

THINKING ABOUT THE BEGINNING
PART 7: THE FALL, THE CROSS AND ETERNAL LIFE
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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)

THE FALL

“God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them... God saw all that He had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.”
Genesis 1:27,31 (NAS)

“The LORD God planted a garden toward the east, in Eden; and there He placed the man whom He had formed. Out of the ground the LORD God caused to grow every tree that is pleasing to the sight and good for food; the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.”
Genesis 2:8-9 (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)

“The LORD God made garments of skin for Adam and his wife, and clothed them. Then the LORD God said, ‘Behold, the man has become like one of Us, knowing good and evil; and now, he might stretch out his hand, and take also from the tree of life, and eat, and live forever’. Therefore the LORD God sent him out from the garden of Eden ...”
Genesis 3:21-24 (NAS)

“For the wages of sin is death ...”
Romans 6:23 (NIV)

“... for the life of the body is in its blood. I have given you the blood on the altar to purify you, making you right with the LORD. It is the blood, given in exchange for a life, that makes purification possible.”
Leviticus 17:11 (NLT)

“... without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness.”
Hebrews 9:22 (NIV)

**1. THE BAD NEWS: I HAVE _____ AND MY _____ RESULT
IN _____.**

“For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God’s glorious standard.”
Romans 3:23 (NLT)

- **Until I understand the _____,**
I can’t understand the _____.

THE CROSS

“There were many priests under the old system, for death prevented them from remaining in office. But because Jesus lives forever, his priesthood lasts forever. Therefore He is able, once and forever, to save those who come to God through Him. He lives forever to intercede with God on their behalf. He is the kind of high priest we need because He is holy and blameless, unstained by sin. ... Unlike those other high priests, He does

not need to offer sacrifices every day. They did this for their own sins first and then for the sins of the people. But Jesus did this once for all when He offered Himself as the sacrifice for the people's sins."

Hebrews 7:23-27 (NLT)

2. THE GOOD NEWS: GOD PROVIDED A _____ FOR MY

_____, **AND THAT SOLUTION IS _____**

_____.

ETERNAL LIFE

"For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Romans 6:23 (NIV)

"... just as death came into the world through a man, now the resurrection from the dead has begun through another man. Just as everyone dies because we all belong to Adam, everyone who belongs to Christ will be given new life."

1 Corinthians 15:19-22 (NLT)

"I also pray that you will understand the incredible greatness of God's power for us who believe Him. This is the same mighty power that raised Christ from the dead and seated Him in the place of honor at God's right hand in the heavenly realms."

Ephesians 1:19-20 (NLT)

3. THE RESULT OF THE GOOD NEWS: I HAVE _____ AND

_____ **IN THIS LIFE AND THE NEXT.**

"Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, as clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb down the middle of the great street of the city. On each side of the river stood the tree of life...."

Revelation 22:1-2 (NIV)

RESPONDING TO THE GOOD NEWS

Range Of Response

There is no
God and no
Good/Evil.

I'm so sinful
that,if there is
a God, He could
never save me.

I'm so sinful
only God could
save me and
empower me to
honor Him with
my life.

I can be so
good that,
if there is a
God, He will
owe me.