

- Both Adam and Eve, in fact, died right there at the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, while the taste of the fruit was yet on their lips. **Henri Blocher explains: “In the Bible, death is the reverse of life—it is not the reverse of existence. To die does not mean to cease to be, but in biblical terms it means, ‘cut off from the land of the living.’... It is a diminished existence, but nevertheless an existence.” Since dying is existing, Adam and Eve’s existence was now one of death.** And not only that—sin immediately penetrated every sphere of their being, like a drop of dye in a pail of water. They were at once utterly sinful. [Hughes, R. K. (2004). Genesis: beginning and blessing (p. 76). Wheaton, IL: Crossway Books.]
- **The lie also held out the lure of moral autonomy**—“you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” By taking the fruit she would become wise. Equal with God, she would autonomously decide what was right and wrong. [Ibid.]
- The message to Israel, and to all God’s people, should now be clear: **A thorough knowledge of the Word of God and an unwavering trust in the goodness of God are absolutely essential for spiritual victory over the world, the flesh, and the devil.** The appeal by the Tempter to humankind’s desire to know, under the guise of spiritual development, is thereby set aside. [Ross, A. P. (1998). Creation and blessing: a guide to the study and exposition of Genesis (p. 137). Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Books.]



Four Questions ...

- ❶ **Where are you?**
- ❷ **Where did you get your information?**
- ❸ **Did you disobey me?**
- ❹ **What have you done?**



Now ashamed and fearful ...

- (Genesis 2:25 ESV) And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.
- (Genesis 3:7 ESV) Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.
- (Genesis 3:10 ESV) And he said, “I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself.”
- (Genesis 3:11 ESV) He said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?”
- (Hebrews 4:13 ESV) And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

