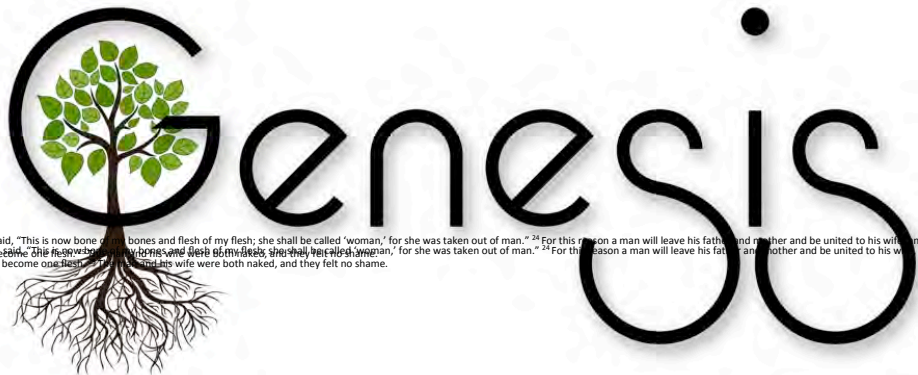


# Genesis



The man said, "This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called 'woman,' for she was taken out of man."<sup>24</sup> For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and they will become one flesh.<sup>25</sup> The Lord God made the man and left him alone. "It is not good," the Lord God said, "for the man to be alone. I will make him a helper fit for him," for she was taken out of man.<sup>26</sup> For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and they will become one flesh.<sup>27</sup> The man and his wife were both naked, and they felt no shame.

What Genesis tells us about God and life.

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(The Serpent to Eve)

“For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”

Genesis 3:5

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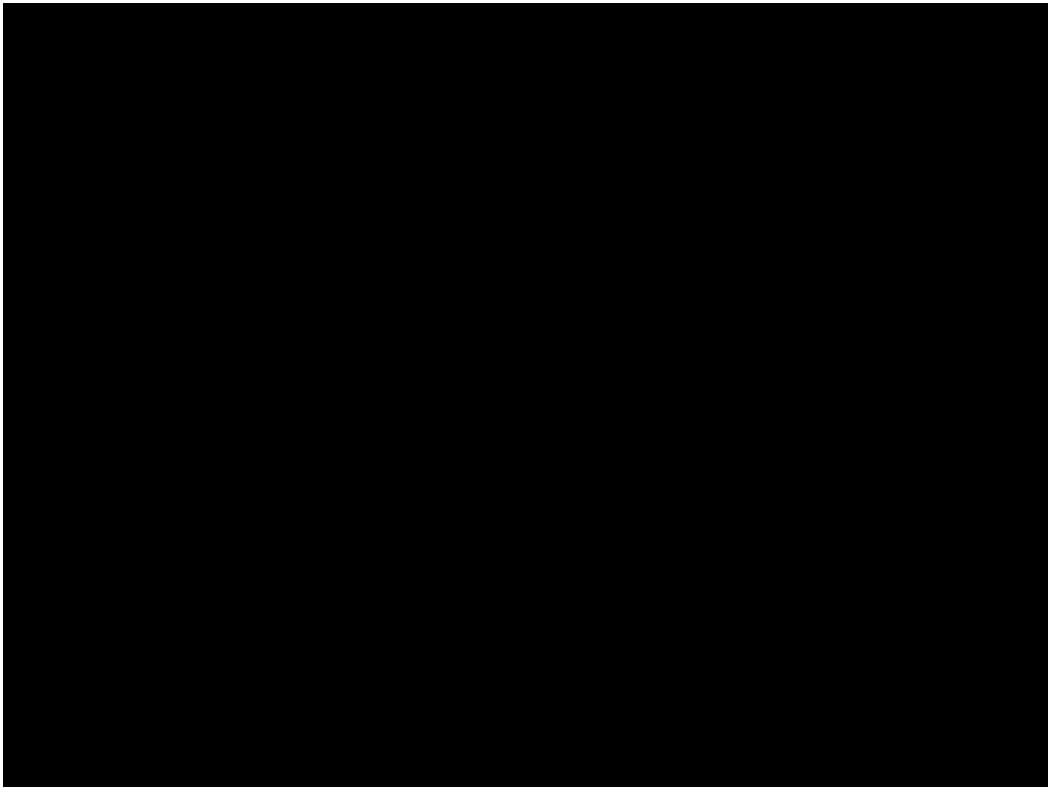
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# So what's the Tree of Life?

