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Sin: fatal independence

“You will not surely die,” the serpent said to the woman.

“For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”

Genesis 3:4

1. God's word rules Genesis 2:15-17

Generous provision

The opportunity to express love through obedience

2. The essence of sin Genesis 3

God's word questioned (v1)

God's word distorted (v1, v3)

Consequences denied (v4)

God's love doubted (v5)

Sin = proud independence.

Adam and Eve become “Like God”

deciding good and evil for themselves (v6)

3. The result of sin Genesis 3

Shame and threat (v7)

Cringing fear (v8-10)

Attempt to shift responsibility (v11 -13)

Judgment - sin has “poisoned” all relationships:

human relationships

relationship with creation

relationship with God

Order reversed:

Genesis 2

God



Man / woman



Creation

Genesis 3

Creation



Woman / man



God

4. Grace trumps sin

“Where sin increased, grace increased all the more” Romans 5:20

Take home: