

**THINKING ABOUT THE BEGINNING**  
**PART 6: THE FALL, THE CROSS AND FORGIVENESS**  
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"...since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities – His eternal power and divine nature – have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse."  
Romans 1:20 (NIV)

**THREE FOUNDATIONAL TRUTHS**

"God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them."  
Genesis 1:27 (NAS)

"The LORD God commanded the man, saying, "From any tree of the garden you may eat freely; 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 will surely die."  
Genesis 2:16-17 (NAS)

"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?" The woman said to the serpent, "From the fruit of the trees of the garden we may eat; 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, or you will die.'" The serpent said to the woman, "You surely will not die! 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."  
Genesis 3:1-5 (NAS)

**1. BECAUSE OF \_\_\_\_\_, THE WORLD IS NOT AS \_\_\_\_\_**  
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"Against its will, all creation was subjected to God's curse. But with eager hope, the creation looks forward to the day when it will join God's children in glorious freedom from death and decay. For we know that all creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. And we believers also groan, even though we have the Holy Spirit within us as a foretaste of future glory, for we long for our bodies to be released from sin and suffering. We, too, wait with eager hope for the day when God will give us our full rights as His adopted children, including the new bodies He has promised us."  
Romans 8:20-23 (NLT)

"For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."  
Romans 6:23 (NIV)

**2. ALL SIN \_\_\_\_\_ THE \_\_\_\_\_**  
**\_\_\_\_\_ AND CAUSES \_\_\_\_\_.**

- \_\_\_\_\_ **Is Rooted In** \_\_\_\_\_ **To Be**  
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“Then the LORD God said to the serpent, “... 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.”

Genesis 3:14-15 (NLT)

“But God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”

Romans 5:8 (NIV)

“If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. If we claim we have not sinned, we make Him out to be a liar and His word is not in us. My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have an advocate with the Father—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.”

I John 1:8 – 2:2 (NIV)

**3. BECAUSE OF CHRIST’S \_\_\_\_\_ ON THE \_\_\_\_\_, MY  
\_\_\_\_\_ CAN BE \_\_\_\_\_.**

“This is a trustworthy saying, and everyone should accept it: “Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners”—and I am the worst of them all.”

I Timothy 1:15 (NLT)