

"SEEING IS NOT BELIEVING" –Core 3

Genesis 3:6

A. Introduction

1. Chapter 1 – God Created

- a. All that God had created was good...Genesis 1:31
- b. The first thing that was not good was the fact of man being alone. Gen 2:18

2. Chapter 2 – Relationship: Lord God (Trinity with Man)

- a. God created Adam, and then created Eve from Adam. Gen 2:22
- b. God gave clear instructions to Adam.
 - 1) V15 work the Garden, take care of it!
 - 2) V16 everything is yours
 - 3) V17 BUT, not the tree!

3. Chapter 3 - Enter the serpent...temptation!

a. Temptation comes in a challenge to God's Word.

"Gen 3:4-5

b. Eve gave in to the temptation. Gen 3:6

c. Adam was there all the time and ate, too! Gen 3:6b

B. What is Temptation? (Temptation is not sin...)

Matthew 4:1

1. Jesus was tempted but did not sin. Heb 4:15
2. God doesn't tempt us. Temptation comes from our own desires. James 1:13-14
3. We are all tempted in the same ways, but we do not have to give in to temptation!

1 Cor 10:13

C. Temptation comes in one of three ways...

1. *Fleshly desires, lust of the flesh, or passion (bread to stone). "...a craving for physical pleasure..."*
2. Visual cravings, lust of the eyes, or possession (simple bow for world's empires). *"a craving for everything we see"*
3. Social position, the pride of life, or position (jump off the pinnacle securing the adoration of others) *"...pride in our achievements and possessions."*

D. So how should we handle evil?

1. Don't be surprised by evil. Evil happens!

1 Peter 4:12

2. Realize God is going to use all things for good, so be thankful in all things. Eph 5:20

3. Hate evil and the impact it has on us and our world.

Romans 12:9

4. Pray daily for deliverance from evil. Matt 6:13

5. Avoid evil and expose it. Don't live in darkness.

Eph 5:11

6. Conquer evil by doing good. *Romans 12:21*

7. Resist evil by humbling yourself before God. *James 4:7*

8. Stand firm on the Word of God. God really did say that!! *Ephesians 6:11*

9. God is enough! He has given us everything we need. *2 Peter 1:3*

10. If you have failed in the past, don't let that predict your future! Trust Him for freedom in your future!

Acts 13:38-39, Gal 5:1, 1 Peter 2:16