

Sermon Notes: The Gift of Life

Genesis 3:1-5

Genesis 3:6-10

Romans 5:12-17

What is death?

Romans 6:23

- Death is the absence of life

What is life?

- The ability to develop, grow, function, produce, multiply, succeed and reign
- **Connection to The Source**: the ability to know, love and serve God

What is death?

- The retardation, degradation, destruction and cessation of life
- **Disconnection from The Source**: spiritual darkness

The power of Sin

Genesis 3:1-5

Innocence vs. Knowledge

- When you operate in heavenly innocence, you trust and depend on God (wisdom, God-consciousness, the tree of life, **Proverbs 3:18**)
- **Innocence = Revealed Truth + Simple Obedience**
- When you operate in earthly knowledge, you trust and depend on yourself (smartness, self-consciousness, the tree of death, **James 3:13-18**)
- **Knowledge = Presented Facts + Smart Choices**
- The problem with earthly knowledge is that it is limited and it has capacity for both good and evil.

The reign of death

Genesis 3:6-19

- they knew that they were naked: this indicates the vulnerability and brokenness empowered by fear and shame
- They hid from the presence of the Lord: **disconnection from The Source**
- They blamed God and others: not taking responsibility for personal sin
- Exposure to pain and stress in producing
- Exposure to strife and disharmony in relationship
- Exposure to disease and disorder due to the animal and land curse
- Exposure to hard unproductive labour
- Exposure to barrenness and unfruitfulness
- Exposure to physical death

The gift of life

Romans 6:23, 5:12-17

- Life is a gift - received by faith and used to reign over death.
- Eternal Life is unending, unending, unfailing, unlimited and unconquerable
- Eternal life is Grace and Righteousness, **Romans 5:17**
- **Grace**: divine empowerment to live and reign over death
- **Righteousness**: right standing with God which enables right living for God
- Death operates through fear
- **Hebrews 2:14-15, 2 Timothy 1:7**
- Life operates through faith
- **Romans 5:1-2, Romans 10:9-10**