WHAT'S THE BIG DEAL

Deepening Your Christian Life - Part 8

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Romans 5:12-21

Many scholars scoff at the thought that the world was created by God in six days. But this is exactly how Scripture reveals the beginning of the universe and of humankind. In fact, God’s creation of the first man and woman is one of the earliest truths recorded in the Bible. Regrettably, following directly on its heels is the sad account of Adam and Eve’s fall into sin. Four simple words say it all . . . from creation to corruption. Instead of obeying the clear warnings of their Creator, Adam and Eve deliberately and willfully chose to rebel. And we’ve been living with the consequences ever since — humanity is mentally confused, emotionally afraid, and spiritually dead. The good news, however, is that God didn’t abandon us in our rebellion. In mercy and grace, He provided the way out of our self-made mess — through His Son, Jesus Christ.

THE TRUTHS FROM EASTER

1. EVERYTHING BEGINS **With God**

**Genesis 1:1 (NIV)**
In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

2. WE ARE CREATED **In The Image Of God**

**Genesis 1:27 (NIV)**
So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

3. WE WERE CREATED **To Have Fellowship With Him**

**Genesis 3:8-9 (NIV)**
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?"

4. ADAM'S DISOBEDIENCE **Brought Sin And Death Into The World**

Genesis 3:10-24

5. GOD'S SOLUTION **Is His Son, Jesus Christ**

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6. OUR SALVATION IS **Faith In Jesus Christ**

**Romans 10:9-10 (NIV)**
That if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved.