

Peace in the Midst of Crisis

What to do with Temptation, Sin, Forgiveness & Hope.

Genesis 3:7- 21

Get the Conversation Going:

In an article in **U Discover Music Webzine**, just this September, Brett Milano stated, "Pop music has a way of reminding us what matters most, and these inspiring songs of peace keep the world reaching for higher ground."

What are your thoughts to this quote?

What are songs that you believe inspire peace?

Could you name 3 songs that inspire peace?

Last week, Pastor Frank took us on a journey through Genesis 1 and into Genesis 2. Today we continue our series, In the Beginning, from Genesis 2:4 through Genesis 3:24, with a concentration in Genesis 3. Today's passage is so vital because it describes the world and society as we observe it today.

What are some of the distinctives in this setting?

Let's Read: Genesis 3:7

- They became aware that something was wrong.
- So, they crafted clothing of fig-leaves to hide themselves from one another.
- They also hid in the trees of the of the garden to hide themselves from the presence of God.

How do we hide from God?

How does God respond to our sin and hiding?

Let's Read: Genesis 3:8-9

God takes the initiative!!!

J.R.R. Tolkien writes, "As the hound follows the hare, never ceasing in its running, ever drawing nearer in the chase, with unhurrying and unperturbed pace, so does God follow the fleeing soul by His Divine grace. And though in sin or in human love, away from God it seeks to hide itself, Divine grace follows after, unwearingly follows ever after, till the soul feels its pressure forcing it to turn to Him alone in that never ending **pursuit**."

Let's Read: Genesis 3:10-13

Why does God ask these Questions?

Let's Read: Genesis 3:13 -20

"How beautifully this prophecy portrays the coming Savior, who will reverse the events of the fall." **Bob Deffinbaugh**

Let's Read: Genesis 3: 21

It's a beautiful picture of love for me straight from you.

"Great thoughts of your sin alone will drive you to despair; but great thoughts of Christ will pilot you into the haven of **peace**." - **Charles Spurgeon**

Questions for Reflection:

- Are you hiding from the Father?
- Are you at Peace with God?
- What is God asking you to do or believe?
- What are you going to do about it?
- Who do you need to tell?
- Who will you share Peace with?
- Who will you be Peace to?

If you would like to talk with one of our ministers about how you can take the next step in your relationship with Christ, text the word "Connect" to 615-640-3712.