



Sermon Notes: The Very First Advent Message

Genesis 3:15 – The first Advent promise was that one day a Serpent Crusher would be born of a woman to reverse the Curse.

In order to crush Satan, what weapons of his must be defeated?

- Deceit.
- Accusations.
- Death.

1. The incarnate Jesus mortally wounds Satan by...

- a. Keeping the Law that we have broken.
- b. Paying the debt of our sin on the Cross.
- c. Rising again to defeat death once and for all.

2. The reigning Jesus gives you real time victory over Satan.

3. The returning Jesus will deal a final deathblow to Satan.

Therefore...



Application Questions: The Very First Advent Message

1. What's one way your life experience didn't align with your expectations this week? How did you react in a way that allowed God to be God?
2. What's the first thing you think when you hear the name Satan (or the devil)? How do you picture him? What do you associate with him?
3. Modern people tend to dismiss Genesis 3 as a myth or legend. What are some other Scriptures that show you God intends for you to accept the story of The Fall as historic fact?
4. Whom does the Bible identify as the serpent in the Garden of Eden [hint: it's in the book of Revelation]? Why is this identification relevant to the promise in Genesis 3:15?
5. The sermon identified Satan's weapons as deceit, accusations, and death. To which of these do you feel the most vulnerable? Why?
6. Colossians 2:15 says Jesus "disarmed" Satan by dying on the Cross. Explain how the death of Jesus takes away the sting of Satan's weapons [see #5].
7. Romans 8:1 says, "*There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.*" Romans 8:33-34 goes on to say that no one can bring any charge against you to condemn you if you have been justified by Jesus Christ. How are these statements related to the promise of Genesis 3:15?
8. Have you ever thought (or said), "The devil made me do it"? What power does Satan actually have over followers of Christ? What are some ways Christians give him more power than he actually has over us?
9. As you wait for the Second Coming of Christ, what hope does this study on the Serpent Crusher give you?
10. What one thing does God want you to do in response to His Word this week?