CLASS ON ***ONENESS WITH GOD***

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**INTRODUCTION**

1. Class schedule
2. One man’s interpretation of Scripture
   1. Please feel free to bring up other possible interpretations.

**PROLOGUE**

1. Oneness With God (generally)
2. Everyone seeks to be God in some respect
3. My salvation story
4. I asked God to help me understand His creative purpose for Mankind
5. Along the way, other mysteries will be discussed
   1. Upon our glorification, all children of God will be mirror images of Jesus Christ and that means we will be fully God and fully man in answer to Jesus’s prayer in John 17.
   2. All spiritually re-born children of God are members of the Spiritual Body of Christ. We have eternal life because Jesus is eternal. Inside Him, we have everything. Outside Him, we have nothing.
   3. All that God is and does is centered on love.
   4. Our triune Godhead exists in an everything-at-the-same-time eternity.
   5. The breath of life, breathed into the nostrils of Adam, was the Word of God, the pre- incarnate Jesus.
   6. All mankind was written into the Book of Life before the foundation of the world and are blotted out only if they die in their sins.
   7. All of creation was, in fact, created in the span of six literal days.
   8. God’s limitless faith, powered by His perfect love that hopes all things and never fails, is the means through which all things exist and consist.
   9. Man was created to have the appearance and characteristics of God.
   10. Adam and Eve sinned in all three ways a person can sin.
   11. It was normal for Adam and Eve to communicate with the animals under their dominion.
   12. Adam and Eve (and their progeny) did not fully understand selfless and unconditional love. So, God demonstrated this kind of love through the sacrifice of his only begotten Son for the salvation of our souls.
   13. Because of the sin of Adam and Eve, no person shall live more than 999 years or 1 day from God’s perspective.
   14. Satan deceived himself into undoing the consequences of his deception of Adam and Eve.
   15. Our glorified bodies will not contain any blood.
   16. Having a servant-of-all mentality is the only way to be simultaneously the greatest and the least in the Kingdom of God.
   17. As priestly kings, we shall be members of an existing Order after Melchizedek, with Jesus as the High Priest.
   18. When God speaks, He speaks Jesus, His Word. When Jesus speaks, he speaks the Members of his spiritual Body. This is the extent of our spiritual oneness with God. Therefore, when we speak, our words have the power of God in them.

