

*Christ In The Old Testament*  
*“Christ In The Garden”*  
*Genesis 3*

**Introduction:**

1. The Last Sunday Night We Were Together:
  - I Introduced Our Sunday Night Series:
    - For The Year - Which Will Focus On:
      - “Christ In The Old Testament!”
  - And - We Are Doing This Because:
    - It Is What Jesus Himself:
      - Encourages Us To Do!
    - In John 5:39 - He Said:
      - “Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me!”
  - And Then - He Even Gave Us His Own Example To Do This:
    - When - After His Resurrection:
      - He Met With Two Of His Disciples On The Road To Emmaus - And:
        - “Beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself!” (Luke 24:27)
2. And So - Even Though This Is Our Goal:
  - We Know That We Will Not Be Able To See:
    - “Christ In The Old Testament” - Or Even:
      - Christ In Any Part Of The Bible:
        - On Our Own!
  - So - We Need To:
    - Pray To & Plead With The Lord - To:
      - Open Our Eyes!
      - Increase Our Faith! And:
      - Stir Up Our Hearts:
        - For Him!
    - Even As He Did For:
      - His Two Disciples In Luke 24!
        - When He Caused Their Hearts To Burn Within Them, While He Talked With Them By The Way, While He Opened To Them The Scriptures! (24:32)
3. The First Way:
  - We Are Going To See:
    - Christ In The Old Testament:
      - Is Through His Personal Manifestations:
        - And Appearances!
  - We Can Be So Grateful:
    - That God - As The Creator Of This Universe - And:
      - As The Creator Of This World - And:
        - As The Creator Of Man:
          - Did Not Just “Take His Hands Off The Wheel” - So To Speak:
            - When He “Rested On The Seventh Day From All His Work!”
  - Instead - He Continued To Be:
    - Personally And Actively *Involved* In:
      - As Well As *Interested* In:
        - The Affairs Of This World:
          - Even After Our Fall Into Sin:
            - Through Adam!
4. And - One Of The Ways:
  - He Shows His Involvement & His Interest Is By:
    - From Time To Time:
      - Appearing To Real People:
        - In A Real, Visible Form:
          - Which Was Then Recorded For Us In The Bible!

- The Theological Term For This Is:
  - A "Theophany!"
    - A Temporary, Visible Manifestation Of God!
      - So - Even Though We Are Told:
        - In John 4:24 That:
          - "God Is A Spirit!"
      - And - Even Though John Also Tells Us:
        - In John 1:18 That:
          - "No Man Hath Seen God At Any Time!"
  - God Did - From Time To Time:
    - In The Old Testament:
      - Reveal & Manifest Some *Part* Of Himself:
        - To Us - Though Not:
          - In The Fulness Of His Glory & Nature!
    - To The People Of Israel:
      - God Showed Himself:
        - On Many Occasions:
          - By Fire & By Smoke!
            - Theophanies - Throughout Their 40 Years In The Wilderness!

5. But - There Are Other Times:
- When This Manifestation Of God:
    - Took On A Human Form!
      - And - Even Though The Person:
        - Looked Like A Man!
        - Talked Like A Man! And:
        - Acted Like A Man!
      - Yet - The Words He Said & The Works He Did:
        - Proved Him To Be:
          - *More* Than Man!
            - Even - God Himself!
    - And - Whenever God Manifests Himself:
      - In A Human Form In The Old Testament:
        - It Is Best To See It As:
          - A "Christophany!"
            - A Personal, Visible, Preincarnate Manifestation Of Jesus Christ!
            - The Eternal Son Of God Who Is God The Son!
      - After All - As We Are Told In:
        - Colossians 1:15 - Jesus Christ Himself Is:
          - "The Image Of The Invisible God!"
        - And - He Is The One:
          - Whose Mission Has Always Been:
            - To Reveal & Declare The Father To Us!

6. So - Over The Next 9 Weeks:
- We Are Going To Look At:
    - 9 Different Times:
      - When Jesus Visited This World:
        - And Personally & Visibly Appeared:
          - To Men!
    - But - Not Just *When*:
      - But *Why!* The Reasons He Appeared!
        - And So - The First Indication Of:
          - Christ In The Old Testament:
            - Is Found In Genesis 3!
    - Let's Turn There Together:
      - And Read This Sad But Familiar Account:
        - Of Our Own Fall:
          - Through The Sin Of Adam & Eve!
            - Read Genesis 3:1-21!

