

## REAL TALK FROM THE WORD

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### **SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL**

#### *Apostles' Creed – Week 11*

*I believe in  
God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead and on the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven, and he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints,  
**the forgiveness of sins,**  
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.*

#### **READ GENESIS 3 – IDENTIFYING GENERAL PRINCIPLES IN KEY POINTS OF THE TEXT**

**God's law:**

**Temptation and sin:**

**Judgment:**

**Grace:**

What effects of Adam and Eve's sin extend beyond their own personal consequences? What do these effects reveal about the nature of sin?

What do we learn about God's forgiveness in the account of the first sin?

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Original sin:

**Ps 51:5 (NASB)** - Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, And in sin my mother conceived me.

**1Co 15:21-22 (NASB)** - For since by a man *came* death, by a man also *came* the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ all will be made alive.

**Heb 8:12 (NASB)** - “FOR I WILL BE MERCIFUL TO THEIR INIQUITIES, AND I WILL REMEMBER THEIR SINS NO MORE.”

What are some of the words people use to lessen the severity of sin?

**READ ROMANS 1:18-25** – Describe the severity nature of sin, according to this passage.

Forgiveness helps us understand and see most clearly who God is.

### WHAT GOD FORGIVES US OF:

- *Inquiry* is a premeditated choice that carries with it some continuing disregard for repentance.
- *Transgression* is presumptuous sin, arrogant sin. This is to choose to willfully disobey.
- *Sin* is to miss the mark.

Sin carries with it collateral damage. When you sin against God, you also sin against others.

- **SYMMETRY (Balance):** You must embrace and believe that you can be forgiven.
- **CLARITY:** There is no iniquity, transgression, or sin that is more powerful than the forgiveness of God in Christ. Forgiveness of others is a command.
- **COMMUNITY:** If you and I want to walk in the communion of the saints, then confession of sins is an ongoing ethics of what happens.
- **COUNSEL:** If I can be mindful of how God’s forgiven me, then I am able to extend forgiveness to others. God loves to wipe away debts and break all the rules of a punishment-obsessed world.