

Sometimes we take for granted things we have heard many times. The purpose of this study is to bring to the front Jesus. With Christmas near, we can easily be distracted by all the shopping, chaos, sparkly lights, and all the things that take our mind off of the real reason for the season~ the love of God shown to us through Jesus! To bring to remembrance the things of Messiah!

“ I think it right, as long as I am in this body, to stir you up by way of reminder” ~
2 Peter 1:13

“I am stirring up your sincere mind by way of reminder” 2 Peter 3:1

MESSIAH

“I know I continually need awakening Especially when Christmas approaches.

I am prone to be dull, spiritually drowsy, halfhearted, luke-warm. That is the way human beings are including Christians, even about great things. Peter knows it and is writing to “awaken” or to stir up his readers so that they don’t just know but also feel the wonder of the truth” ~ from John Piper’s book, “The Dawning of Indestructible JOY”, a daily devotional for Advent. (free download available for this book at desiringgod.org)

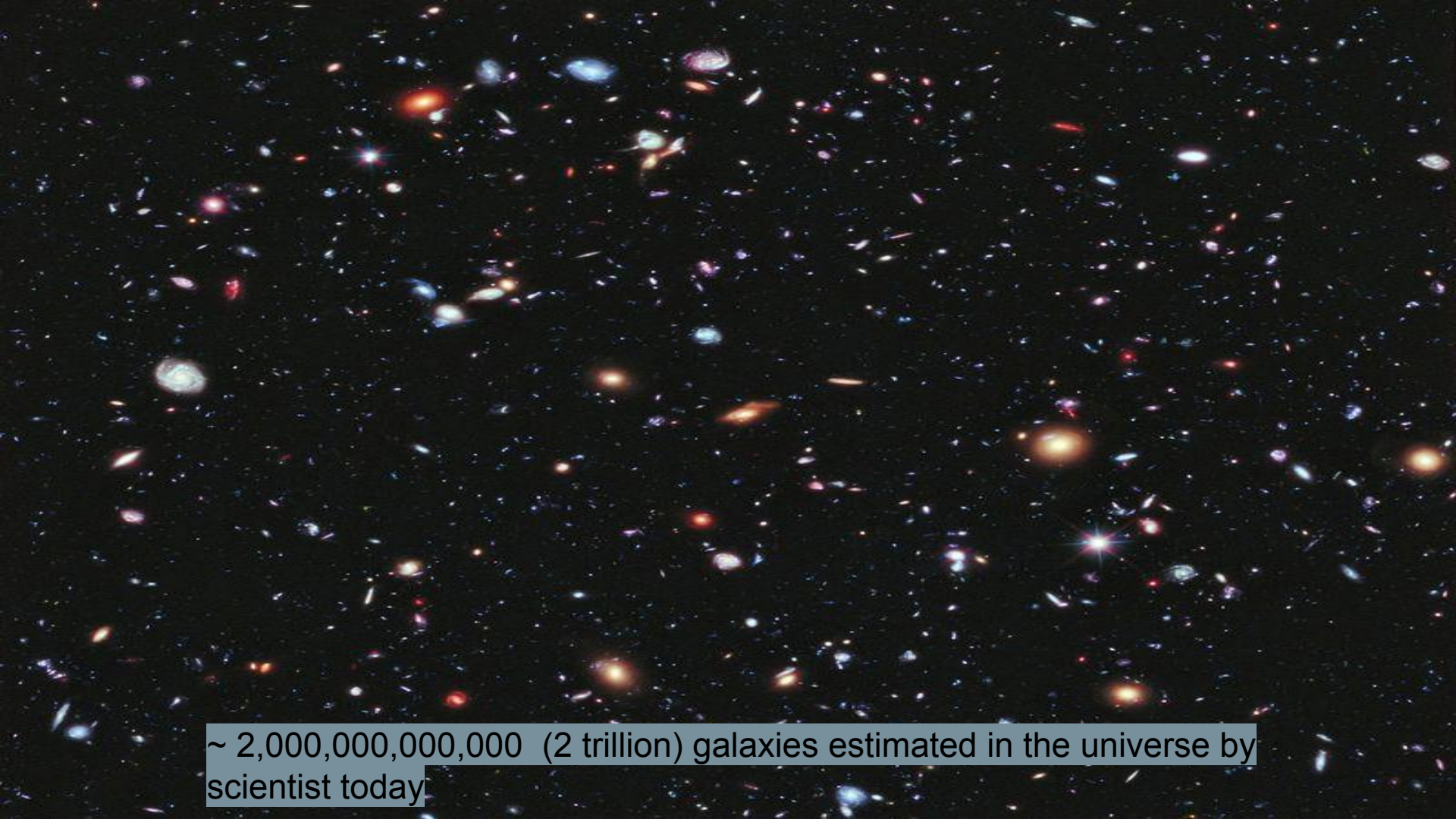
A study for this upcoming Christmas season, to remember and bring back to the forefront of our minds about how much God loves us through His gift of Jesus Christ!

