

**NEW - PART 3: NEW PATTERN**

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**CORE TRUTH:**

As a follower of Jesus, you are transformed into a NEW person because you were born into sin!

**IN HIS IMAGE... AND IT WAS GOOD....**

**WHAT LEADS TO SIN? Genesis 3:1-6**

*"... but each one is tempted when, by his own evil desire, he is dragged away and enticed. Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death."*

James 1:15 (NIV)

1. DOUBT "Did God really say...?"

The Hebrew word here is *Nachash* which means literally "to shine."

Eve understated God's promise (didn't say "freely" or "every") and overstated God's restriction (don't even touch).

2. DECEPTION "You will not die!"

Psalm 51:5-6

3. DESIRE "The woman saw..."

4. DECISION "She took and ate, he took and ate."

5. DEATH!

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**SHARPEN THE POINT**  
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*For further study of today's message*

**ENTRY POINT:** Read Genesis Chapters 1 and 2.

God created Adam to work in and care for the Garden of Eden, giving him only one command: That he should not eat from the tree of knowledge of good and evil. He created Eve from Adam's rib after saying, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a companion who will help him." Shortly after, in Chapter 3, begins the process of temptation – the doubt, deception, desire and decision which led to The Fall. The consequences of Adam and Eve's sin are with us today.

**Why** do you think God create a world where we could sin?

**Why** does He allow us to disobey His commands?

**When** temptation presents itself in your life, do you see it as an opportunity to do *right*, as well as an opportunity to do *wrong*?

How do you know the difference?

Where does your doubt come from?

Think of a time when you made a decision contrary to God's commandments. Was it because your desire of something worldly was greater than your desire to serve the Lord and obey Him? Explain.

**What** is your understanding of the following statement and how would you explain it to a non-believer?

**We are not sinners because we sin. We sin because we are sinners.**

*"For all have sinned;  
all fall short of God's glorious standard.  
Yet now God in his gracious kindness  
declares us not guilty.  
He has done this through Christ Jesus,  
who has freed us by taking away our sins."  
Romans 3:23-24 (NLT)*