

“The Main Thing”

You are a **Spiritual Being** having a temporary physical experience.

Keep the Main Thing, the Main Thing – Ed Conerty

1 John 2:24 NLT

So you must remain faithful to what you have been taught from the beginning. If you do, you will remain in fellowship with the Son and with the Father.

Genesis 1:1 NLT

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

"**You were made by God and for God** and until you understand that, life will never make sense." — Rick Warren

“We instinctively **know** the difference between Radom Results and Deliberate Design” – Bob Russell

PICTURE OF MOUNT RUSHMORE

Psalm 14:1 NLT

Only fools say in their hearts, “There is no God.”

You were created by **God** and you are ultimately accountable to **Him**.

Romans 1:19-20 NLT

They know the truth about God because he has made it obvious to them. For ever since the world was created, people have seen the earth and sky. Through everything God made, they can clearly see his invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature. So **they have no excuse for not knowing God.**

Genesis 2:7 NLT

Then the LORD God formed the man from the dust of the ground. He breathed the breath of life into the man’s nostrils, and the man became a living person.

Psalm 139:13-14 NIV

For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother’s womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well.

Genesis 2:15-17 NLT

The LORD God placed the man in the Garden of Eden to tend and watch over it. But the LORD God warned him, “You may freely eat the fruit of every tree in the garden— except the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. If you eat its fruit, you are sure to die.”

Isaiah 55:8 NIV

"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways," declares the LORD.

J. Vernon McGee says “This is God’s Universe and He does things His way. You may have a better way but you don’t have a universe.”

We must choose between our **sinful nature** and God.

Genesis 3:1 NLT

The serpent was the shrewdest of all the wild animals the LORD God had made. One day he asked the woman, “Did God really say you must not eat the fruit from any of the trees in the garden?”

We must constantly choose between **Self** and God.

Genesis 3:2-3 NLT

“Of course we may eat fruit from the trees in the garden,” the woman replied. “It’s only the fruit from the tree in the middle of the garden that we are not allowed to eat. God said, ‘You must not eat it or even touch it; if you do, you will die.’”

Genesis 3:4-5 NLT

“You won’t die!” the serpent replied to the woman. “God knows that your eyes will be opened as soon as you eat it, and you will be like God, knowing both good and evil.”

Satan’s Method of Operation:

Questions God’s Word

Denies God’s Word

Reverses God’s Word

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Genesis 3:6-7 NLT

The woman was convinced. She saw that the tree was beautiful and its fruit looked delicious, and she wanted the wisdom it would give her. So she took some of the fruit and ate it. Then she gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it, too. At that moment their eyes were opened, and they suddenly felt shame at their nakedness. So they sewed fig leaves together to cover themselves.

Genesis 3:8 NLT

When the cool evening breezes were blowing, the man and his wife heard the LORD God walking about in the garden. So they hid from the LORD God among the trees.

Genesis 3:9-12 NLT

Then the LORD God called to the man, “Where are you?” He replied, “I heard you walking in the garden, so I hid. I was afraid because I was naked.” “Who told you that you were naked?” the LORD God asked.

“Have you eaten from the tree whose fruit I commanded you not to eat?” The man replied, “It was the woman you gave me who gave me the fruit, and I ate it.”

Genesis 3:13 NLT

Then the LORD God asked the woman, “What have you done?” “The serpent deceived me,” she replied. “That’s why I ate it.”

We are contaminated by Adam’s Fall and naturally **gravitate** towards evil.

We have been **cursed**.

Genesis 3:14-18 NLT

Then the LORD God said to the serpent, “Because you have done this, you are cursed more than all animals, domestic and wild. You will crawl on your belly, groveling in the dust as long as you live.

And I will cause hostility between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring. He will strike your head, and you will strike his heel.”

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Then he said to the woman, “I will sharpen the pain of your pregnancy, and in pain you will give birth. And you will desire to control your husband, but he will rule over you.”

And to the man he said, “Since you listened to your wife and ate from the tree whose fruit I commanded you not to eat, the ground is cursed because of you. All your life you will struggle to scratch a living from it. It will grow thorns and thistles for you, though you will eat of its grains.

John 3:17-18 NLT

God sent his Son into the world not to judge the world, but to save the world through him. “There is no judgment against anyone who believes in him. But anyone who does not believe in him has already been judged for not believing in God’s one and only Son.

Jesus is our only **HOPE**.

Genesis 3:21 NLT

And the LORD God made clothing from animal skins for Adam and his wife.

Hebrews 9:22 NLT

....without the shedding of blood, there is no forgiveness.

John 1:29 NLT

“Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!

Matthew 26:28 NLT

....for this is my blood, which confirms the covenant between God and his people. It is poured out as a sacrifice to forgive the sins of many.

Romans 8:3 NLT

The law of Moses was unable to save us because of the weakness of our sinful nature. So God did what the law could not do. He sent his own Son in a body like the bodies we sinners have. And in that body God declared an end to sin’s control over us by giving his Son as a sacrifice for our sins.

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Only **Jesus**

The Main Thing for **The Church**

Mark 16:15-16 NLT

And then he told them, “Go into all the world and preach the Good News to everyone. Anyone who believes and is baptized will be saved. But anyone who refuses to believe will be condemned.

1 Corinthians 15:22 NLT

Just as everyone dies because we all belong to Adam, everyone who belongs to Christ will be given new life.

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