

Genesis 3-5 Daily Study Questions (cont)

4. From Gen 3:22-24 what did God affirm (v22) and from what did He protect man (v22, 24)? What two things did man have to leave behind (v23, 24) and why is this significant?	
5. Based on 4:1-8 how did Cain and Abel differ (v1-2) and why did God accept one offering and not the other (v3-5, 7)? How did Cain respond (v5-6, 8) and why (v7)? Apply.	
6. Using 4:9-15 how did God confront Cain (v9, 10) and how did he respond (v9)? What was his punishment (v11-12) and reaction (v13-14)? How did God show grace (v15)?	
7. Looking at 4:16-24 what did Cain do next (v16) and what did his descendants do (v17, 19, 20-22)? What was Lamech's attitude (v23-24) and why is this not surprising?	
8. In 4:25-26 who was Adam's next son (v25) and what was significant about him (v26)? What does this mean to you?	
9. According to 5:1-5 in whose likeness was Adam created (v1) and in whose likeness was Seth (v3)? What does this tell us? How old was Adam when he died (v5)?	
10. From 5:6-27 list the descendants of Adam and their ages (v6-8, 9-11, 12-14, 15-17, 18-20, 21-24, 25-27). What was different about Enoch (v22-24) and why (v24)?	
11. Looking at 5:28-32 what was the hope when Noah was born (v28-29) and what does this reveal about life then? At the least how old was Noah when his kids were born (v32)?	
12. Review Gen 3-5. Trace the downward descent of man and the consequences. What were some glimmers of grace (3:15, 21, 22; 4:1, 6-7, 15, 25; 5:24, 29)?	

Scripture to Remember

"If you do well will not your countenance be lifted up? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door; and its desire is for you, but you must master it."

Genesis 4:7 (NASV)

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Life Group Questions—Our Common Salvation

(Using questions based on today's message, Life Groups meet in homes to build supportive relationships with others at Celebration Fellowship that enable us to grow in Christ.)

1. Share what it means to you that the church is a family. How does this relate to the importance of "joining" a local church, and how does this protect us spiritually?
2. How do most people you know think we can be "right" with God? What is God's attitude towards mankind and why is it important to begin with this?
3. What is the barrier that keeps us from experiencing God's love? Why do you think that it keeps us from having a personal relationship with Him?
4. Explain why Jesus is the only solution to man's problem with sin, and why "good works" simply won't outweigh the bad things we have done.
5. Discuss what it means to "individually receive Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord". What wrong understandings do people have about this?
6. Talk about what "believer's baptism" is and why this is so important. Ask for group members to share about how they made that decision and discuss it with each other.
7. If there is anything else from the message that impressed you, share it.



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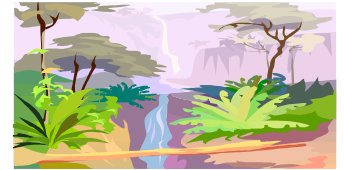
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I Didn't See That Coming

Introduction to Genesis 3-5



From the beginning God's plan for His world has been very good.

The 5 Purposes of the Purpose Driven Life

- **Worship**—You were planned for God's pleasure
- **Fellowship**—You were formed for God's family
- **Discipleship**—You were created to become like Christ
- **Ministry**—You were shaped for serving God
- **Evangelism**—You were made for a mission

Like a current tv commercial illustrates there are certain things that happen that make us say, "Whoa—I didn't see that coming". That is the case in this week's study; God had created a perfect world, but instead of embracing it the first man and woman rejected it. Thus, by the end of the story this week mankind is seeking comfort (through Noah) from the conditions in which sin has left them. In the first section Adam and Eve make a surprising choice. The serpent deceives them into rejecting dependence on God by pointing out the advantages of eating the forbidden fruit. Eve, and then Adam, succumb to the temptation, leading to shame over their nakedness. Fellowship with God is broken as they hide at the sound of His voice; He

then confronts them over their disobedience. Their response is to shift the blame to the serpent and then to the woman, but God brings consequences on all three. The serpent will crawl on his belly, the woman will have pain in childbirth, and the man will toil over the cursed ground. God does show His grace, however, as He covers them with skins and guards them from living in their sin forever. The next scene reveals a sad aftermath. The two sons bring offerings to God and He accepts only Abel's. This causes Cain to be angry even though he was the one who had done wrong—then he kills his brother. God then curses him for this, but shows grace again by placing a mark of protection on him. His sons, however, take violence to an even greater level. Finally,

though, God gives man a second chance; He gives our first parents another son, Seth. It is at that point that men begin to call on the name of the Lord. A review of the lives of the pre-flood generation ensues with the common refrain "and he died". Two were notable, though; the first was Enoch who walked with God and went to Him without dying, and Noah, who was the hope of his day to comfort them in their misery from sin. Such a difficult end in light of God's perfect creation easily leads us to say, "I didn't see that coming".

Daily Study Questions for Genesis 3-5

(For answers to questions attend an ABF or go to www.celebrationnet.com, small groups, abf)

<p>1. Read Genesis 3:1-7. What deceptions did the serpent use to tempt Eve (v1, 4, 5) and how did she wrongly respond (v2-3, 6)? What were the first results and why (v7)?</p>	
<p>2. Using 3:8-13 how did sin change man's relationship with God (v8, 10) and what did God do about it (v9, 11, 13)? What was man's basic reaction (v12, 13)? Why did they take this approach?</p>	
<p>3. In 3:14-21 describe the individual results of "the fall" (sin) for the serpent (v14-15), the woman (v15-16), and the man (v16-19). How did grace show itself (v15b, 20, 21)?</p>	

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