

Notes

"The Serpent And The Loss Of Paradise"
(Genesis 3:1-15) Pastor

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Coolum Beach Baptist Church

'To know Christ and make Him known'



"For sin is the sting that results in death.. But thank God! He gives us victory over sin and death through our Lord Jesus Christ." (1 Corinthians 15:56-57)

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February

9AM Pastor John

"The Serpent And The Loss Of
Paradise" (Genesis 3:1-15)

Thought for the Week

FOUR LESSONS FROM THE FALL

In the last verse of Genesis chapter 2 we see how Adam and Eve are unashamedly enjoying the 'very good' world that God had created. However, that all dramatically changes in chapter 3, when Adam and Eve are deceived by Satan into distorting, denying and defying God's Word. This rebellion against God's Word caused Adam and Eve, and all of creation, a lot of pain, misery, suffering and death. Sadly, it has been the same throughout all of history and that's why we need to hold onto the 4 personal applications that this tragic passage still teaches us today.

1. God's Word must be the only standard by which we are to live our lives and to resist temptation. Jesus fended off temptation by affirming God's Word. His response to Satan's temptations was the same each time – "The Scriptures say..." (Matthew 4:4, 7, 10). While Adam and Eve questioned and added to God's Word, Jesus elevated its authority by standing firm on what God says. 2. Sin is our problem, not a mean-spirited God or our childhood or social environment. Adam and Eve experienced no childhood trauma; their "Father" (God) was gracious and provided all that they needed to live fulfilling and joyous lives. Yet they willingly still rebelled against God and chose to sin. 3. The suffering in this world is a result of our sin. While it may not be easy to understand, the Bible tells us that everyone is guilty of sin (Romans 3:23) and deserves the punishment of death (Romans 6:23). In the eyes of our perfectly holy God, there are no true cases of innocent suffering, except for that of His one and only Son, Jesus Christ. The death of Christ is the only case of a genuinely innocent person suffering, and He did so to reconcile us to God (2 Corinthians 5:21). 4. Our only solution to suffering and death (separation from God) is Jesus Christ. God, in His infinite mercy and amazing grace, provides a way for us to escape the tragic consequence of sin. Even as God was banishing and cursing Adam and Eve for their sin, He was also promising to provide a way for them to once again regain His presence and blessings for eternity. In Genesis 3:15, God promised that there would be a man (an offspring of Eve) who would crush Satan and reverse the curse of death. That offspring was Jesus and, at just the right time, He came on a rescue mission for creation (Romans 5:1-6). His mission was die and pay for our sins so that He could end evil and suffering without ending us.

May we rejoice that, even in this darkest of hours at the dawn of history, God had a plan to purchase our redemption and bring us the hope of eternal life with Him. To God be the glory!

Pastor John.

Prayer Points

- That our hearts will be filled with gratitude and praise – that we will trust God even in the darkest times.
- Thanks for answered prayer – Teo (Kristen's nephew) out of hospital and Judith Howland's successful operation.
- That the Lord will strengthen our homes and marriages.
- For the 2024 soccer season – for safety, good connections and gospel sharing opportunities.

What's on?

MONDAY

5PM Walking Soccer

TUESDAY

9:30AM Playgroup

WEDNESDAY

9AM Prayer Meeting

THURSDAY

9AM Quilters

FRIDAY

9:30AM Playgroup
4PM Kids Ignite & Youth



If you would like to know more about our Home Groups, contact Pastor John 0408 402 476

BIRTHDAYS: 28th Liam Robinson, Phyllis Curtis

CHILD DEDICATION

Proverbs 22:6

Ewan

During the service this morning we will be dedicating Harrison and Jess' son Ewan.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

At 11am after this morning's service and a quick morning tea. At the meeting we will be considering a number of new requests for church membership, as well as considering some other important issues and recommendations relating to the impending departure of Pastor John. These include the approval of a pastoral search committee, the extension and amendment of Harrison's call and the appointment of an interim church co-ordinator. The church leadership will also be outlining the process and timelines regarding our search for a new Senior Pastor.

LAST CHANCE FOR SOS

It's all happening at the Botanical Gardens at Stonebridge Gardens at Palmwoods this Thursday 29th February. That means today is your last chance to register for this amazing event. The morning starts at 11am for a walk around the gardens and will be followed by an A La Carte lunch (pay for your own). If you are wanting to come, please make sure your name is on the list in the foyer.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

This first event for 2024 will be held at the church at 8am on Saturday 9th March. The cost is \$5 and the guest speaker will be an emergency intervention nurse who will give us some practical health applications. For catering purposes could you please put your name down on the sheet in the 'gallery' between the church and the hall.