7. In This Passage - We First Find Christ:
- In 3:8 - When:
    - Adam & Eve - "Heard The Voice Of The LORD God Walking In The Garden In The Cool Of The Day!"
    - It Wasn't Just:
      - A "Voice" That Was Walking In The Garden!
      - It Was "The LORD God" Who Was "Walking In The Garden!"
  - The "LORD God" Who Had Just Created Man:
    - Took The Form Of A Man:
      - So That He Could Walk With And Talk With:
        - His New Creation!
    - But - Why Would He Do This?
      - Why Would Jesus Christ:
        - Even *Before* His Incarnation:
          - Enrobe Himself With The Flesh Of Man? First:

**1. *Christ Came Himself – For Fellowship!***

- Christ Came *To* Them:
  - For Fellowship *With* Them!
- When Adam And Eve:
  - "Heard The Voice Of The LORD God Walking In The Garden":
    - It Seems Like It Was Somewhat Familiar To Them!
      - It Seems Like:
        - This Wasn't The First Time!
    - So - When God The Son:
      - Came *This* Time - He Came To Them:
- In The Same Manner!
  - The LORD God Himself:
    - Came "Walking!"
      - With A Body! With Feet! With Hands! With A Head! With A Face! With Eyes & Ears & A Nose & A Mouth!
      - He Came "Walking" In The Full Appearance Of A Man!
  - And This Would Have Been The Customary Way:
    - For Adam & Eve To Enjoy:
      - The Company Of God!
    - For The Creation To Have Fellowship:
      - With Their Creator!
        - He Came To Them:
- In The Same Place!
  - "In The Garden!"
    - The Garden Of Eden:
      - That He Had Planted Himself In His New World!
  - It Was A Place:
    - Of Beauty & Blessing:
      - For The Enjoyment And Benefit:
        - Of Those Most Like Him, Made In His Own Image And After His Own Likeness!
    - He Came To Them:
- At The Same Time!
  - "In The Cool Of The Day!"
    - Or - The "Breeze" Of The Day!
      - When The Sun Was Moving Closer To The Horizon:
        - Hastening The End Of Another Perfect Day!
- And The Lord Would Have:
  - Enjoyed These Times Of Fellowship:
    - With Adam & With Eve:
      - As Much As They Did!
    - But - *This* Time:
      - Instead Of Sweet Conversation:

- There Was A Question!
- “Where Art Thou?”
  - He Asked!
    - “Where Art Thou?”
    - Adam & Eve?
- They Were Not:
  - To Be Seen!
    - When The Lord Came:
      - They Fled - Because Of Their Sin!
  - They Had Disobeyed:
    - The Voice Of God - So Now:
      - They Were Afraid Of:
        - The Voice Of God!
- The Fellowship Christ Came To Enjoy:
  - With His Creation:
    - Had Been Broken!
      - But Then - Second:

## 2. ***Christ Called Himself – For Fellowship!***

- Christ Called *To* Them:
  - For Fellowship *With* Them!
- 3:9 - “And the LORD God ***called*** unto Adam!”
  - The Same One:
    - Who *Came* To Adam & Eve The Garden:
      - *Called Out* To Them:
        - With The Same Voice He Had Used:
          - To *Create* Them!
    - And So - He Called Out To Them:
  - In His Great Majesty!
    - When He Called And Said:
      - “Where Art Thou?”
        - It Wasn’t For His Sake:
          - But For The Sake Of Adam & Eve!
    - Of Course - *God* Knew Where They Were!
      - After All - Proverbs 15:3 - “The eyes of the LORD are in every place, beholding the evil and the good!”
        - Christ Did Not Ask This Question:
          - So That He Might Find:
            - Their Hiding Place - In Some Fateful Kind Of Hide & Seek Game!
        - No - He Asked This Question:
          - So That They Would Focus:
            - On Their Condition:
              - Caused By Their Sin!
      - “Where Art Thou?” - Christ Called?
        - But - When They Heard The Voice Of His Majesty:
          - The Sharpness Of His Word:
            - Hit The Target Of Their Hearts:
              - And - 3:8b - “Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God amongst the trees of the garden!”
      - When Christ Called To Them:
        - It Was So That *They* Would Know:
          - Where They Were!
            - And Truly - They Were In:
              - A Hard Place!
          - As We Are Told In:
            - Proverbs 13:15 - “The way of transgressors is hard!”
        - And So - They Hid From The Majesty Of Christ:
          - Out Of Shame:

- For Their Sin!
- But - I Don't Believe:
  - This Is The Only Way Christ Called Out To Them!
  - Because - He Came To Them:
    - For Fellowship!
  - And So - He Called Out To Them:
    - For Fellowship As Well!
    - He Called Out To Them:
- In His Great Mercy!
  - I Wonder - How Did Those Words Sound:
    - Coming Out Of His Mouth?
  - They Could Have Been:
    - Very Strong & Firm - As Their Sovereign:
      - To Convict Them & Judge Them:
        - For Their Disobedience To Him!
        - But - Instead - I Believe:
  - They Were Uttered:
    - In The Same "Still Small Voice" That The Prophet Elijah Heard!
    - It Was The Voice Of Christ:
      - As Their Savior:
        - To Call Them Back Into Fellowship With Him!
- Those Words - "Where Art Thou" - Were Gracious Words!
  - But - They Were Still Great Words:
    - And Powerful, Effectual Words!
      - I Like How Matthew Henry Described It When He Said That The Lord:
        - "Came In Such A Manner As Made It Formidable Only To Guilty Consciences!"
  - And So - When Christ Uttered His:
    - Majestic & Merciful Words:
      - They Brought Adam & Eve:
        - From Their Hiding Place - At Some Point:
          - To Stand Before Him, Even In Their Sin & Shame!
  - And - Of Course:
    - There Were Consequences For Their Sin!
      - But - Even As He Was Executing His Judgment:
        - Upon The Serpent First, Then Eve, And Then Adam!
    - In The Middle Of His Judgment:
      - We See That:

### 3. ***Christ Committed Himself – For Fellowship!***

- Christ Committed Himself *To Them!*
  - Even As They Stood There:
    - In Their Sin & Shame!
    - He Committed Himself First:
- Through The Promise Of A Seed:
  - That Would Come One Day:
    - To Bring The Final Solution:
      - To The Problem Of Sin!
  - He Said To The Serpent In 3:15:
    - "And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel!"
  - And - The One Who Said This:
    - To That Serpent:
      - Knew That He Would Be:
        - That Seed & That Solution!
  - But Then - Christ Did Something More!
    - He Committed Himself:
- Through The Provision Of A Sacrifice!

- To Show Adam & Eve What Was Required:
  - So That Their Fellowship:
    - Could Be Restored!
- In 3:21 We Read That:
  - “Unto Adam also and to his wife did the LORD God make coats of skins, and clothed them!”
    - Just Think Of All That This Entailed!
- Christ Himself:
  - With The Feet Of A Man:
    - Walked Over To Some Animals There In The Garden:
      - And Personally Chose The Ones He Would Use!
    - Then:
- Christ Himself:
  - With The Hands Of A Man:
    - Took Those Animals & Slaughtered Those Innocent Creatures:
      - Likely To The Horror Of Adam And Eve!
- Because - In Doing So:
  - He Showed To Them - For The First Time:
    - This Is What Death Is:
      - Adam!
    - This Is What Blood Is:
      - Eve!
    - This Is What A Sacrifice Is!
      - And - This Is What Your Sin Caused!
    - But Then:
- Christ Himself:
  - With The Hands Of A Man:
    - But With The Heart Of God:
      - Flayed The Skins Off Those Animals & Made Them Coats From Those Skins!
  - And Then - He Took Those Coats:
    - “And Clothed Them!”
      - As Adam & Eve Stood There, In All Of Their Sin & Shame:
        - Christ Softly & Carefully Covered Their Nakedness:
          - With His Own Two Hands!

### **Conclusion:**

1. But - Even After All Of This:
  - Christ Was Not Done!
    - What He Had Done:
      - Then - For Adam & Eve:
        - He Would One Day:
          - Do For You & For Me!
  - So - When - Thousands Of Years Later:
    - Jesus Christ Was Born:
      - And “The Word Was Made Flesh, And Dwelt Among Us!” (John 1:14)
2. He Came To You:
  - For The Same Reason:
    - He Came To Adam & Eve:
      - In The Garden Of Eden!
  - He Came For Fellowship!
    - *With You!*
      - But - “Where Art Thou?”
        - He Could Ask!
    - Are You Experiencing & Enjoying:
      - The Sweet Fellowship:
        - Christ Came To Give – You?
3. Christ Also Calls To You:
  - For The Same Reason:
    - He Called To Adam & Eve:

- When They “Hid Themselves From The Presence Of The LORD God!”
  - He Still Calls *To You*:
    - For Fellowship!
  - In Matthew 11:28 - Jesus Calls To You & Says:
    - “Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest!”
    - But - “Where Art Thou?”
      - Aren’t You Tired:
        - Because Of Your Labor?
      - Aren’t You Weary:
        - Because Of Your Load?
  - In John 7:37 - Jesus Calls To You & Says:
    - “If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink!”
    - But - “Where Art Thou?”
      - Aren’t You Thirsty? Hungry?
  - Why Do You Stay Hidden From Him?
    - Why Do You Try To Take Comfort In:
      - The “Fig Leaves” Of Your Own Making:
        - When Christ Offers You Something Better & Something Greater!
          - Because:
4. Christ Also Committed Himself To You:
- For The Same Reason:
    - He Committed Himself To Adam & Eve!
  - He Committed Himself:
    - For Fellowship:
      - *With You!*
  - He Came As:
    - The Seed *He* Promised:
      - That Would Be The Final Solution:
        - For Your Sin!
        - And Then:
  - He Became:
    - The Sacrifice *He* Provided:
      - To Fulfill All That He Required:
        - For Your Salvation!
    - He Was The Chosen Lamb:
      - Taken By Rough Hands:
        - Of The People He Came To Save!
    - His Was The Life:
      - That Had To Die!
    - His Was The Blood:
      - That Had To Be Shed!
    - His Was The Body:
      - That Had To Be Broken!
    - So That - When He Rose From The Dead:
      - He Could Take You & Clothe You:
        - With Himself!
5. But - “Where Art Thou?”
- Christ Asked This Question:
    - Not For His Sake:
      - But For Yours!
  - If You Are Somewhere:
    - You Are Not Supposed To Be Tonight:
      - Won’t You See:
        - Christ Coming To You?
      - Won’t You Listen To:
        - Christ Calling For You?
      - Won’t You Remember How:
        - Christ Committed Himself To You?

- And Go To Him!
- Run To Him!
- For The Sweet Fellowship:
- He Created You For!

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