Study Outline

- ❖ **Why do we need a Messiah? Part I; Nov 20 (TODAY'S CLASS)**
- ❖ **Jesus throughout the Bible, starting in the OT. Nov 27**
- ❖ **The story of the birth of Jesus. Dec 11**

The Vision of God's Original Plan for His Creation

Think about the home that God created for us in this great universe!!



~ 2,000,000,000,000 (2 trillion) galaxies estimated in the universe by scientist today



~ 100 billion stars in each galaxy with at least 1 planet per star

~with 2 trillion galaxies, that makes 200,000,000,000,000,000,000,000 stars=200 septillion and
Even far more planets!!!!!!!



~ only one planet with known life in all of creation!





~ in the beginning Adam and Eve lived in perfect, most beautiful garden with God as their companion and father. They had no struggles and all their needs were met. They had perfect relationship with God the creator and our Father.

Think about all of this; God desired a special relationship with each one of us and He created a spectacular home for us in this gigantic and amazing universe~ all just for us!!!!

Uh-oh what happened?!



Scutini
1767

a Paris chez Goussier rue St. Jacques au Pres. sous la porte de la parohisse de St. Germain

FORMACION DE LA MUJER
Cuando Dios dijo a Moisés: "Manda a Adán que se vaya de su casa y de su madre, y se una a su mujer, y ellos serán una carne." Adán que formaba una sola carne con la mujer, se separó de ella, y se unió a ella, y se convirtió en una sola carne. Este es el misterio del sacramento de la Eucaristía, donde el sacerdote se une a la Iglesia, y juntos forman una sola carne.

Bible Study on The Messiah

Part 1- Why we need a Messiah

I) Why do we need a Messiah? Some FOUNDATIONAL truth

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**sin is lawlessness ; transgression of the Law (God's commands/ instruction)
by act or neglect- **sin is disobedience to God's Word****

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**Our sin is why we need JESUS, our Messiah!
For we have ALL sinned (Romans 3:23)**

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Galatians 3:24-25~ FAITH in Jesus takes us out from under the LAW

Selah!- take some time today and really meditate on this; think about our sinful nature and how God must feel. Then meditate on what Jesus has done for you by taking you out from under the curse of the Law!

I) Why do we need a Messiah?

- We are sinful by birth (Isa 53:6 / Psa 51:5/ Eph 2:3), but where did sin and evil originate? Was it from God, from Satan, from Adam?
- - 1st - Was sin and evil created by God, who created everything?

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Luke 18:19 & Psalm 107:1 - nobody is good except God

1 John 1:5 - "God is light and in Him is no darkness at all."



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According to God's Word, ABSOLUTELY NOT!

(BONUS: BUT He does use all things for good for believers, including evil.)

**So, If God did not and could not create evil and sin,
where did it come from?**

Let's see.

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What was the FIRST sin?

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What was the FIRST sin? When satan rebelled (sinned) against God.

Let's take a quick look into satan and his sin (he is a key player in all of this):

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Notice in verses 12-15 that lucifer (satan) was created a gloriously wise and perfectly beautiful creation. satan was a cherub who covered the mercy seat of God and walked in the holiest of places!!! Then on the next screen, see what happens in vs 16-19.

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What the heck happened to satan? He was one of God's most amazing masterpieces as we saw in verses 12-15. Then in verses 16-19 we see that he becomes internally full of violence working the evil of his trade. He was full of pride and wickedness. Quite a change from the beauty he was created to be wouldn't you say?

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We just saw that lucifer who was God's beautiful and beloved creation. he rebelled against God and desires to be higher in reverence than God.

Sooooo.....it is next important to understand how God's creation could have have even contemplated sinning against God.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

So how could a created being of God, who is wholly good, sin?

Why would God give free will to the angels and not just make them unable to sin?


What would a relationship be like if a person was not given a choice to love or not to love you. But instead a person was programmed with no choice but to love you ? How would you feel toward them? How would that effect the relationship?