The tree of life was necessary to sustain all of what it meant to be made in God's image. It's an ongoing relationship to live out what we were made to be.





## EXAMPLE ONE:

“If you really understood your own heart, (the implication being that most do not) you will eventually come to know that you want something most terribly that cannot be had in this world, this life.



Tim Keller  
Pastor/Author







Dylan Thomas

“Do not go  
gentle into  
that good  
night.

...rage, rage  
against the  
dying of the  
light.”

He has planted **eternity** in  
the human heart, ...  
Ecclesiastes 3:11a

*“Tormented atoms in a  
bed of mud.”*

He says, “From what we can tell, this life is all there is. We’re just atoms. We’re no different than the rocks and the trees. But we’re tormented atoms, because we can’t stand the idea we’re only atoms.”



**Voltaire**

French Enlightenment  
Writer/Philosopher



“Everything is meaningless,” says the Teacher, “completely meaningless!” ...<sup>8</sup> Everything is wearisome beyond description. No matter how much we see, we are never satisfied. No matter how much we hear, we are not content. Ecclesiastes 1:2,<sup>8</sup>

## Reason 2

What is the nature of our human condition?

### ***“The Covering”***

Verse 21: “The LORD God made garments of skin for Adam and his wife and clothed them.”

“And they ate. Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves.

Genesis 3:7,8



## Reason 2

What is the nature of our human condition?

*We cannot bear to be out of control of what people know about us.*

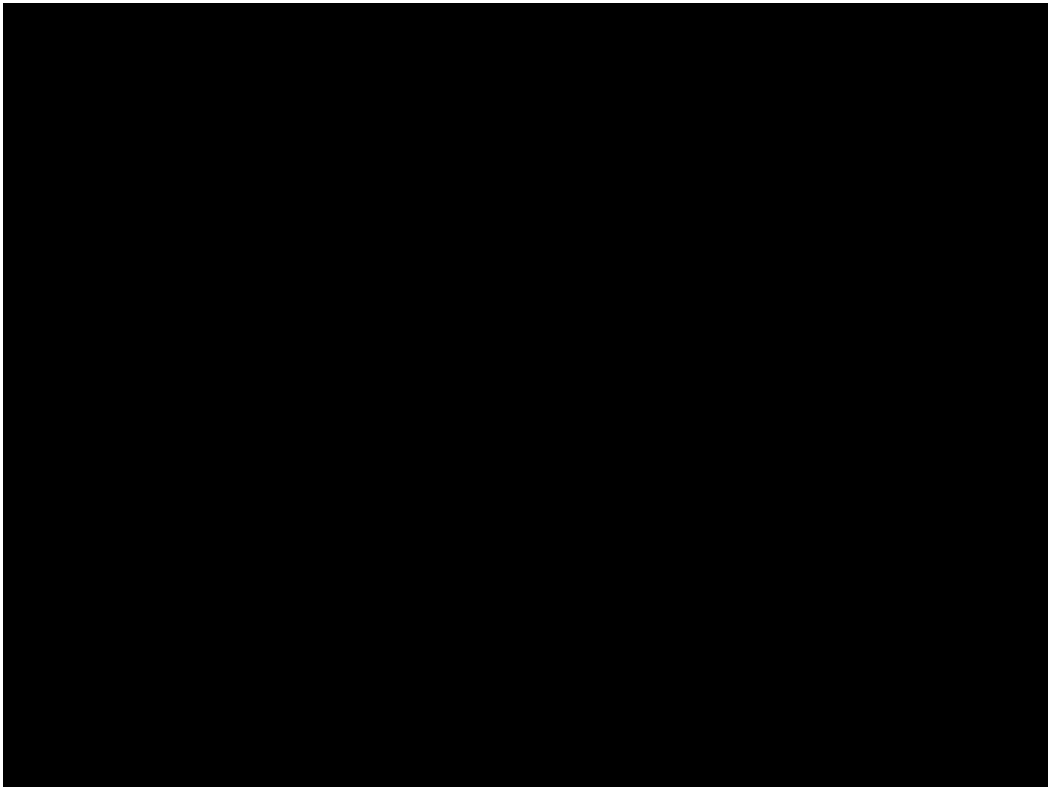


### Reason 3

What will account for our human condition?

