♦SERMON NOTES **♦**

Sunday, March 25, 2012

"OUR GOD OF GRACE"

(Genesis 3:6-13)

In the first verses of Genesis 3 sin enters the world. "Paradise" is replaced with "curse". Fellowship is replaced with brokenness. Today we see God's response to sinners living in a sinful word. His word to us is still the message of grace.

"For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Romans 6:23, NIV).

1. We sin and God comes	(v. 8).
2. We hide from God and	(9, 11).
3. We deal with symptoms but God deals with(v. 10).	
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"The LORD God commanded the man, saying, "From any tree of the garden you may eat freely; but from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat from it you will surely die" (Genesis 2:16-17, NASB).

"You surely will not die" (Genesis 3:4, NASB).

"When Adam sinned, sin entered the world. Adam's sin brought death, so death spread to everyone, for everyone sinned" (Romans 5:12, NLT).

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"For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost" (Luke 19:10, NIV).

1. We sin and God comes searching for us (v. 8).

"I can never escape from your Spirit! I can never get away from your presence! If I go up to heaven, you are there; if I go down to the grave, you are there" (Psalm 139:7-8, NLT).

"to flee from the LORD" (Jonah 1:3, NIV).

2. We hide from God and He calls to us (9, 11).

"God our Savior, who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth" (1 Timothy 2:3-4, NASB).

3. We deal with symptoms but God deals with diseases (v. 10).

"There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear" (1 John 4:18, NIV).

"The Son of God appeared for this purpose, to destroy the works of the devil" (1 John 3:8, NASB).

4. We defend our actions when God desires <u>our confession</u> (v. 12-13).

"This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man" (Genesis 2:23, ESV).

"And remember, when you are being tempted, do not say, 'God is tempting me.' God is never tempted to do wrong, and he never tempts anyone else" (James 1:13, NLT).

"Temptation comes from our own desires, which entice us and drag us away. These desires give birth to sinful actions. And when sin is allowed to grow, it gives birth to death" (James 1:14-15, NLT).

"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9, NASB).

5. We are separated from God by sin but God's grace is greater than all our sin (v. 14-24).

"To him who overcomes, I will grant to eat of the tree of life which is in the Paradise of God" (Revelation 2:7, NIV).

"Then he showed me a river of the water of life, clear as crystal, coming from the throne of God and of the Lamb, in the middle of its street. On either side of the river was the tree of life, bearing twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit every month; and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. There will no longer be any curse" (Revelation 22:1-3, NASB).

"The Spirit and the bride say, 'Come.' And let the one who hears say, 'Come.' And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who wishes take the water of life without cost. He who testifies to these things says,

'Yes, I am coming quickly.' Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all. Amen" (Revelation 22:17, 20-21, NASB).