

The Package Deal

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I. Introduction.

- A. Text: Genesis 3:7-13.
- B. What Adam is what we all are.
- C. Desire conceived and rationalized becomes an act of the heart.

II. Sin when it is finished brings forth death.

- A. In the moment that Adam and Eve ate of the fruit, they began to die. (Romans 5)
- B. Things that mark the beginning of death.

1. The people saw themselves, which brought shame and embarrassment upon them.

- a. Man was never made to be conscious of himself.
- b. His interests were supposed to lie outside of himself.
- c. We try to get people to look at us as different than we are.

2. Hiding, this reveals the fact of guilt.

3. Passing the blame.

- a. Many of the problems between spouses, nations, etc. come from blaming others.
- b. Ultimately, this results in blaming God.

4. Pain and death.

- a. The whole race suffers from limitations.
- b. Adam and Eve learned the cruel facts of a life lived apart from God.

C. The second Adam, Jesus, turns our eyes from ourselves to Him because He lives in believers and gives provision for this.

- 1. Jesus erases guilt—there is no condemnation in Him.
- 2. Jesus helps the believer to see that the problem lies with him.
- 3. Jesus does not take a believer out of pain, but He makes these experiences meaningful and gives joy in the midst of it.

Application questions:

1. How is spiritual death characterized?

2. How would you respond to someone coming to you for counsel who bears one of the marks of “death?”

3. In what ways have you seen Jesus provide for death in your own life or the lives of others? Explain.
