

Christianity 101

Discover the real meaning of life

**What in the world
went wrong??**

1. We have to know about GOD

- **Key word → Holiness**

2. We have to know about MAN

- **Key word → brokenness**

“Every existent being is born without reason, prolongs itself out of weakness, and dies by chance.”

Jean-Paul Sartre

“man now realizes he is an accident. He is a completely futile being. He has to play out the game without reason ... Man can now only hope to beguile himself for a time by prolonging his life, by buying a kind of immortality through the doctors.”

Francis Bacon

*Man is basically junk. He comes from plankton
and is bound for extinction. That is all.
Therefore his only hope is to make meaning
where there is none and to live it up. (summary)*

Albert Camus

***“Man is an empty bubble on
the sea of nothingness.”***

Jean-Paul Sartre

***“I am fearfully and
wonderfully made.”***

David (Psalm 139)

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“For by one man sin entered into the world and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men...”

Romans 5:12

Step #1 – Deception (v.1-5)

They were deceived in 4 critical areas:

1) Question God's authority in your life

- *v.1 - Yea, Hath God said*

2) Question God's word for your life

- Is that really what god said?

3) Question God's concern for your life

- *v.5 – God's holding out on you!*

4) Downplay the validity of the consequences of sin in your life

- *v.4 – and the serpent said, ye shall not surely die?*

Step #1 – Deception (v.1-5)

- **Step #2 – Desire (v.6)**

- **Step #3 – Rationalization (v.6)**

- **Step #4 – Disobedience (v.6b)**

- **Step #5 – Guilt (v.7-8)**

Three tendencies when we mess up ...

- Tendency #1 - Covering our sin when we should be confessing it (v.7)**
- Tendency #2 - Hiding from God when we should be running to God**
- Tendency #3 - Shifting blame when we should be taking responsibility for our own actions (v.11-13)**

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- Destitute – *we are completely lacking what is necessary for life*

Man is BROKEN!