

## **A Great Day in the Kingdom – 11/4/22**

One of the most transcendent narratives in our Holy Scripture is Adam and Eve. A number of myths, false statements and even marginalizing practices can be sourced incorrectly from the Creation narrative. The first of these statements I have heard many times is, "Eve was weak." The truth is, Eve was deceived, while Adam was present, yet stood silent. Adam could have supported Eve. He chose to remain silent.

Although there are many more myths about the Creation narrative, I would like to focus on the positive nature of God's Love. In **Genesis 3:9-10**, Adam and Eve are afraid of God, after failing to follow His instruction. They have eaten the forbidden fruit and are hiding out in the Garden. God calls out to them, as He is searching for them. The Scripture says, **"But the Lord God called out to the man and said to him, 'Where are you?' Adam responds with, 'I heard the sound of you in the Garden, and I was afraid because I was naked, and hid myself.'"** Soon to follow is God's accountability, but accompanying that accountability is still Love. God still searches for us, when we separate ourselves from Him, through sin. When we confess and pray, the restoration occurs.

The Wesleyan (Pauline) term for this is Justifying Grace. God has never left us. God is always standing and waiting on us. He even searches for us, during those times when the forbidden fruit (sin) has come between us. God is Love. He created You to be in relationship with Him. Whatever your burden of sin, God is searching for you. God is calling out to you, even when you're a sinner, just trying to get it right.

Isn't it a wonderful Blessing to know that God's Love for us is unconditional, as He constantly seeks a relationship with us all? Praise God!!!

**PRAYER: Heavenly Father, help me to remember that You Love me, You search for me, as You created me to be in a relationship with You. Thank You for Your Love, expressed through Your only Son, our Savior. In His Risen name we Pray. AMEN!!!**