

***NEW YEAR
NEW SERIES***



FIRST THINGS *1ST*

FIRST PARADISE

Genesis 2

Genesis 2:8-10 NIV

Now the LORD God had planted a garden in the east, in Eden; and there he put the man he had formed. The LORD God made all kinds of trees grow out of the ground—trees that were pleasing to the eye and good for food. In the middle of the garden were the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. A river watering the garden flowed from Eden; from there it was separated into four headwaters.

FOCAL POINT

The First Paradise

*In the middle of the garden were the tree of life
and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.*

The Tree of Life in the Final Paradise

*To the one who is victorious, I will give the right
to eat from the tree of life, which is in the
paradise of God.*

Life-Giving Tree

God is the Source of Life

FOCAL POINT

Finding Paradise Today

Putting Jesus at the Center

Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me.

Abide in the Life-Giving Vine

***Through Our Relationship with Jesus
A Taste of Paradise***

PURPOSE

The First Paradise

The LORD God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it.

God-Given Mandate

It was God's Will that Adam Worked

Serving God in the Final Paradise

... they are before the throne of God and serve him day and night in his temple.

Serve God Eternally

PURPOSE

Finding Paradise Today

Find the Joy in Serving God

In Paradise, God's Will is Carried Out
your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Submit to God's Authority
***you will be able to test and approve what God's
will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will***

Through Our Relationship with Jesus
A Taste of Paradise

PEACE

The First Paradise

*Adam and his wife were both naked,
and they felt no shame.*

Nothing to Hide

Man in His Innocence

Perfect Peace in the Final Paradise

*He will wipe away every tear from their eyes
...the former things have passed away.*

Clothed with Righteousness

PEACE

**Finding Paradise Today
is About Faith in Jesus**

***Therefore, there is now no condemnation for
those who are in Christ Jesus***

**In Christ, I can Know Peace,
Confidence, and Holiness**

A Life Without Shame

***Through Our Relationship with Jesus
A Taste of Paradise***

PRESENCE

The First Paradise



***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***

**Natural, Intimate Fellowship with the Lord
God was With Them**

His Presence Makes Paradise

**The Presence of God in the Final Paradise
*God Himself will be with them and be their God.***

PRESENCE

Finding Paradise Today

God's People are Set Apart for His Presence
***Do you not know that you are God's temple and
that God's Spirit dwells in you?***

Experiencing God's Presence Within
God's Presence is With us and In us

Through Our Relationship with Jesus
A Taste of Paradise

The First Paradise **The Garden of Eden**

Pursue the Presence of Christ
Our Life in Christ – Our Focal Point
The Will of Christ – Our Purpose
Faith In Christ – Our Peace

Come to the Garden

Turn to Jesus
Invite His Presence