

## Zoom Christian Growth Hour Handout – Genesis 3:11

1. Context: Genesis 3:6-11. “She [Eve] took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. 7 Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths. 8 And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. 9 But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, “Where are you?” 10 And he said, “I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself.” 11 He said, **“Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?”**

2. Genesis 2:15-17, “The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it. 16 And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, ‘You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, 17 but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.’”

- a. What were Adam and Eve to do according to Genesis 2:15?
- b. What did God allow in verse 16?
- c. What did God forbid in verse 17?
- d. According to verse 17, what did God decree would happen if Adam and Eve ate from the forbidden tree?
- e. What do you think the “tree of the knowledge of good and evil” represents?
- f. Does the danger of eating from the “tree of the knowledge of good and evil” still exist today?

3. Genesis 2:25 informs us that, “The man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.”

- a. Was this before or after the fall?
- b. What does being naked yet not ashamed imply about their relationship with God?
- c. What does being naked yet not ashamed imply about their relationship with each other?
- d. God clearly told them in Genesis 2:17 NOT to eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil before the fall. What does this say about God’s original intent and our free will?

4. Genesis 3:6-7, "Eve took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. 7 Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths."

- a. What does it mean that their "Eyes were opened"?
- b. What was the result of their eyes being opened (v7)?
- c. Why did they make clothes for themselves?
- d. How does making clothes for themselves correlate to works righteousness?

5. God did not leave Adam and Eve in the inadequate clothing they had made for themselves to hide their shame. Genesis 3:21 explains that, "The LORD God made for Adam and for his wife garments of skins and clothed them."

- a. What does God making clothing for Adam and Eve look forward to in the New Testament?
- b. Why was blood required? Consider Leviticus 17:11, "For the life of the flesh is in the blood, and I have given it for you on the altar to make atonement for your souls, for it is the blood that makes atonement by the life."
- c. Adam and Eve were given the option of serving God by obeying his command. They disobeyed. What does God's willingness to provide them clothing while they were sinners say about his love for us?