



DESIGNED TO SEE THE BIG PICTURE

GENESIS 3:6-7A, 9-15

Review:

- 1) We were designed to _____ to perfection.
- 2) We were designed to be holy. Jesus treated God's rules with respect and declared them to be relevant, teaching us to do the same.
- 3) We were designed to bear His name. Bearing His name means that . . . We have something of real value.
- 4) We were designed to NOT be some things—

Not Designed to be _____.

Not Designed to be _____.

Not Designed to _____.

To see the BIG PICTURE, we have to begin at the beginning. So we find ourselves still in the _____.

Everything Jesus did during the week leading up to His death and resurrection was done to restore the relationship Adam had lost. Easter is ultimately a battle between good and evil, between Christ and _____.

1. God told Satan *in the garden* that a _____ **of Eve** would one day destroy him. Genesis 3:15-16

Don't miss the big picture.

Luke 7:28; Matthew 11:11—Jesus speaking of John the Baptist, said none born of woman is greater.

The battle is between the serpent's seed and woman's seed:

"Thou shalt bruise his heel" speaks of all the attempts to defeat Christ during His reign on earth.

"It shall bruise thy head" speaks of Jesus defeating death at his resurrection.

2. The resurrection of Jesus undid the sentence of _____ placed on Adam *in the garden*.
Genesis 2:17; 3:22-24

We always think of a _____ death.

It too was a _____ death.

Not immediately, but it was coming. We're all going to die unless Jesus calls us up in the rapture, but we aren't dead yet. See Genesis 5 genealogy.

The power that Satan has held over us is _____.
It's our great enemy. See Romans 5:12-21

When Jesus died, He literally took on the _____ of the garden:

~ thorns and thistles"

~ "sweat of thy face"

~ "unto dust thou shalt return"

As a man, Jesus was a carpenter—worked by the sweat of his brow. We can see evidence of the curse even in Jesus' death: crown of thorns, sweat as it were great drops of blood, buried.

But then . . .

Jesus arose and defeated death. He bruised Satan's head.

Everybody has been affected by what happened in the garden.

3. God is _____ us with the same power He used to create the world at the beginning, in the garden.

That's what Easter and Sundays are all about.

II Corinthians 4:16— ***“For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day.***

Think about this:

Who does Mary Magdalene mistake Jesus for when she finds the tomb empty? How appropriate that Jesus was buried in a garden!

Adam said about Eve, “This is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh” (Genesis 2:23).

Jesus said, ***“Jesus saith unto her, Touch me not; for I am not yet ascended to my Father: but go to my brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto my Father, and your Father; and to my God, and your God.”***

There are 256 names in the Bible given to Jesus Christ. One is that He is the second Adam.
See I Corinthians 15:19-22.

Homework: “hunt” for names and references to Jesus this week.