

FACTSHEET

To understand God's plan; we need to start at the beginning of human history.

The Creation

"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth."

These are the first words in the Bible.

- *God is a Spirit and is eternal, meaning He has and always will exist forever.*
- *He is far above us in His wisdom, power, and holiness. He existed before time began.*
- *There was a beginning in time when He created all physical matter and all living things.*

Then God created Adam and Eve in His image, and together they were to rule over the birds of the sky, the beasts of the field, and the fish of the sea. (Genesis 1:26)

- *They dominated the rest of creation and were to be fruitful to multiply and fill the earth.*
- *They were physically alive, meaning their souls were in union with their bodies.*
- *They were spiritually alive because their souls were in union with God.*

And as Adam and Eve's descendants, we too are all born spiritually dead but filled with the same need to be:

Significant • Secure • Accepted • Loved

Each one of these influence our:

- Thoughts
- Feelings
- Behavior
- Choices

These can only be fully met in a restored relationship with God.

Adam and Eve had all their needs filled completely in their relationship with God. They were Spiritually Alive until they chose to meet their needs apart from God.

God gave them the consequences He had warned them about.

- *They died Spiritually.*
- *Their spiritual relationship with God was severed.*
- *They still had all the basic human needs, but they could no longer be filled by God.*
- *Their souls were no longer in union with God.*

While they remained physically alive, physical death would become a consequence of their sin as well.

Three Factors Necessary for Christian's New Identity

Three factors are necessary for a Christian's NEW IDENTITY to make transformational and significant changes in their lives. They must:

1. *Receive Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior to become the recipient of this **NEW LIFE**.*
2. *Understand the concept, resulting in knowing and believing that God has **CHANGED** their identity from what they used to be.*
3. *For them to become **TRANSFORMED**, with God's help, they are responsible to **RENEW** their minds by God's Word.*

Your Takeaway

Our redemption came through God's son, Jesus Christ. The key to an abundant life is through Jesus Christ. God created us with basic human needs: significance, acceptance, and security. These influence our thoughts, feelings, behaviors, and choices. They can only be met in a fully-restored relationship with God.