

How can we pray for one another and our church this week?

Quotes to Ponder

Though this world with devils filled, should threaten to undo us, we will not fear for God has willed His truth to triumph through us. The prince of darkness grim, we tremble not for him. His rage we can endure for lo, his doom is sure. One little word shall fell him.

Martin Luther

The incarnation is the supreme example of fulfilled prophecy, the supreme example of God's faithfulness to His promises.... What God did when He sent His Son into the world is an absolute guarantee that He will do everything He has ever promised to do.

Martyn Lloyd-Jones

For centuries, the nation of Israel had eagerly awaited the coming of the Messiah. His advent was anticipated at the beginning and end of the Old Testament (Genesis 3:15; 49:10; Malachi 3:1-6; cf. 4:5-6), and many places in between.

When a man with a great boot heel stomps on the head of snake to crush its skull, that's a picture of the total defeat of Satan. This is accomplished at the cross. How did Jesus defeat Satan at the cross? By providing the atonement that paid in full for the sins of all the people whom God would regenerate. By satisfying the justice of God, by paying the full debt to God, by conquering death, by opening heaven—all the marvelous cross work of Christ is the crushing blow on the head of Satan.

Christ's death expressed God's faithfulness. From the moment Adam's and Eve's disobedience plunged the human race into sin, God promised a redeemer. Even though it cost Him His only Son, He kept that promise.

John MacArthur

By faith in this promise, we have reason to think our first parents and the patriarchs before the flood were justified by faith.

Matthew Henry

*He comes to make His blessings flow
Far as the curse is found.*

Isaac Watts

God curses the serpent, but in that curse there is a kernel of blessing and hope and promise and salvation for everyone who believes.

Ligon Duncan



The Promised Seed, Genesis 3:15

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1. What in the text/sermon impacted you most? Encouraged you? Convinced you? Challenged you? Confused you?

2. What do the following verses tell us about the serpent, Satan?

Isaiah 14:12-15 —

Jude 1:6 —

2 Peter 2:4 —

3. Trace the theme of the promised *seed* from Genesis 3:15 in the following verses.

Genesis 12:1-3 —

Isaiah 7:14 —

Genesis 21:12 —

Isaiah 9:6-7; Micah 5:2 —

Genesis 25:23 —

Romans 2:28-29; 4:1-25 —

Genesis 49:8-10 —

Galatians 3:13-16 —

2 Samuel 7:12-16 —

Galatians 3:26-29 —

4. Read *Genesis 3:15*. What do the following Scriptures reveal about how Satan bruised the heel of the offspring of the woman, Jesus Christ?

Matthew 16:23 —

John 13:2 —

John 8:39-44 —

5. According to *1 John 3:8*, why did Jesus come into the world? Can you think of other reasons why He came and support them with Scripture?

6. How do the following verses reveal how Jesus has and will bruise or crush the head of Satan?

Colossians 2:13-15 —

Revelation 12:11 —

Hebrews 2:14-15 —

Revelation 20:7-10 —

7. What do we learn about how to successfully withstand temptation when we compare the way Adam and Eve dealt with it (*Genesis 3:1-7*) to the way Jesus handled it (*Matthew 4:1-11*)?

8. An argument could be made that none of the rest of the Bible would make sense if it did not include Genesis 3. How would you support that argument? How does Genesis 3 help us to make sense of the rest of the Bible, of the world we live in, of ourselves?

9. Compare the following prophecies about Jesus and His fulfillment of them.

Genesis 3:15/Galatians 4:4 —

Psalms 110:4/Hebrews 5:5-6 —

Isaiah 53:4-6/1 Peter 2:24 —

Daniel 9:25/Luke 2:1-2 —

Malachi 3:1/Mathew 3:1-3 —

Reflection Questions: How am I going to keep Christ in the forefront of my Christmas celebrations this year? How will I love and worship Him more this year than last? Do I truly believe all the promises God has made in His Word? Do I live like I believe them? If not, what must I do?