

The

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of

Easter



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¹⁵The LORD God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it.

¹⁶And the LORD God commanded the man, “You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; ¹⁷but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die.”

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⁶When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. ⁷Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves.

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⁸Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the LORD God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the LORD God among the trees of the garden. ⁹But the LORD God called to the man, “Where are you?” ¹⁰He answered, “I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid.”

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¹¹And he said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?”

¹²The man said, “The woman you put here with me —she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it.”

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¹³Then the LORD God said to the woman, “What is this you have done?”

The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”

(Genesis 2:15-17;3:6-13 NIV)

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What Is Sin?

Acting outside of God's will

“You must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die.” (Genesis 2:17 NIV)

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What Is Sin?

Sins of Commission

Everyone who sins breaks the law; in fact,
sin is lawlessness. (1 John 3:4 NIV)

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What Is Sin?

Sins of Omission

If anyone, then, knows the good they ought to do
and doesn't do it, it is sin for them.

(James 4:17 NIV)

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What Is The Relationship Between
God And Sin?

God Cannot Produce Sin

“As for God, his way is perfect.”
(2 Samuel 22:31 NIV)

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What Is The Relationship Between
God And Sin?

God Cannot Promote Sin

When tempted, no one should say, “God is tempting me.” For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does he tempt anyone. (James 1:13 NIV)

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What Is The Relationship Between
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God Can Permit Sin

You intended to harm me, but God intended it
for good to accomplish what is now being done,
the saving of many lives. (Genesis 50:20 NIV)

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What Is The Relationship Between
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God Can Produce A Greater Good
By Allowing Sin

Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters,
whenever you face trials of many kinds, because
you know that the testing of your faith produces
perseverance.

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Let perseverance finish its work so that you may
be mature and complete, not lacking anything.

(James 1:2-4 NIV)

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What Are The Effects Of Sin?

Spiritual Death

Your iniquities have separated
you from your God;
your sins have hidden his face from you,
so that he will not hear.

(Isaiah 59:2 NIV)

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What Are The Effects Of Sin?

Physical Death

Then the LORD said, “My Spirit will not contend with humans forever, for they are mortal; their days will be a hundred and twenty years.”

(Genesis 6:3 NIV)

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What Are The Effects Of Sin?

Eternal Death

Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. The lake of fire is the second death.

Anyone whose name was not found written in the book of life was thrown into the lake of fire.

(Revelation 20:14-15 NIV)

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What Is The Answer For Sin?

Jesus Christ

In him we have redemption through his blood,
the forgiveness of sins,
in accordance with the riches of God's grace.

(Ephesians 1:7 NIV)

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