



The *Sunday Recap* is a quick rundown of our time of worship together on Sunday and a quick look at next Sunday. Our hope is that this will help us continue to reflect on the good news of the gospel all week and prepare for the upcoming Sunday. Enjoy!

#### SCRIPTURE TO MEDITATE ON:

##### **1 Corinthians 15:22**

For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive.

#### QUOTE

“The goal of human existence is communion with the Triune God” - Michael Horton

#### REFLECTION QUESTIONS:

- Was there anything from the songs we sang or the readings we read that you'd like to think more upon? If so what was it and why?
- How would you describe the significance of 'The Fall' (Gen 3)?
- How do you see the affects of the fall in our world? In creation? In your relationships? In your relationship w God?

#### QUESTIONS FOR KIDS

\*\*\*See the [NEW CITY CATECHISM](#) app for great questions to review with your children to help them understand Christian Theology.

- Are we born basically good people? Why or why not?
- Why did Jesus have to save us?
- Should we be afraid of God? Why or why not?
- Does God still love us even when we sin?

## SUGGESTED RESOURCES

**Podcast:** [“Grace Alone”](#) podcast from White Horse Inn

**Article:** [“Fig Leaf Righteousness”](#) by Scott Davis

**Book:** [The Drama of Scripture](#) by Bartholomew and Goheen

**Book:** [The Promised One](#) by Nancy Guthrie

## SONGS WE SANG:

*\*Check out our Spotify playlist here: <https://goo.gl/BQddvV>*

[Give Me Faith](#) by Elevation Worship

[Satisfied](#) by Red Mountain Church

[Rock of Ages](#) by Brooks Ritter

[Man of Sorrows](#) by Hillsong

## READINGS:

### CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Beloved of God, enter into this place and find your rest. Our God is a good and holy God, inviting us to Himself.

**C: We will enter into this place. Lord, receive us.**

L: Children of God, see before you the mystery of our salvation: Christ in us, the very hope of glory in you and in your family gathered here.

**C: We will love one another and rejoice. Lord, embrace us.**

L: O Saints of God, behold your savior: Jesus, a man of countless sorrows, who is acquainted with all our daily afflictions.

**C: We will marvel at Christ here. Lord, open our eyes.**

L: Though the troubles of this world are too many and the resources of this world too few, our God has promised us Himself.

**C: We will trust in His promises, made known in our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.**

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

L: Father in heaven, we confess we are discontent with our lives. We want what we don't have and don't want what we do have. As a result, we harbor resentment toward you and envy the good of our neighbor. We confess we love your good gifts more than we love you and so commit idolatry against you.

**C: Help us to repent of our desires to turn good things into ultimate things. Deliver us from every desire that prevents us from taking our deepest delight in you.**

L: Wash us, that we may be whiter than snow, for a broken and contrite heart you will not despise.

**C: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the power of your Holy Spirit and help us to walk in newness of life through faith in Jesus Christ, Amen.**

### WORDS OF GRACE

But God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

**- Romans 5:8-11**

## **BENEDICTION**

L: May the God who breathed life into creation be your delight. May Christ Jesus give you hope in your longing, and may the Holy Spirit set your hearts ablaze with a passion for glory of God. Peace be with you!

**C: And Also with You!**

## **SERMON NOTES**

*SERMON SUMMARY: The tragedy of the fall is that our communion with God and each other was shattered*

We looked at how every relationship God created went from communion to separation:

God to Humans

Human to Human

Human to Self

Human to Creation

### **RELATIONSHIP W GOD - From unity to autonomy**

From enjoying his presence to hiding from it (v.8)

And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife **hid themselves** from the presence of the LORD God

*From joy to fear (v.10)*

But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?" And he said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, **and I was afraid,**

*From peace to ACCUSATION (v.11-12)*

Genesis 3:11-12

He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate."

*From life to DEATH*

Genesis 2:16-17

And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, "You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, but 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."

DEATH - not physically,

Life = communion with God and each other

Death = separation from God and one another

"The Holy Spirit forms church to be a colony of heaven in a country of death." Eugene Peterson

### **RELATIONSHIP W EACH OTHER - From Unity to autonomy**

From Unity ("one flesh"- 2:24) to Autonomy

Genesis 3:7 Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.

From Leading to Abandoning [Adam]

V.6 “and she gave some to her husband who was with her”

From Being cared for to having to care for self [Eve]

From Blessing to Blaming - v.12

The man said, “The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate.”

In Genesis 2:23 the woman was a great blessing

*Then the man said,*

*“This at last is bone of my bones*

*and flesh of my flesh;*

*she shall be called Woman,*

*because she was taken out of Man.”*

## **RELATIONSHIP TO SELF**

They no longer see themselves Communally. They are now individuals

- If asked the question of “WHO ARE YOU?” They would have previously responded to with: “Who am I?? Well we’re HIS, and I’m hers, and she’s mine” (ie- Defined by your relationships)

## **HUMAN TO CREATION**

Pain in Childbirth (v.16)- Her greatest joy is now fraught w pain

Hard Ground (v.17) - His responsibility to tend, grow, now fraught with frustration.

Remember - Genesis 1:28-31

- “The earth and everything in it is yours, enjoy it!” and “Be Fruitful and multiply” - now that is fraught with pain
- Have dominion over the earth - now fraught with frustration
- Now because of the fall it looks more like - The earth and everything in it are fighting against you.

## **TWO THINGS TO NOTICE IN THIS ACCOUNT-**

1. God curses the serpent directly (v.14 “Cursed are you...”) never curses the man or woman directly
2. God continues to love Adam and Eve in the midst of their sin and rebellion
  - Genesis 3:21 And the LORD God made for Adam and for his wife garments of skins and clothed them.
  - Even in the midst of their sin, God pursues them and serves them, he comes to them and covers their shame

# PREPARE FOR THIS SUNDAY

To help you prepare your heart and mind for this Sunday, we encourage you to read the scripture & readings and listen to the songs we'll be singing this Sunday. May God prepare our hearts to hear what He has to say to us.

## **SERMON SCRIPTURE(S)**

### **Genesis 3:15**

I will put enmity between you and the woman,  
and between your offspring and her offspring;  
he shall bruise your head,  
and you shall bruise his heel.”

### **Genesis 12:1-3**

Now the LORD said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

## **READINGS:**

The LORD is gracious and merciful,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.  
The LORD is good to all,  
and his mercy is over all that he has made.  
All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD,  
and all your saints shall bless you!  
They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom  
and tell of your power,  
to make known to the children of man your mighty deeds,  
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.  
Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,  
and your dominion endures throughout all generations.  
- Psalm 145:8-13

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

L: Have mercy on me, O God,  
because of your unfailing love.

**C: Because of your great compassion,  
blot out the stain of my sins.**

L: Wash me clean from my guilt.  
Purify me from my sin.

For I recognize my rebellion;  
it haunts me day and night.

**C: Against you, and you alone, have I sinned;  
I have done what is evil in your sight.**

L: You will be proved right in what you say,  
and your judgment against me is just.

**C: Create in me a clean heart, O God.  
Renew a loyal spirit within me.**

- Psalm 51:1-4 and 10

### **PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Through Christ we have been reconciled to the Father. Our sins have been blotted out and we have been made one with Christ. Now we now can experience true reconciliation and peace with each other. Take a moment to greet each other this morning with that peace.

### **WORD OF ASSURANCE**

For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.”  
Jeremiah 31:33-34

### **BENEDICTION**

L: To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. Peace be with you!  
C: And Also with you!