### *“The Sword”*

Verse 24: “After he drove the man out, he placed on the east side of the Garden of Eden cherubim and a flaming sword flashing back and forth to guard the way to the tree of life.”



And so, dear brothers and sisters, we can boldly enter heaven's Most Holy Place because of the blood of Jesus.

Hebrews 10:19



“By the blood of Jesus, 20 By his death, Jesus opened a new and life-giving way through the curtain into the Most Holy Place.

Hebrews 10:19,20

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Genesis 3:21

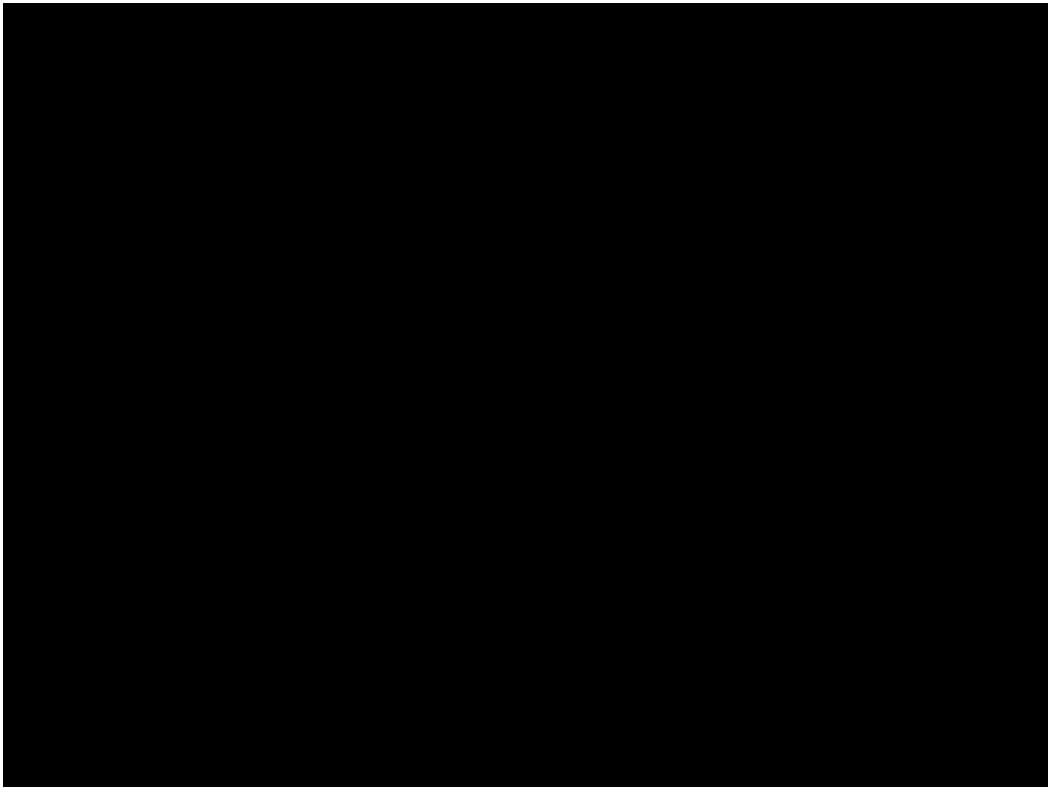


And since we have a great High Priest who rules over God's house, 22 let us go right into the presence of God with sincere hearts fully trusting him. For our guilty consciences have been sprinkled with Christ's blood to make us clean, and our bodies have been washed with pure water.

Hebrews 10:21,22

We are made right with God by placing our faith in Jesus Christ. And this is true for everyone who believes, no matter who we are.

Romans 3:22





**When God covers you  
Four things happen.**

1st- You will not have as  
much trouble letting  
people see who you are.

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2nd- You will not need to put  
others in their place.

