

**Spirit of Life Community Adventist Fellowship
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Prayer Meeting 6-12-07 "What Happened When Adam Sinned?"

1. **Gen. 3:8,9.** The media does not usually picture God looking for us. We often do not think of God missing us, longing to spend time with us. Somewhere between, a positive, peaceful creation, and the irresistible urge to hide from God, something went wrong. Mankind was now afraid of God, and that same feeling of avoidance is active today. We usually only seek God when everything else has failed. If He does not actively, and consistently chase us, we will not, and cannot turn to Him. He knows that. That is one of the reasons why He does not give us on us without a fight.

2. Because God pursues us so intensely, we often see Him as a strict judge watching for our every wrong move. Because His love leads Him to point out our mistakes, we see Him as stern, and disapproving. What led to this change in our view of God from the time of creation to now? **Gen. 3:1-8.** The serpent enticed Eve with the ability to be equal with God. He charged that God wanted to keep Eve ignorant in order to control her. Both Adam and Eve declared their independence from God's restrictions. They chose to decide for themselves what was God. They did it all in the name of freedom. **God sadly honored their choice. He withdrew His Spirit from their lives, and allowed them the independence they had chosen.** What is it really like to live without God?

3. Adam and Eve found out that Satan left out a few facts. Since they had been created specifically to house the Spirit of God, and enjoy life in relationship with Him, when they rejected God, **their lives lost all meaning, and purpose. They thought getting away from God would give freedom, but they found that without Him, they were incapable of directing their lives.** They were like a monkey driving a Porsche. Given the chance to go anywhere, at will, a loose, free monkey would be a danger to himself, and others. **Because everything in Adam and Eve was built to house the presence of God, as soon as they rejected Him, their internal spiritual center went haywire. The result was complete disorder, and confusion.** From that moment on, humans fought God, and each other. How does this information affect what you know about living in the Kingdom versus living in the church?

4. **Romans 5:12-21.** In just a few generations after Adam, men and women lost all awareness of God. The fall not only separated man from God, it also made them His enemies. **Rom. 5:8-10.** Question – Why does God see us as His enemies before we are converted? **When we sin, we are joining forces with God's enemy, Satan. That makes us His enemy.** We become His enemies also because God is a Holy God. We view some sins as bad, and some sins as not so bad, as long as no one was hurt. Not so with God. God cannot tolerate any sin because sin has torment; it separates, it destroys. **However, God cannot stand the idea of losing us. The thought that any one of us would not exist for eternity broke His heart. Therefore He refused to accept Adam and Eve's rejection as the final word. He came after them like He comes after us. John 3:16.** State three (3) definite ways God has personally shown His love for you.