

Living the Gospel:

Applying the gospel to our lives & the church's life

From the Beginning

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I. I've got some good news and some bad news

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?"

He answered, "I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid."

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The LORD God made garments of skin for Adam and his wife and clothed them. (Genesis 3:8-10, 21)

A. First, the bad news

Mankind has sinned, and fallen short of God's glory and his created intentions for mankind

Sin brought shame and guilt into the world

Sin brought separation between God and man

B. Now, the good news

God came searching for Adam and his wife

God made provision for their shame

God hinted at redemption even among the curses

"And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel." (Genesis 3:15)

II. The Good News — the Gospel — is from the beginning

That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched—this we proclaim concerning the Word of life. The life appeared; we have seen it and testify to it, and we proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us. We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ. (1 John 1:1-3)

III. This has implications for us!

- A. Have you confessed your sins, and repented?
- B. Have you taken God's provision upon yourself?
- C. Have you emulated God's character by searching for the lost and sharing God's good news with them?
- D. Has this church made this a priority in all she does?