

# The Need for Redemption

Proclamation Life Groups; Genesis 1:1-11:32; Week of Sunday, October 17, 2021; Steve Thiel

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**Sermon Theme: The unfolding promise of the gospel in Genesis is the seed of the woman, Jesus, will crush the seed of the serpent, mankind's greatest enemy the devil, through His death, burial, and resurrection. Genesis 1-11 highlights our desperate need for a Savior!**

## **I. Genesis and Jesus – Read Genesis 1:1-3, 27-28 and Genesis 2:16-17**

- A. In what ways are man and woman unique in God's creation? What do you think it means to be made in the image of God? How does Genesis 1:27-28 help us understand what it means?
- B. Read Genesis 3:14-19. What curses does God bring upon creation? What is the promise given in Genesis 3:15? How do you see that played out in redemptive history? In Exodus? In Jesus?
- C. How do passages like John 1:1-4, 14; John 5:39-46; Luke 24:44-49; Colossians 1:15-17; and 2 Corinthians 4:3-6 help us understand that creation and the whole Bible is about Jesus?

## **II. Cain and Abel – Read Genesis 4:1-16**

- A. What do you notice about the offerings of Cain and Abel? How are they similar and different?
- B. How is the seed of the woman and the seed of the serpent clarified by their words and actions? How do you see the promise of Genesis 3:15 played out in the enmity between Cain and Abel?
- C. What decisions did Cain make? What were the horrific consequences of those decisions?
- D. Sin makes us stupid. In what ways are you prone to be numb to the effects of sin in your own life? In what way is sin crouching at your door and what does it look like to master it? What are ways that you would like to grow in putting sin to death and walking in righteousness?

## **III. Salvation and Judgment – Read Genesis 5:28-29 and Genesis 6:5-22**

- A. What patterns do you see in Genesis 5:6-31? How is this pattern important to the overlying theme of our desperate need for redemption? How is Enoch an exception to that pattern?
- B. How is Lamech's hope for Noah linked with God's curse on mankind in Genesis 3? How does this ray of light point us to Jesus and His ultimate fulfillment of the Genesis 3:15 promise?
- C. How is the reality of God's grace in the midst of judgement terrifying to you? How is it an encouragement to you? How does it motivate the way that you live your life on a daily basis?
- D. How do you anticipate seeing the following themes played out in the book of Exodus:
  - 1. The enmity between the seed of the woman and the seed of the serpent?
  - 2. That there is salvation in the midst of judgment?
  - 3. The fact that the whole bible is about Jesus?