Understanding satan, our adversary:

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- Job 1 & 2 & Zechariah 3 : satan must SOMETIMES have permission to attack us; also shows us satan can and does move between the "3 heavens" (2 Cor 12)
- Ephesians 2:1-2 & 6:12 & John 12:31: satan is present here on earth: prince of the powers of the air and this world

Understanding satan , our adversary cont'd:

- 1 Peter 5:8: satan is fierce and wants to take you with him (not a weak minded adversary - he can be powerful in our lives if we let Him. (satan is weak against believers when we resist him - see James 4:7 & Revelation 12:11)
- satan is not the opposite of God~ he is not all powerful and omicent
- IF allowed, satan can:
 - *manipulate weather, matter, bacteria (Job 1 &2)
 - *influence legal systems (Rev 2:10 & Job1:17)
 - *seeks to trap elders (1 Tim 3:7)
 - *lies (John 8:44)
 - *accuses us (Col 2:15 & Rev 12:10)
 - *can kill body but not eternal spirit (Job & Rom 8)
 - *tempt us (James 1:13 & Acts 5:3 & 1 Thess 3:5)
 - *move about the earth (Job 1)



satan is no joke as portrayed by some, but we have been given power to overcome him through the blood of Jesus! Hallelujah!

Important Note: The Bible does not state outright many things about evil, satan, and demons. For instance the Bible does not clearly state:

- ❖ Did God know Angels would sin
 - ❖ Does satan need permission every time to tempt people
 - ❖ Where do demons come from (fallen angels or from Nephalim/akulla)
 - ❖ What power is satan given so he does not have to go ask God for it
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*****Remember this important fact in studying the Bible, the main message is the plain message OR the plain message is the plain message!!!** **THUS, There is evil in the world, satan and demons do exist, satan and demons want to destroy your soul, God loves us and gave us a way to fight against evil ; salvation and forgiveness DO EXIST through JESUS!!!!**

Although we could do a whole study on these topics, it is not part of this particular lesson. But for some more insight on some of these questions, here are a couple of really good articles on them:

- 1) **“Where do demons come from” by Michael S. Heiser at logos.com
- 2) “Does satan have to get God’s permission before he can attack us?” at gotquestions.org
- 3) “What is the extent of satan’s power?” by Don Stewart at blueletterbible.org

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 - 2nd- Was sin and evil initiated or created by Satan? Yes~spiritually
 - 3rd- Was sin and evil initiated by Adam?

So we saw that sin first entered God's creation when satan rebelled against God. How did sin enter into the human race? Through Adam. (Romans 5:12)

Let's take a deeper look into this; it's all about to come together!

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“And the Lord God commanded the man saying, FREELY eat from ANY tree. BUT from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat from it you shall surely die”.

*****If we do an in depth word study in these verses, it will help us better understand how Adam and Eve sinned later in Chapter 3.**

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toṽ= Hebrew for good

ra=Hebrew for evil

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A look at “good and evil” from different viewpoints (ref Israelibible.org):

- **Good: hebrew= *tov*** (mostly used in Hebrew not in a moral sense but in orderly sense). Hebrew usually uses *tsedeq* for righteous good. *Tov* was used in description of creation of earth and man. So GOOD here can be attuned to ‘order’ through obedience to God’s Word and instruction—it is good.
- **Evil: Hebrew= *ra***; “inappropriate; unacceptable, unhealthy, distasteful, evil (*ra has a wide range of meanings*). What does evil mean? “Immoral and wicked; causing harm” -MerWeb. But scripturally and spiritually , evil is fundamentally disobedience to God’s Word because His Word is good—disobedience is actually sin.

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Let's dig into this other phrase, “for in the day that you eat from it *you shall surely die.*”

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God says they may eat from ANY tree in the garden (**FREE WILL**).

But He ‘warns’ Adam and Eve about the tree of ‘good and evil’- there will be consequences (you shall surely die). He did not say they could not eat from it, but it is more of a warning that there will be consequences if you do:

Commanded = *vayetzar* = *Hebrew for warning, instructed, commissioned, ordered, commanded (wide range of meaning based on context within the sentences).*

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Did they die immediately? NO. Thus the death described was a spiritual death due to sin entering into mankind- a spiritual death AND a turn to physical mortality, not an immediate death (remember this translation coming up when we see how satan works his wickedness with Adam and Eve).

