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1 Corinthians 11:7b (NIV)

since he is the image and glory of God

Isaiah 43:7 (NIV)

**everyone who is called by my name,
whom I created for my glory,
whom I formed and made.”**

Genesis 2:23 (NIV)

**The man said,
“This is now bone of my bones
and flesh of my flesh;
she shall be called ‘woman,’
for she was taken out of man.”**

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Genesis 3:1-9 (NLT)

Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God really say, 'You must not eat from any tree in the garden'?"

The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, but God did say, 'You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.'"

“You will not certainly die,” the serpent said to the woman. “For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”

When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves.

Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the Lord God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the Lord God among the trees of the garden. But the Lord God called to the man, "Where are you?"

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1. Sin separates us from God.

Genesis 3:10 (NIV)

He answered, "I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid."

Romans 3:23 (NIV)

for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

Romans 3:10-12 (NIV)

As it is written:

**“There is no one righteous, not even one;
there is no one who understands;
there is no one who seeks God.**

**All have turned away,
they have together become worthless;
there is no one who does good,
not even one.”**

Ephesians 2:3 (NIV)

All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our flesh[a] and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature deserving of wrath.

Romans 6:23 (NIV)

For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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2. God knows our sin.

Genesis 3:11 (NIV)

And he said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?”

Psalm 147:5 (NIV)

**Great is our Lord and mighty in power;
his understanding has no limit.**

Proverbs 15:3 (NIV)

**The eyes of the Lord are everywhere,
keeping watch on the wicked and the good.**

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3. The cure for sin is Jesus.

Romans 5:1-11 (NIV)

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we[a] have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him! For if, while we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life! Not only is this so, but we also boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Psalm 51:1-2 (NIV)

**Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your unfailing love;
according to your great compassion
blot out my transgressions.
Wash away all my iniquity
and cleanse me from my sin.**

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Our Response:

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