

I. Introduction.

- A. Because we live on a fallen planet suffering is a part of life.**
- B. It wasn't supposed to be this way; when God created Earth and mankind everything was good.**
- C. God did it right ...mankind messed it up.**

II. The Great Mess Up.

- A. God created Adam and put him in an awesome environment (Gen. 2:15).**
- B. Adam could do whatever he pleased except eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil (Gen. 2:16,17).**
- C. God made Eve and Adam said, "Wow!" (Gen. 2:21-23).**
- D. Adam and Eve were married by God (Gen. 2:24).**
- E. Sometime later they were approached by the serpent (Gen. 3:1); this serpent was Satan (Rev. 12:9).**
- F. The serpent lured Adam and Eve into sin (Gen. 3:2-7) and life on this planet has never been the same.**
- G. Because Adam was given the command by God to stay away from the "forbidden fruit" and Adam disobeyed God, Adam is the one who is blamed for sin entering the world.**
- H. Adam's sin put the earth and mankind on a course of decay and death (Rom. 5:12).**
- I. Why should all of us suffer because of what Adam did? Because if we had been in Adam's "shoes" we would have done the same thing.**
- J. We all go through "the fall"...we all sin and fall short of the glory of God (Rom. 3:23).**
- K. In the Garden of Eden Adam acted as our representative; because he represented us, his sin was our sin.**

III. The Great Fix Up.

- A. Because of Adam's sin death spread to all mankind; because of Christ's grace (the favor he showed us on the cross) the gift of eternal life is offered to all mankind.**
- B. The God we love and serve is a just God.**
- C. God let Adam represent us in the garden and he let Jesus represent us on the cross.**
- D. Adam's life brought death; Christ's death brought life.**