



## Made in His Image, until...

Last week introduced us to the only true, living God who created us in His image and desires to live in relationship with us. This week we see how sin and death damaged that relationship...

### A Choice that Changed Everything

Last week we learned about God's perfect Creation, but we obviously live in a world that is not perfect! God did not create evil, disease, or death, but these entered our world because of a human choice to not trust God.

- **God has made us for a purpose:** In your group, read Ephesians 2:8-10
  - *As we begin our study, we look ahead to see that we are saved by grace, but also that we are made for good works. We will revisit this concept in the weeks ahead, but what is your initial reaction to what seems to be conflicting ideas?*
- **Use the space below to draw the “circles” diagram that Pastor Scott shares in the video - it will guide us in exploring Christ's saving work:**

Any thoughts about this diagram in considering how we have been created by God?

- **Paradise Lost**
  - **Read Genesis 2:15-17 & 3:1-7** about The Fall that changed our relationship with God, with each other, and with the Created world.
- **4 Consequences of The Fall**
  - Sin and death dramatically changed the perfection of God's Creation:
    - 1 - \_\_\_\_\_ in our soul and body (*our mind, emotions, choices, actions*)
    - 2 - \_\_\_\_\_ in our spirit (*our intimate connection with God*)
    - 3 - Perfect \_\_\_\_\_ is damaged (*death, disease, injustice, etc. spreads*)
    - 4 - Spiritual \_\_\_\_\_ of God seek to spread chaos and disorder in rebellion against the one, true God (*due to humanity's willful choice, not a lack of God's power!*)
- **From the image of God to the image of Adam**
  - **Read Genesis 5:1-3** - Although Adam and Eve were made in the image of God, they were changed by sin and death. They passed this change on to Seth, and to every human born into Adam's line (including you!)
  - Read Romans 5:12-14 - note how Paul describes that both \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ have been passed on to us. How is this still impacting our world today?
  - *In light of these passages, what is wrong with the idea that God just wants us to be good people? Is the Christian life just about being good? What do we really need?*

**How does sin in our soul (thoughts, emotions, will) and a dead spirit impact our hope for the 3 aspects of being healthy?**

1. **A deep sense of your own value and significance**
2. **To authentically live your unique identity**
3. **To be able to give and receive love**

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## Spiritual Health Inventory

How are you doing on the intentions you set when you took the Spiritual Health Inventory?

Share with your group any victories or praises you may have, and pray for one another that you would grow in grace and knowledge of Christ!

## Close with Prayer for One Another, and for Unbelievers!

Who do you know that may still be walking in sin and death? Maybe they think they are a “good enough” person, and don't really need a Savior, not realizing that they are dead spiritually. How can you share the Gospel with someone who feels this way? Does this lesson help with that?