

Grade 8

Unit 1, Lesson 2

AIM: To understand that the disobedience of man (Adam and Eve) leads in to sin and fall of humanity from the Grace of God.



Theme: Sin enters the world because of the disobedience of man.

The Fall of *man*



Teacher's Preparation

Sin enters the world due to the disobedience of man; Fall of Man from the Grace of God.

Gen.3:6, Rom.5:12

Sin changes the relationship between man and God; Alienation of man From God.

Gen.4:7

Consequences of man's disobedience brought death; Judgment by righteous God sent him out of the Eden.

Gen.3:16-24

Absolution of humanity took place through Jesus Christ; God's redemptive action brought man in to His Grace again.

Rom.5:10

Justification of humanity can be received only by grace through faith in Jesus Christ.

Rom.5:1-3

Disobedience of Adam and Eve (represent the human race), to God's Word brought death in to this world. How did they get tempted in the Garden of Eden? They are tempted by Satan in the form a serpent. Satan approached them in the form of serpent, explain.

Genesis 3 (NRSV)

19 By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread until you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; you are dust, and to dust you shall return.”

20 The man named his wife Eve, because she was the mother of all living. **21** And the Lord God made garments of skins for the man and for his wife, and clothed them. **22** Then the Lord God said, See, the man has become like one of us, knowing good and evil; and now, he might reach out his hand and take also from the tree of life, and eat, and live forever”—

23 therefore the Lord God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from which he was taken. **24** He drove out the man; and at the east of the Garden of Eden he placed the cherubim, and a sword flaming and turning to guard the way to the tree of life.

Romans 5:1-21 (NRSV)

1 Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,

2 through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God.

3 And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance,

4 and endurance produces character, and character produces hope,

5 and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

6 For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly.

7 Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die.

8 But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

Teacher's Preparation

The author of Genesis does not give any indication of Satan's origin. In the New Testament Satan and Beelzebub are used synonymously and seen as the evil ruler of all that is against God. Satan originally was one of the angels who lived in heaven and was cast out from heaven from his high position. He was also called Lucifer, which means Bright. He was known as the master of deception. In Ez.28.12-15 and Is.14: 12-14 tells us that this king was a created being and left in the hand of God in a perfect state. He remained perfect until iniquity was found in him (v.15b).

His heart became proud on because of his beauty, and his wisdom became corrupted because of his splendor. Lucifer apparently became impressed with his own beauty, intelligence, power and position. He began to desire for himself the honor and glory that belong to God alone. The sin that corrupted Lucifer was self-generated pride. He chose to rebel against the Creator. This powerful angelic being was rightfully judged by God, and thrown to the earth.

In the Garden of Eden, Satan disguised himself as a serpent, so he could deceive Eve. He persuaded Eve to break the commandment that God had given to Adam and Eve. The consequence of this disobedience led human beings into the punishment of death. This caused the spiritual death of mankind, which led him to a separation from the glory of God. God promised to provide a way for us to reinstate the fallen humanity and reconciled the relationship with humans. He sent His only begotten son to accomplish that redemptive act through His crucifixion. (John3: 16)

The serpent represents the creeping nature of sin, which slowly creeps in to man's (human's) life and conquers him completely. God created man to have a fellowship with him and communion with him. When God asked them about eating the fruit of the forbidden tree, they were blaming each other. They were not willing to admit their mistake.

Student Introduction

Have you ever felt tempted to do something that your parents have insisted not to do?

(Watching certain specific TV shows, using any gadgets, going to places that you are not supposed to.)

Ever faced any consequences of a poor choice in your life?

In this lesson we will study the consequences of the disobedience of Adam (man) and Eve (woman) to God's word.

BIBLE exploration

God placed Adam and Eve in the beautiful Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it, where they enjoyed fellowship with the creator. As they were created as the crown of His creation, He gave them authority over all creatures. God forbade them to eat the fruits of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for if they would surely die.

But Satan being clever and crafty approached and tempted Eve to disobey God's commandment through deception. When the woman was tempted, she saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food (lust of flesh), it was delight to the eyes (lust of eye), and it was to be desired to make her wise (pride of life). Eve fell into Satan's trap by breaking God's commandments. Because of this disobedience, Adam and Eve were separated from God's glory through death. This means their spiritual death and not the physical death and they lost intimate fellowship with God.

When they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden, because they felt shame, fear and guilt. Their sweet innocence was lost forever!

The Lord God removed the man and his wife from the garden, thus sin entered into the world through one man. Wages of sin separates man (humanity) from God. Through the act of one man's disobedience, spiritual death came to all people.

Even though sin brings imminent judgment from God, this story is also interlaced with His matchless Mercy and Grace. Their inevitable sentence also came with a promise of salvation to come, with full redemption through His one and only son Jesus Christ. God paid the price for one man's disobedience (Spiritual Death) by the sacrifice (One's Death) of His own son on the cross. Through this act of Grace alone we are justified and reconciled with God, which promises eternal glory to humanity. What a great loving God we have in heaven! Even though man had forgotten God, God has not forsaken man!



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Questions for Discussion:

Q: What kind of temptations do you face in your daily life? Are you able to identify them?

Temptation from home, church and school.

Q: How can you overcome temptations?

Q: Do you believe in God's promise of redemption is still applicable in your life today?



lesson review

- 1. What did God mean, when He said that man would die? Spiritual death.**
- 2. What are the three different curses God gave to Adam and Eve? Gen.3:14-19**
- 3. God forbid Adam and Eve to eat the fruits from which tree in the garden of Eden? Gen.2:17 and Gen.3:3**
- 4. What are the consequences of the disobedience of Adam and Eve? Gen.3:23**
- 5. What was God's plan of redemption for humanity? Rom.5:19**

Values *for* LIFE

-Identifying temptations

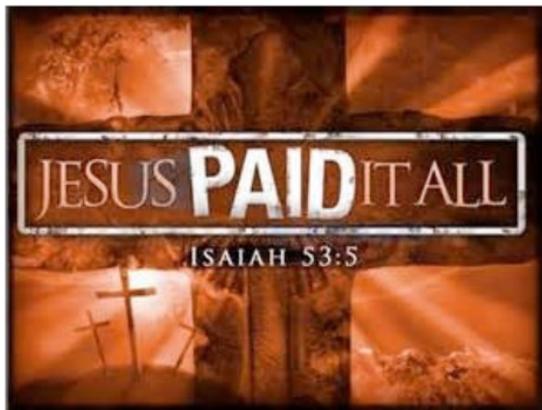
-Resisting temptation through self-discipline

-Accepting God's saving Grace

Faith in *Action*

Identify some areas in your life where these lesson's principles can be applied.

How can you experience God's redemptive plan for humanity?



Memory Verse

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

John 3:16

prayer

Lord, we ask your forgiveness for our disobedience to your commandments. Please help us to resist the temptations in our daily life. Give us your heavenly wisdom to make right choices according to your Holy Will. We thank you for your divine plan to save us back to your Glory through Jesus Christ. Amen.

