



Bible Study 3

In The Beginning...



Genesis 3:1-13

“Original Sin is the one Christian doctrine for which there is abundant empirical evidence”

G. K. Chesterton

The Great Lie

1. In your own words, what was the basic strategy of the Serpent?
(cf. Gen 2:16-17 for the original command of God).
2. In what sense do the events of this passage represent a corruption of the created order as we find it by the end of Chapter 2?

The Forbidden Fruit

3. In the conventional wisdom, what is this fruit understood to be?
4. In what sense did Adam and Eve come to “know good and evil” by eating the fruit?
...by merely being aware of good and evil? (cf. 2:17)
...through sharing in them by experience? (cf 3:22)
...or by becoming the arbiter or judge of them? (cf. 3:6)

The Passing of the Buck...

5. What is ironic about the mutual evasion of responsibility in light of 3:6?

6. Although there is a (tiny) grain of truth in each of the “not guilty” pleas, why are they ultimately not valid?

...which stops with each one of us:

7. How can we turn this passage back to ourselves for a deeper and more honest understanding of :

- temptation?
- antipathy towards our Maker?
- true confession?

Pray

- silently in confession for the times when we’ve tried to pass the buck of our sin
- thanking God for Jesus death for us
- for constantly renewed relationship with God