the righteousness of God**.

1Co 15:22 ESV For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive.

Nov 5 joint service at Marlinton High school at 6PM

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Dedication