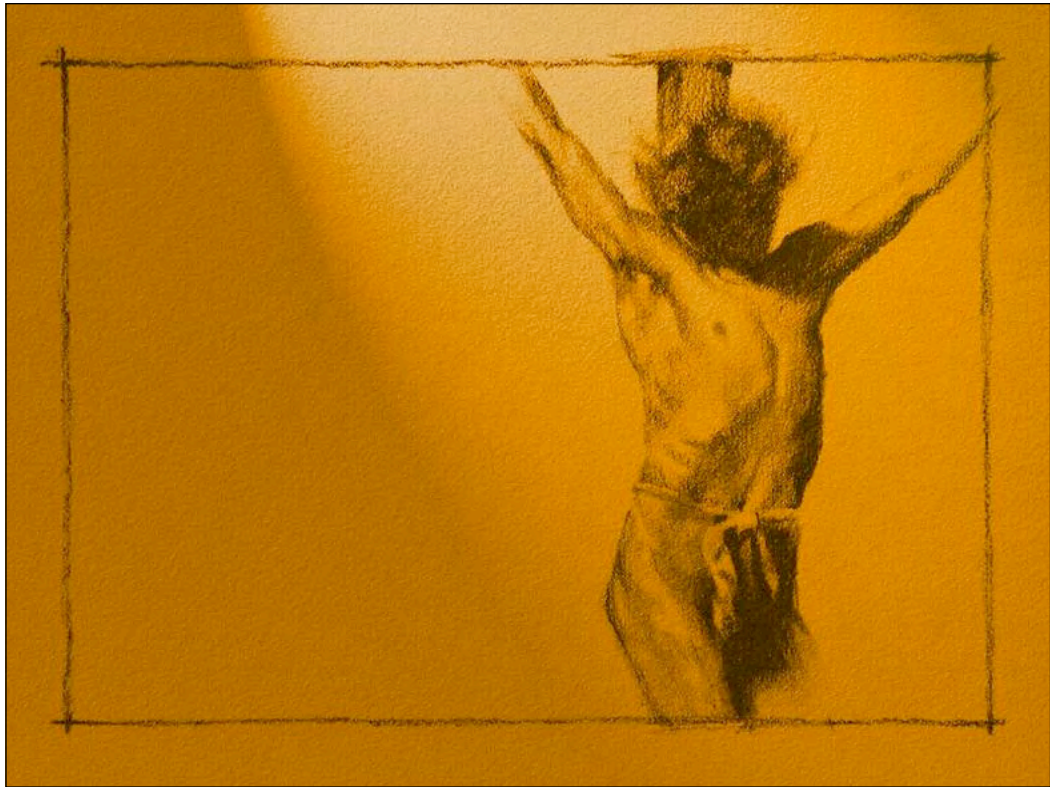
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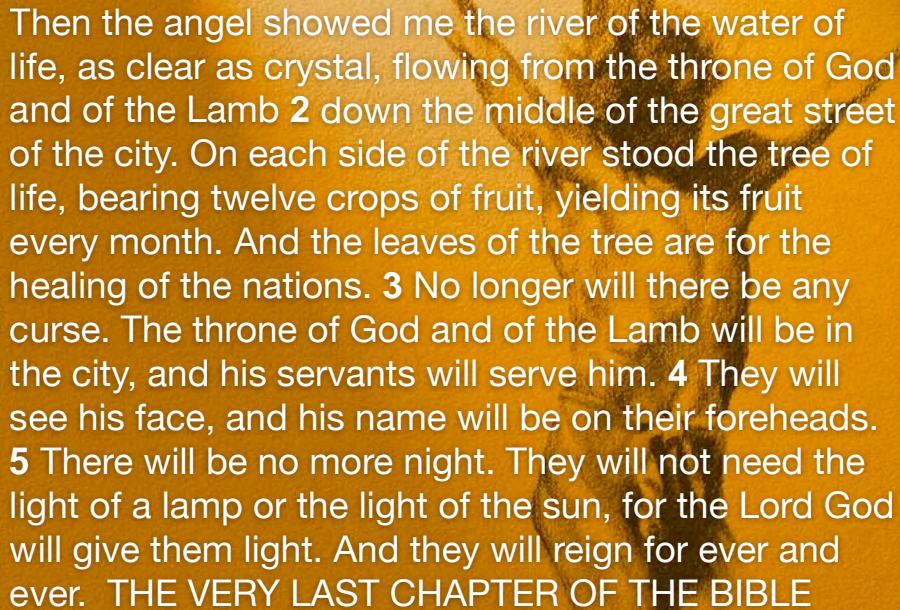
3rd- You will not be afraid  
to confront people in  
love about their faults.

**When God covers you  
Four things happen.**

4th- You will not fear  
what the future  
holds for you.







Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, as clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb **2** down the middle of the great street of the city. On each side of the river stood the tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, yielding its fruit every month. And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. **3** No longer will there be any curse. The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city, and his servants will serve him. **4** They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. **5** There will be no more night. They will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for the Lord God will give them light. And they will reign for ever and ever. **THE VERY LAST CHAPTER OF THE BIBLE**

