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Law/Gospel

Because I sin, I will die. **God sent His Son, Jesus, to crush sin, death, and the devil, and through Him, God forgives my sins and gives me eternal life.**

Bible Words

Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

1 Timothy 1:15

Fun Facts

We do not know the exact location of the Garden of Eden.

Genesis 2 says a river flowing out of Eden divided into four rivers: Tigris, Euphrates, Pishon, and Gihon. Today, Iraq and Turkey have rivers called the Tigris and the Euphrates, but we cannot know for certain that these are the same rivers from Genesis 2. River locations may have changed significantly.

Still, some scholars locate the garden near the place where the two rivers meet before flowing into the Persian Gulf. The Bible usually calls this region Babylon.

Just Joking

To what question could Eve never say yes?

When Adam asked, "Did you hear this joke from anyone else?"

Sin Enters the World

Genesis 3

God filled the Garden of Eden with "every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food" (Genesis 2:9); He planted two unusual trees in the center: the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. Both trees grew fruit, but the Bible does not say what kind.

Adam and Eve ate fruit from the tree of life and received its benefits. But the Lord said, "Of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die" (Genesis 2:17).

At the invitation of the crafty serpent, Adam and Eve disobeyed the Lord, sinned, and ate the fruit from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. As God said, they knew evil and eventually died. Sin and death resulted for all the people who lived after them.

To prevent Adam and Eve from eating from the tree of life and struggling with sin forever, God expelled them from the garden. He placed a cherubim and a flaming sword to guard the way to this special tree.

But God did not leave His people without hope. He promised to send an offspring of Eve who would defeat the devil (Genesis 3:15). This is the first promise of the Messiah, who would save God's people and set them free from sin and death.

Jesus is that promised Messiah. The cross where Jesus died became our tree of life. Through Jesus' death on the cross, God grants us forgiveness of sin, new life, and salvation. "For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Romans 6:23).

Prayer

Jesus our Savior, give us faith to believe in You and trust You for all things, especially forgiveness of sin and eternal life, gifts we receive only from You. In Your name we pray. Amen.

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