

GROWING DEEP IN THE CHRISTIAN LIFE: RETURNING TO OUR ROOTS

FROM CREATION TO CORRUPTION

GENESIS 1:26–28; 2:15–17; 3:6–13; ROMANS 3:9–18



The Heart of the Matter

Many scholars scoff at the thought that the world was created by God in six days. But this is exactly how Scripture reveals the beginning of the universe and of humankind. In fact, God's creation of the first man and woman is one of the earliest truths recorded in the Bible. Regrettably, following directly on its heels is the sad account of Adam and Eve's fall into sin. Four simple words say it all . . . *from creation to corruption*. Instead of obeying the clear warnings of their Creator, Adam and Eve deliberately and willfully chose to rebel. And we've been living with the consequences ever since—humanity is mentally confused, emotionally afraid, and spiritually dead. The good news, however, is that God didn't abandon us in our rebellion. In mercy and grace, He provided the way out of our self-made mess—through His Son, Jesus Christ.



Discovering the Way

1. How It All Started . . . Historically (Selected Scriptures from Genesis)

The first few chapters of Genesis provide an overview for all of human history: creation and instruction, temptation and corruption.

2. Where It All Led . . . Theologically (Selected Scriptures from Genesis and Romans)

The temptation and corruption caused by sin led to tragic consequences for Adam and Eve, specifically, and affects creation today, universally.



Starting Your Journey

What does all this mean personally? It means you have a problem—you're a sinner and your end is death (Romans 5:12). That's the bad news. The good news, and the solution to your problem, is Christ died to pay for your sin and rose from the grave to give you a righteous life (5:17). Do you believe that?



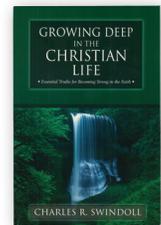
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