RECAPPING (to this point):

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- We have a moral responsibility in our God given free will to choose good (obedience) or evil (disobedience) AND to receive the consequences of those choices.
- {sin leads to death, which is what we deserve, but God in His loving kindness gave us a Messiah to pave the way for forgiveness and a place in heaven}

BUT REMEMBER, the main truth is the plain truth.
And that truth is: evil exists and we have a choice to
do good through obedience to God or to sin and do evil
through disobedience to God- THAT'S A FACT!!!

For the full , detailed explanation of these word studies, See:
israelbiblecenter.com: ~Israel Bible Weekly magazine article “What
is the Knowledge of ‘Good and Evil’

Food for Thought about free will :

Why did God give His creation free will?

What would a relationship be like if you were programmed to love and be obedient to God vs. having the ability to choose freely to love and obey?

Does God's plan for us to have free will show anything about His love for us?

Does God desire to know you intimately and do you have a desire to know Him intimately?

Let's breakdown the fall of Adam and mankind in Genesis 3:1-7 (and at the same gain some insight into how satan works AND to solidify why we need a Messiah):

satan = the serpent in the garden of Eden , according to Revelation 12:9 & 20:2

(Recall Genesis 2:15-17 where God gives Adam instructions about the tree of good and evil.)

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Genesis 3:1-7:

1 Noww the serpent was more crafty than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made. And he said to the woman,’ Indeed , has God said,’ You shall not eat from any tree of the garden?

2 And the woman said to the serpent,’ From the fruit of the trees of the garden we may eat;

3 but from the fruit of the tree which is in the middle of the garden, God has said,’ You shall not eat from it or touch it, lest you die.’

4 And the serpent said to the woman, ‘You surely shall not die!’ 5 For God know that in the day you eat from it your eyes will be opened and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.

6 And the woman saw that the tree was good for food and that it wa a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was desirable to make one wise, she took from its fruit and ate; and she gave also to her husband with her, and he ate.

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Vs2- 3- Eve twists God's command, dipping her toe into the pool of temptation. She leaves out 'freely' eat. And she says you will die if you eat from tree of good and evil. But in the Hebrew when God tells Adam not to eat from it, the translation (of *mote tamut*) means 'to die you will die'. A complicated translation analysis shows that it is not immediate death but no longer will you be immune to death. BUT when Eve says surely die, it means instant death. But in the story, instant death did not occur. Also Eve adds not to 'touch' the fruit.

Vs4-5- satan twists truth: He know she will not die instantly but will die spiritually to sin (remember satan was full of wisdom). He also tempts her with being like God. Again satan plants a seed. Remember, he is the ultimate liar, deceiver, and accuser who wishes to take as many souls with him to magnify his rebellion against God.

Vs6-7- Eve let's the thought into her mind which lead to action and sin. She succumbs to all 3 major categories of sin (lust of the eye , lust of the flesh, pride of life- complete rebellion to God. ~ 1John 2:16

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Answer:

God created Adam directly from the earth and was His original creation of humankind. Then He said it was not good that Adam was alone, so He created Eve out of Adam's rib. So when Adam sinned, being a first born male, God's first ,direct representative of mankind, AND most importantly, Adam did not even question the sin- he just ate the fruit. When Adam ate of the tree, that is when sin entered mankind (see Romans 5:12).

Think about all of this:

Think about how God's creation originally was so beautiful and pure, AND how he desires it to be.

Think about how God's love for relationship caused Him to create His creatures with free will. Do you think He knew we would all turn against Him BEFORE He created everything?

Think about how different your life would be if sin had not entered God's creation.

Think about what Heaven will be like due to God's Love for you through Jesus.

What kind of picture about God and our relationship with Him does this create in your mind?

Selah! Let's stop and think about all this

SO, why do we need a Messiah? Why does evil (rebellion against God which is sin) exist in God's creation?

- **God did not create evil but He did give His created beings free will, why? A relationship with forced love is not a relationship at all and He wanted an honest and loving relationship with His creation**
- **Sin entered through satan, then moved to man through Adam.**
- **Sin is choosing to go against God's Word and instruction**
- **We need a Messiah due to our sinful nature at birth and attacks of satan and his demons that may cause us to stumble**
- **We need a Messiah because we can not conquer sin on our own**
- **We are given a Messiah because God loves us so much and wants an intimate spiritual relationship with each of us.**

With all of this in mind, GOD STILL LOVES US AND DESIRES
RELATIONSHIP WITH US! He gave us all a way back to Him to live
the original plan's design in Eden by giving us a Messiah to bring
us home to Heaven to be with Him! (JOHN 3:16-18/Romans 5:8)

JESUS!