

# The Fall & the Incarnation

## Outline

### The Fall

- I. **Genesis 2:15-17** The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, “You may freely 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 die.”
  - a. Creation extends beyond the Garden of Eden
  - b. Man’s job was to till and keep (serve and guard) the Garden
  - c. Man was forbidden from eating the fruit of the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil
- II. **Genesis 3:1-6** Now the serpent was more subtle than any other wild creature that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, ‘Did God say, ‘You shall not eat of any tree of the garden?’’ And the woman said to the serpent, ‘We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden; but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.’’ But the serpent said to the woman, ‘You will not die. For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.’ So 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 to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, and he ate”
  - a. Why is the serpent in the Garden? Where did he come from?
  - b. Adam is present, but silent during Eve and the serpent’s discussion
    - i. He had failed at his duty to guard the Garden and Eve
- III. **Genesis 3:8-13** And he said, “I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.” 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.” Then the Lord God said to the woman, “What is this that you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent beguiled me, and I ate.”
  - a. God’s questions are to allow for \_\_\_\_\_.
  - b. Adam and Eve do not take responsibility and instead blame others for their choices.
- IV. Adam and Eve forfeited their inheritance (salvation).
  - c. This resulted in us not receiving that inheritance.
  - d. They forfeited the supernatural gift of sanctifying grace.
  - e. They forfeited all the preternatural gifts.
  - f. They still had their natural gifts (body and soul), but they were now wounded
  - g. **Romans 5:12** Therefore as sin came into the world through one man and death through sin, and so death spread to all men...

### Sin

- I. **CCC Definition – Sin** An offense against God as well as a fault against reason, truth, and right conscience. Sin is a deliberate thought, word, deed, or omission contrary to the eternal law of God.
- II. Can man fix the Fall? No.
  - a. Adam, in sinning against God, offended infinitely (since God is infinite) and so the debt is infinite.

### **Protoevangelium (The First Gospel)**

- I. God did not abandon us after the Fall
  - a. **Genesis 3:15** And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel.
    - i. Three people involved
      - 1. The Woman (Mary – The New Eve)
      - 2. Her Seed (Jesus – The New Adam)
      - 3. The Serpent (Satan)

### **The Woman**

- I. God did not abandon us after the Fall
- II. **John 19:17-18, 25-27** So they took Jesus, and he went out, bearing his own cross, to the place called the place of The Skull, which is called in Hebrew Golgotha. There they crucified him....But standing by the cross of Jesus w[as] his mother....[and] when Jesus saw his mother, and the disciple whom he loved standing near, he said to his mother, “Woman, behold, your son!” Then he said to the disciple, “Behold, your mother!”
  - a. He will crush your head (the place of the Skull)
  - b. You will strike his heel (they have pierced my hands and feet)
- III. Seed of the woman
  - a. **Isaiah 7:14** [T]he Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Imman'u-el.
  - b. **Luke 1:26-35** In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin’s name was Mary. And he came to her and said, “Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you!” But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and considered in her mind what sort of greeting this might be. And the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus.

He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High; and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there will be no end.”

And Mary said to the angel, “How can this be, since I have no husband?” And the angel said to her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God.

- IV. **Romans 5:18-21** Then as one man’s trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one man’s act of righteousness leads to acquittal and life for all men. For as by one man’s disobedience many were made sinners, so by one man’s obedience many will be made righteous. Law came in, to increase the trespass; but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more, so that, as sin reigned in death, grace also might reign through righteousness to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.
- V. **John 2:1-4** On the third day there was a marriage at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there; Jesus also was invited to the marriage, with his disciples. When the wine failed, the mother of Jesus said to him, “They have no wine.” And Jesus said to her, “O woman, what have you to do with me? My hour has not yet come.”
- a. **John 2:11** This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his glory; and his disciples believed in him.
- VI. **Revelation 12:1-9, 13-14, 17** And a great sign appeared in heaven, a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars; she was with child and she cried out in her pangs of birth, in anguish for delivery. And another sign appeared in heaven; behold, a great red dragon, with seven heads and ten horns, and seven diadems upon his heads. His tail swept down a third of the stars of heaven, and cast them to the earth. And the dragon stood before the woman who was about to bear a child, that he might devour her child when she brought it forth; she brought forth a male child, one who is to rule all the nations with a rod of iron, but her child was caught up to God and to his throne, and the woman fled into the wilderness, where she has a place prepared by God...

Now war arose in heaven, Michael and his angels fighting against the dragon; and the dragon and his angels fought, but they were defeated and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. And the great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the Devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world - he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him...

And when the dragon saw that he had been thrown down to the earth, he pursued the woman who had borne the male child. But the woman was given the two wings of the great eagle that she might fly from the serpent into the wilderness... Then the dragon was angry with the woman, and went off to make war on the rest of her offspring, on those who keep the commandments of God and bear testimony to Jesus.

VII. **John 1:1** In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God

### **Nature and Person**

- I. Blessed Trinity
  - a. Three Divine Persons in one Divine Nature
- II. Jesus
  - a. One Divine \_\_\_\_\_ with a Divine \_\_\_\_\_ and a Human \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. Hypostatic Union - Union of the Divine and Human \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus
    - i. Natures are not partial or mixed
    - ii. Jesus is completely \_\_\_\_\_ and completely \_\_\_\_\_

### **Closing Prayer**

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray and do thou o prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls.