

Established and Abounding

Established in: God's Response to Sin

1. Read Genesis 3:1-6. In these verses, we read about the first sin in the Bible, but the word sin is never used. That said, these verses can help us understand sin. In these verses, who is humankind choosing to listen to? How is this action different from what they were called to do in Genesis 1:26-28 and Genesis 2:15?
2. A) What can this teach us about the nature of sin?
B) How does that compare to how Romans 3:23 defines sin?
3. A) What about the serpent's lie appeals to humankind?
B) How does that compare to how 1 John 2:16 talks about the appeal of this world?
4. A) What does humankind's actions show about their attitude toward God?
B) How does that compare to how Isaiah 53:6 talks about humankind's actions toward God?
5. Read Genesis 3:7. God said the consequence for sin is death (Gen. 2:16-17). In the Bible, death means separation.
A) What separation do we see in this verse?
B) Do you believe that this is only about clothes or is it teaching us something more about the consequences of sin?
C) If so, what is it teaching us?
6. Read Genesis 3:8-13; 24. What separation do we see in these verses? How does that compare to Ephesians 2:1-3?
7. Read Genesis 3:22-23. What end does God ensure will come upon humankind in these verses? How is this also a type of separation?
8. Read Revelation 20:11-5. What is the final consequence for the sin of humankind? How is this also a type of separation?

Abounding in Thanks for: God's Response to Sin

9. Read Romans 5:8. God's response to sin is greater than only the above. How does He respond to sin in this verse?
10. Read Romans 5:11. How can we apply this verse to our lives this week?