

Epic Failures - Where God's People Blew It

The Epic Failure

Introduction

- God's original plan was perfect
- God created us in His image with free will on purpose
- God wants us to want to love Him, not be compelled to
- That free will is where we start today and talk about "the epic failure", the fall of man

Failure

Question: Describe a time when someone has been deceived with partial truths and fell for it. (Genesis 3:1-6)

- Even when we're deceived we're still responsible for our actions
- Eve listened to the serpent when he spoke about God's reasons instead of asking God about His reasons
- They were disobedient to God by touching and eating the fruit

Consequence

Question: What were the results of the people's deception you spoke of in the last discussion? (Genesis 3:7-19)

- Separation from God
- Death was brought into the world
- All creation is groaning until Jesus' return (Romans 8:21-22)
- Pain was brought into childbirth
- The ground was cursed and man destined to toil all the days of his life
- A price has to be paid for each sin

Restoration

Question: Describe how those you've spoken of were able to redeem themselves and move on. (John 3:16-17, Romans 3:23-24, Romans 5:8)

- Jesus was born of the Spirit to a virgin
- He lived a sinless life and was hung on a Roman cross until death, thereby paying the debt for all of our sins
- He was raised the third day to show God's power over death
- He currently intercedes for us with the God the Father while we are witnesses of His love, grace and mercy to this lost and dying world

Conclusion

1 Corinthians 15:50-58

- The only way to escape the consequences of the epic failure is through Jesus
- God had the plan already in the works
- There's nothing we can do to deserve it
- Accept Jesus' gift and live!