

FIRST TREE: FAITH IN GOD THROUGH OBEDIENCE

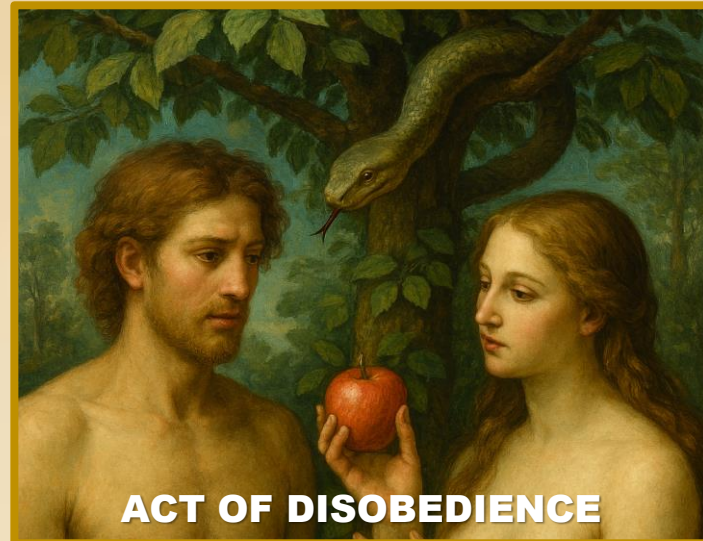
FREE WILL CHOICE FAILED BY ADAM LEADING TO SEPERATION FROM GOD, DEATH, & FALLEN WORLD



OBEDIENCE MEASURED

The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it. And the Lord God commanded the man, "You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die."

– **Genesis 2:15-17 NIV**



ACT OF DISOBEDIENCE

When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. 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 3:6-7 NIV**



DEATH & SEPERATION FROM GOD

The Lord God made garments of skin for Adam and his wife and clothed them. And the Lord God said, "The man has now become like one of us, knowing good and evil. He must not be allowed to reach out his hand and take also from the tree of life and eat, and live forever." So the Lord God banished him from the Garden of Eden to work the ground from which he had been taken. 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. – **Genesis 3:21-24 NIV**



FALLEN WORLD

To Adam He said, "Because you listened to your wife and ate fruit from the tree about which I commanded you, 'You must not eat from it,' 'Cursed is the ground because of you; through painful toil you will eat food from it all the days of your life. It will produce thorns and thistles for you, and you will eat the plants of the field. By the sweat of your brow you will eat your food until you return to the ground, since from it you were taken; for dust you are and to dust you will return.'"

– **Genesis 3:17-19 NIV**

SECOND TREE: FAITH IN GOD THROUGH BELIEF IN JESUS' SACRIFICE

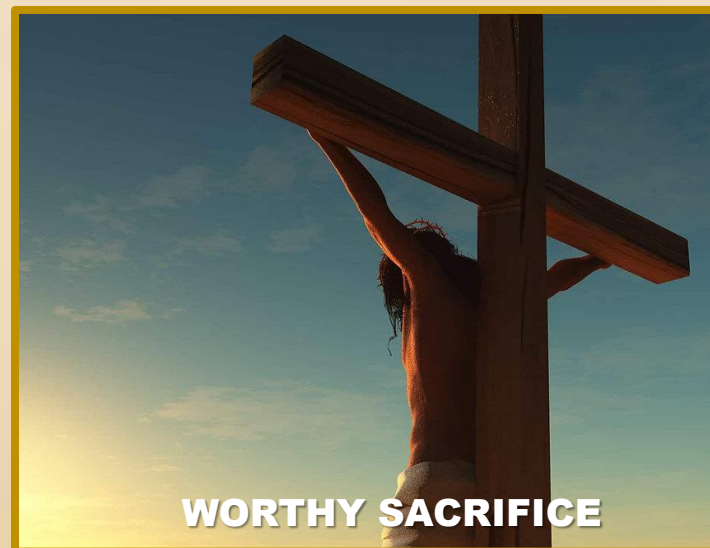
FREE WILL CHOICE AGAIN. ETERNAL LIFE & RECONCILED BACK TO GOD THROUGH FAITH IN JESUS



SALVATION OFFERED

The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!" – **John 1:29 NIV**

Just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many." – **Matthew 20:28 NIV**



WORTHY SACRIFICE

Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me. – **John 14:6 NIV**

Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved." – **Acts 4:12 NIV**



PARADISE RESTORED

For the creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed. For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God. – **Romans 8: 19-21 NIV**

DEATH THROUGH ADAM LIFE THROUGH CHRIST

God did not create sin or a fallen world, Adam's disobedience did. God created humanity and creation good, whole, and in harmony with Him. Having the knowledge of good and evil without obedience could not stand so separation from God occurred. Through Adam's disobedience, sin entered the world, and with it came death and the fracture of everything God had made. The consequence of that rebellion was both spiritual and physical death, along with a creation subjected to brokenness. Yet because God is loving and faithful, He provided a way of redemption. A second opportunity to believe and be restored to Him. Through Jesus Christ, the "second Adam," God began restoring what the first Adam lost. Because Jesus lived in perfect innocence and willingly gave Himself as a sacrifice, His death is the only one sufficient to overcome Adam's disobedience and break the power of sin and death.