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The Problem
Genesis 3, Romans 3

If God made all things good, why is everything so messed up?

Genesis 3:1-7 *Now the serpent was more crafty than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said to the woman, "Indeed, has God said, 'You shall not eat from any tree of the garden?'" 2 And the woman said to the serpent, "From the fruit of the trees of the garden we may eat; 3 but from the fruit of the tree which is in the middle of the garden, God has said, 'You shall not eat from it or touch it, lest you die.'" 4 And the serpent said to the woman, "You surely shall not die! 5 For God knows that in the day you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." 6 When the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was desirable to make one wise, she took from its fruit and ate; and she gave also to her husband with her, and he ate. 7 Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loin coverings.*

Genesis 1 –

Genesis 2 –

Gen 2 16-17 *And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, "From any tree of the garden you may eat freely; 17 but from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat from it you shall surely die."*

Rom 5:12 *Therefore, just as through one man sin entered into the world, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men, because all sinned.*

James 1:15 *Then when lust has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and when sin is accomplished, it brings forth death.*

Where does sin come from?

I. We do not trust God's _____. (V. 1-3)

Verse 1 *"Indeed, has God said, 'You shall not eat from any tree of the garden'?"*

II. We do not trust God's _____ for our good. (V. 4-5)

Verse 4-5 *The serpent said to the woman, "You surely will not die! 5 "For God knows that in the day you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."*

- We don't trust God's will is for our best.

III. We do not trust that God is _____. (V. 6-7)

Point:

What does this teach us?

1. You can't fix yourself.
2. You need help.
3. To become the person God created you to be, you need to die and be recreated.

2 Cor. 5:17 *Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.*

Doggy Bag: Something to take home and chew on!

1. When is it difficult for you to trust God's word? What makes you question God's word?
2. Have you ever questioned whether God wanted your best? When do you question if God is for you? Do you ever find yourself saying God doesn't care about me? God doesn't care about how I live?
3. Do you believe that God's grace and provision are enough for you? That knowing God is the most essential need you have in life? Do you believe that it is your job to create your own life apart from God?



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