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Ecclesiastes 3:11 He has made everything beautiful in it's time. He has also set eternity in the hearts of men; yet they cannot fathom what God has done from beginning to end.

**THE SPIRITUAL CONNECTION IS A CHRIST
CENTERED MINISTRY DEDICATED TO ENRICHING
YOUR MIND SPIRITUALLY THROUGH GOD'S
INSPIRED WORDS, OF THE HOLY BIBLE.**

THE FALL OF MAN

by Dennis A. Palma

In last months journal I touched lightly on our inherited sin nature. This same sin nature can be traced back to our original parents, Adam and Eve.

In Genesis chapter 3:1 The Lord said. Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, “ Did God really say, ‘ You must not eat from any tree in the garden’? “

The woman said to the serpent, “ We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, But God did say, ‘ You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it , or you will die.”

At this part of the scripture, the serpent is trying to create some doubt in the mind of Eve.

3:4 “You will not surely die,” the serpent said to the woman. For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”

At this time , the serpent has completed his mission, doubt has been established in Eves mind.

3:6 When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it.

This verse in the Bible verse 3:6 is the most consequential, and pivotal verse in the entire Bible, with respect to our flawed nature. All our human struggles that we encounter today, stem back to this verse.

Then the Bible goes on to say 3;7 Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves. Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the Lord God as He was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the Lord God among the trees of the garden

This portion of scripture portrays the dark and naked effects of original sin. That same curse from original sin is what we have to contend with today, as descendents of Adam and Eve.

3:9 But the Lord God called to the man, “ Where are you?” He answered, “ I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid.” And He said, “ Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?” The man said the woman you put here with me—she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it.’

Doesn't that scripture sound real familiar. As flawed humans, we are always passing the buck in order to avoid punishment for our sins. We will go to great measures to avoid the light of truth. We would rather live the lie of darkness, then follow God's words of truth that lead us into the light.

This darkness I am speaking about is the darkness from all our sins, that can be traced all the way back to the Garden of Eden and the beginning of creation.

We as flawed human beings will never be able to stop this darkness completely, but we all have an insulation that we can equip ourselves with, and that is the unending word of the Lord.

His unending words of forgiveness and mercy for our sins, is the only way to combat the forces of evil darkness that continually surrounds us.

As it is forever written in the Bible, the main purpose for our Saviors death on the cross, was to wash away all our sins, and bring Eternal Salvation to all who believe in Christ. The Lord said in Matthew 26: 28 This is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins

Also, the Lord said in John 12:46 I have come into the world as a light, so that no one who believes in me should stay in darkness.

Let me close with this thought. We can continue to fall prey to the all of Satins calculated schemes that date back to the beginning of creation, or we can put on the full armor of God's righteousness that will transform us from eternal darkness into eternal light.

Let us pray: Eternal Father of unending love, grace, mercy, and forgiveness, help me to grow in the wisdom of Your Divine words. Help me to find the strength to resist all the devils pits of darkness. Help me to grow in you and stay the course of your plan for me, in the light of Your Eternal Salvation. Help me to always give you the glory that You always long for and so deserve. Father I ask all this in Jesus name always.....Amen.

FEBRUARYS EDITION OF HOPE FOR LIVING

WE WAIT ON GOD

Isaiah 40: 31 Those who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles.

Nowhere does the Bible teach that Christians are exempt from tribulation and natural disaster. We live in a world infected with the disease of sin, and we share in its misery and pain

But the Bible does teach that we can face trials with a power others do not have--- the power of God. As we trust Him, God helps us endure, and even discern His purposes in the midst of suffering. Christiana Tsai, the Christian daughter of a former governor in China wrote, " Throughout my many years of illness (53), I have never dared to ask God why He allowed me to suffer so long, I only ask what He wants me to do."

The eagle has the unique ability to lock its joints and soar effortlessly on an updraft, instead of flapping its wings. As we wait on God, He helps us use the winds of adversity to soar above our problems. As the Bible says, " Those who wait on the Lord.... Shall mount up with wings like eagles."-----Billy Graham

FEBRUARYS SIN OF THE MONTH REFLECTION

Anger: The desire to punish or take vengeance. The Lord says in Romans 2 :8 But for those who are self – seeking and who reject the truth and follow evil, there will be wrath and anger.

GOD’S DEVOTIONAL MESSAGE FOR FEBRUARY

1 Corinthians 15: 10 I laboured more abundantly than they all: yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me.

The secret of success is to be like a duck- smooth and unruffled on top, but paddling furiously underneath.

FEBRUARYS MONTHLY PRAYER OF ADORATION

Lord, I give thanks for Your greatness, Your goodness, and Your love; and I now draw near to enjoy Your presence.

Psalms 47:2,7 The Lord Most High is awesome, The great King over all the earth! God is the King of all the earth, And I will sing His praise.

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