

4-Dec-2022 | Discussion Questions
Hope for the Beginning | Genesis 3:15 | Elder Tan Seng Kee

1. Discuss whether the pains, sufferings and calamities, such as the pandemic, wars, diseases, floods, etcetera faced by humankind and creation today can be traced back to the first sin of Eve and Adam in the Garden of Eden described in Genesis 3.

2. Does it seem too harsh or unfair that the sins of Adam and Eve can have such lasting consequences affecting humankind adversely even up to date? After all, the sins were committed by Eve and Adam; what has it got to do with me today?

3. Jesus Christ said in John 4:16 "I am the way, the truth and the life, no one comes to God the father except through me, Jesus Christ." Sometimes, pre-believers share that Christianity is good but what is hard to accept is that Christians say that Jesus is the only way to God and non-believers further added that such a statement is too exclusive and perhaps even arrogant. Surely there must be more than one way to heaven?
 - a) How would you answer such a statement from a pre-believer without just relying on "the Bible says so."?

 - b) Can we ponder on a possible reply that Christians chose Jesus because Christianity assures us of salvation by faith through grace and promise certainty of no condemnation to those in Christ Jesus? That is why I chose Jesus.

 - c) Is it an answer to non-believers that all other religions offer by seekers without certainty of salvation?

4. The gospel message is in John 3:16, Isaiah 52, 53 and in Ezekiel; however where was the message of victory over sin and death first announced by God in the Bible?
 - a) Why do you think there was an urgency for God to declare the message of salvation in Genesis 3:15 so soon after the first sin in Genesis?

5. How does the Holy Spirit give me the power to resist temptation and what are the steps I can take to prepare myself to be able to overcome temptation and live righteous life before God?