

Where Art Thou

A lush garden scene with a stone path, large trees, and various flowers. The path is made of grey stones and leads through a dense garden. There are several large trees with thick trunks and green foliage. In the foreground, there are many flowers, including red and orange ones, and some white flowers. The background is filled with more greenery and trees.

Gen 3:9

9And the LORD God called unto Adam, and said unto him,
Where art thou?

Genesis
means
“Beginning”

It was the beginning of the

First Lie

Gen 3:4

And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die:

First Sin

Gen 3:6

6And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.

First Time Conscience Was Awakened

Gen 3:7

7And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons.

First Time Man Tried To Hide From God

Gen 3:8

8And they heard the voice of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God amongst the trees of the garden.

First Time Man Shifted Responsibility

Gen 3:12-13

12And the man said, The woman whom thou gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat.

13And the LORD God said unto the woman, What is this that thou hast done? And the woman said, The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat.

First Time
The Expression
“the buck stops here”
Is Fulfilled

Gen 3:14

14And the LORD God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou art cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life:

The Question “Where Art Thou” Was Not Asked

- Because God did not know where they were
- To define their physical location
- It was to define their spiritual location

Adam and Eve Had Separated Themselves From God By Sin

Isa 59:1-2

1Behold, the LORD's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear:

2But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear.

They Suffered Because of Sin

Gen 3:16-19

16Unto the woman he said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee.

17And unto Adam he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life;

18Thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat the herb of the field;

19In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return. 1 Tim. 2:11-15

They Were Driven Out of The Garden

Gen 3:23-24

23Therefore the LORD God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from whence he was taken.

24So he drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden Cherubims, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life.

Where Are We Spiritually

We Are Either

- In Christ
 - Saved – Gal. 3:27
- Or out of Christ
 - Lost – Mk. 16:16

We Are Either A

- Faithful, fruitful Christian - Rev. 2:10
- Or an unfaithful, erring, unproductive Christian – 2 Pet. 1:5-9

We Are Either

- Pressing forward
- Or drifting with no purpose

Paul Viewed His Life From Three Standpoints

What He Had Been

Phil 3:5-6

5Circumcised the eighth day, of the stock of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, an Hebrew of the Hebrews; as touching the law, a Pharisee;

6Concerning zeal, persecuting the church; touching the righteousness which is in the law, blameless.

What He Was By Faith

Phil 3:8-9

8Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ,

9And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith:

What He Wanted To Do and Be

Phil 3:10, 13-14

10 That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death;

13 Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before,

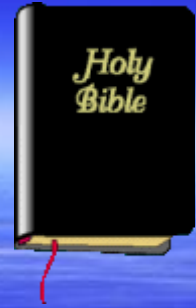
14 I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

We Can Determine
Where We Are Spiritually
Because
There Are Things
We All Have In Common

Things Which We All Have In Common



Word of God



Rom 1:16-17

16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.

17 For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith. Cf. 2 Tim. 3:16-17; 2 Pet. 1:3

Time



John 9:4-14

13 ~~Go out~~ work the way of the world, or someone, while it is day to the night, and then retire to a year, and buy and sell, and get gain:

14 Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away. Psa.90:10,12

Ability or Talent

Matthew 25:41

15 And you who speak of love if you speak as the mouth of God, to anyone who is not by him and as of his ability and ability; give straight way to all his gifts may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

Opportunity

Gal 6:17

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Therefore, let us not boast of our opportunity, let us do good and do it to it
abundantly, especially unto them who are of the household
of faith.

Requirements of All



Dedication

“This one thing I do”

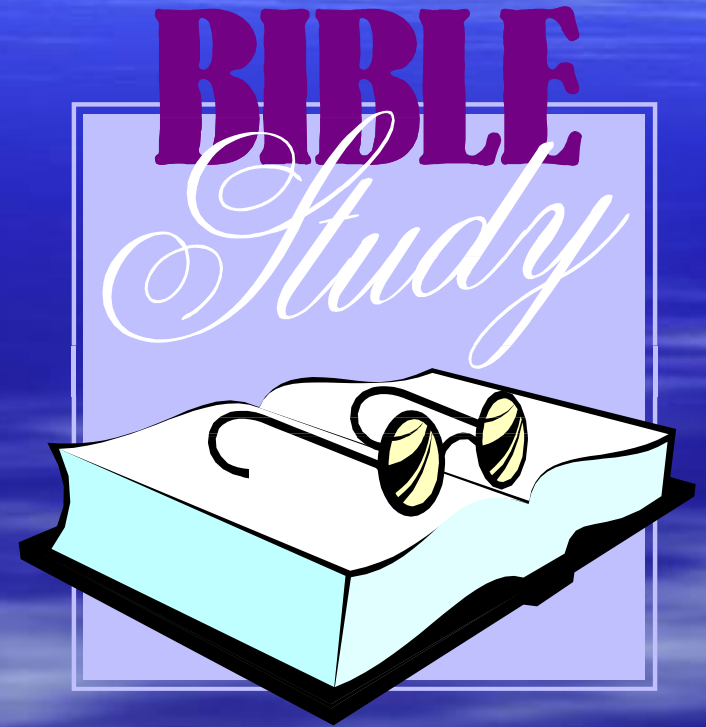
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Study

2 Tim 2:15

15 Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth



Serve

Rom 6:13, 16

13Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God.

16Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?

Where Are You Spiritually

Two Things Are Certain

Death

Judgment

Heb 9:27

27And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment:

Two Destinies Are Certain

Heaven

Hell

Matt 25:46

46And these shall go away into everlasting punishment:
but the righteous into life eternal.

We Decide Our Destiny

Are You A Christian

A Faithful Christian

Rev 20:12

12And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works.