

GROUNDING

Sunday, January 30, 2022 | Wawasee Bible | Milford, Indiana | Pastor Josh Weiland

Part 3 | **Grounded in Despair**

Genesis 3; Romans 5:12-21

EFCA Statement of Faith | Article 3. The Human Condition

We believe that God created Adam and Eve in His image, but they sinned when tempted by Satan. In union with Adam, human beings are sinners by nature and by choice, alienated from God, and under His wrath. Only through God's saving work in Jesus Christ can we be rescued, reconciled and renewed.

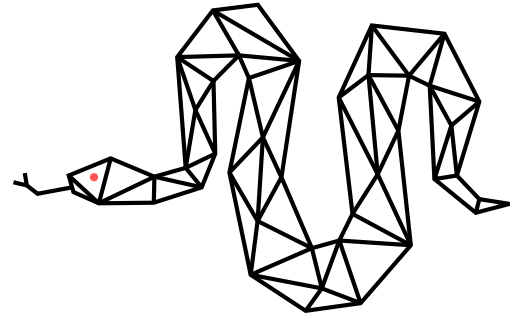
God created humanity in **INNOCENCE**,

God CREATED Adam & Eve (and us!)

Genesis 1-2

in his IMAGE

Genesis 1:26-27; 5:1; 9:6; 1 Corinthians 11:7; Colossians 3:10; James 3:9



but we've sinned in **REBELLION**,

by NATURE

Psalms 51:5; 1 John 1:8; Genesis 6:5; Romans 5:12-14; 1 Corinthians 15:22; Jeremiah 17:9; Isaiah 6:5; Romans 8:5-8; John 3:6; Job 14:4

by CHOICE

Romans 3:23; Romans 3:12; Ephesians 4:17-19

leaving **SCARS**

we've become God's ENEMIES, alienated from him

Romans 5:10; Romans 3:9-19; Romans 3:23; James 4:4

we deserve God's WRATH for our sin

Romans 1:18; Romans 2:5; Romans 5:9; Romans 6:23; Ephesians 2:1-3

that only **JESUS** can heal.

Only by the work of Jesus can we be RESCUED

1 Thessalonians 1:10; Luke 19:10; 1 Peter 3:18; Galatians 1:4

Only by the work of Jesus can we be RECONCILED

Romans 5:1-2; Romans 5:10; Colossians 1:20; Ephesians 2:13-14

Only by the work of Jesus can we be RENEWED

Romans 8:29; 2 Corinthians 3:18; 2 Corinthians 5:17; Ephesians 4:24; Philippians 3:21; 1 John 3:2

What is this? – Each week people from Wawasee Bible meet in small groups in various homes to learn about Jesus, pray, eat, laugh, and live life together. We call them Life Groups. The questions here are based on the sermon each week (often a parallel passage of Scripture), and guide each group's study. If you're interested in connecting with a Life Group, let us know on a Connect Card at the Connect Desk.

Use this guide for further personal and group study this week. For the most impact in your life and in your group, *work through it on your own before you gather with your Life Group.* If your Life Group isn't gathering this week, use this as a guide for further study and growth personally.

Getting Started

Part of our goal together is getting to know more about one another.
What was the first way you made money? Do you remember your wage?

Review...

1. **Read Article 3 of our Statement of Faith aloud as a group.**
2. **Read Genesis 3.** Genesis 3 answers, "What went wrong?" when we look at life. How would you retell Genesis 3 in your own words?

Review your message notes. What stood out to you from the message this week? Do you have questions? Disagreements? Discuss it as a group.

Digging Deeper – A Bible Study

3. **Read Genesis 1:26-27.** What does it mean that we were created in the image of God?
4. Having been created in God's image and adopted into the family of God gives followers of Jesus great intrinsic value and worth. How do the following passages help you understand the value and worth that God has given every one of his children?

Psalm 8:1-9

Ephesians 2:10

1 Corinthians 6:18-20

Luke 12:6-7

5. Based on what you heard in the sermon and your answers to this question, what are some things you might share with someone who doubts their value and worth to God?

6. the loss of identity in the Fall has sent all humans on a quest to find fulfillment and satisfaction. The book of Ecclesiastes records King Solomon's wide-ranging attempts to find these. As you read the following passages from Ecclesiastes, jot down the things Solomon did to try to satisfy his longing for identity and the insights he arrived at from those pursuits.

Ecclesiastes 2:1-11; 4:4-8; 5:10-16

7. How would you summarize Solomon's observations and conclusions in one sentence?
8. Pastor Rick Warren wrote the bestselling book, *The Purpose Driven Life*. In it he says, "*The purpose of your life is far greater than your own personal fulfillment, your happiness...your family or your career. If you want to know why you were placed on this planet, you must begin with God. You were born by his purpose and for his purpose.*" What do the following passages have to say about what our purpose is in life?

Mark 12:28-31

1 Corinthians 10:31

Matthew 28:19-20

Colossians 3:17

9. Glorifying God shows up in a couple of these passages. A simple definition of what it means to glorify God is to make him look good. Can you think of two or three things that would be true of someone who was living a life that glorified God?

Some Free Bible Apps

Looking back on this week's teaching and homework, what's most important for you to remember?

As you close, share your applications and pray for each other.

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Word Find in the Word

Find the words from a passage related to this week's message.

Word Find for Ephesians 2:1-7 (ESV)

*Find the words **bolded** below.*

¹ And you were **dead** in the **trespasses** and **sins** ² in which you **once walked**, **following** the **course** of this **world**, **following** the **prince** of the **power** of the air, the **spirit** that is now at **work** in the **sons** of **disobedience**— ³ among whom we all **once lived** in the **passions** of our **flesh**, **carrying** out the **desires** of the **body** and the **mind**, and were by **nature children** of wrath, **like** the **rest** of **mankind**. ⁴ But God, **being rich** in **mercy**, because of the great **love** with which he **loved** us, ⁵ even when we were **dead** in our **trespasses**, made us alive together with **Christ**—by **grace** you have been saved— ⁶ and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in **Christ Jesus**, ⁷ so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable **riches** of his **grace** in kindness toward us in **Christ Jesus**.