**CHAPTER ONE God’s Master Plan-The Beginning**

1. The Hebrew word for God used in **Genesis 1:1** is *Elohim* which is the plural form of this divine name.
   1. God the Father; His living Spoken Word…Jesus; and the Holy Spirit.
      1. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the **name** of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. **Matthew 28:19**
      2. For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one.
2. The Hebrew word “bara” means “He created”. (V-S-O) (Winebrenner Theological Seminary)
3. The word *Elohim* is used throughout the creation process.
   1. And God said, Let there be light: and there was light. Genesis 1:3
   2. And God said, Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters. Genesis 1:6
   3. And God said, Let the waters under the heaven be gathered together unto one place, and let the dry *land* appear: and it was so. **Genesis 1:9**
   4. And God said, Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed, *and* the fruit tree yielding fruit after his kind, whose seed *is* in itself, upon the earth: and it was so. **Genesis 1:11**
   5. And God said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years: **Genesis 1:14**
   6. And God said, Let the waters bring forth abundantly the moving creature that hath life, and fowl *that* may fly above the earth in the open firmament of heaven. **Genesis 1:20**
   7. And God said, Let the earth bring forth the living creature after his kind, cattle, and creeping thing, and beast of the earth after his kind: and it was so. **Genesis 1:24**
   8. And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. **Genesis 1:26**
4. Jesus is the spoken Word of God.
   1. In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. **John 1:1**
   2. By the word of the LORD were the heavens made; and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth. **Psalm 33:6**
   3. For this they willingly are ignorant of, that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water: **1 Peter 3:5**
   4. And he *was* clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God. **Revelation 19:13**
   5. No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared *him*. **John 1:18**
   6. For the Father himself loveth you, because ye have loved me, and have believed that I came out from God. **John 16:27**
   7. For I have not spoken of myself; but the Father which sent me, he gave me a commandment, what I should say, and what I should speak. **John 12:49**
5. As the literal breath of God, Jesus is the source of all life.
   1. That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, of the Word of life; **1 John 1:1**
   2. And the LORD God formed man *of* the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul. **Genesis 2:7**
   3. The Spirit of God hath made me, and the breath of the Almighty hath given me life. **Job 33:4**
6. Creation v. Evolution
   1. God defines a day as an evening and a morning. **Genesis 1:5,8,13,19,23,31**
   2. But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day *is* with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. **2 Peter 3:8**
      1. A day is an infinity and infinity is a day.
   3. From God’s eternal perspective, God could have created the entire universe and everything in it in the span of one day but chose to do it over the course of six days.
7. The Role of Faith in the Creation Process
   1. **Hebrews 11:1** tells us “Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen”.
      1. Faith can bring about the realization of unseen things that are hoped for.
   2. One interpretation of this verse is as follows:
      1. God is love. **1 John 4:8**
      2. God is the God of hope. **Romans 15:13**
      3. Love hopes all things. **1 Corinthians 13:7**
      4. Love never fails. **1 Corinthians 13:8**
   3. God’s limitless loving faith hoped for and brought into realization every created thing, both physical and spiritual.
      1. Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the Word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear. **Hebrews 11:3**
      2. Who being the brightness of *his* glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high; **Hebrews 1:3**
      3. Our triune Godhead is the same yesterday, today and forever. Their level of loving faithfulness never decreases nor increases. It is always at full tilt. **Malachi 3:6**, **Hebrews 13:8**
8. The Role of Faith in God’s Master Plan for Man
   1. For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith. **1 John 5:4**
   2. We walk by faith and not by sight. **2 Corinthians 5:7**
   3. So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God. **Romans 10:17**
   4. For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God. **Ephesians 2:8**
   5. Jesus is the author and finisher of our faith. **Hebrews 12:2**
   6. There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; One Lord, one faith, one baptism, One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all. **Ephesians 4:4-6**
   7. And become one with Him. I no longer count on my own righteousness through obeying the law; rather, I become righteous through faith in Christ. For God’s way of making us right with Himself depends on faith. **Philippians 3:9 (NLT)**
   8. And he who sees Me sees Him who sent Me. **John 12:45**
   9. He who sees Me has seen the Father. **John 14:9**
   10. If we are members of the Spiritual Body of Christ, then he who sees us sees Jesus and, therefore, sees God.

**CHAPTER TWO The Creation of Man in God’s Image, After Their Likeness**

1. And Godsaid, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. So God created man in his *own* image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. **Genesis 1:26-27**
   1. The Hebrew word for “image” is *tselem* which means “resemblance”. The Hebrew word for “likeness” is *demuwth* which means “manner or similitude”.
2. Man’s Endowment with the Appearance and Characteristics of God
   1. God the Father
      1. God *is* a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship *him* in spirit and in truth. **John 4:24**
      2. God has the appearance of a man.
         1. And above the firmament that *was* over their heads *was* the likeness of a throne, as the appearance of a sapphire stone: and upon the likeness of the throne *was* the likeness as the appearance of a man above upon it. **Ezekiel 1:26**
      3. God is perfect. **Matthew 5:48**
      4. God cannot lie. **Numbers 23:19; Titus 1:1-2; Hebrews 6:18**
      5. God is truth, without iniquity, just and right. **Deuteronomy 32:4**
      6. God is holy. **Leviticus 11:44-45**
      7. God is light. **1 John 1:5**
      8. God is almighty. **Genesis 17:1**
      9. God is faithful. **1 Corinthians 1:9**
      10. God is love. **1 John 4:8,16**
          1. Love endures long suffering; does not envy; is humble; behaves properly; seeks no personal gain; is not easily provoked; has no evil thoughts; rejoices in truth and not iniquity; bears, believes, hopes for and endures all things and never fails. **1 Corinthians 13:4-8**
   2. God the Son
      1. In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. **John 1:1**
      2. The words of the LORD *are* pure words: *as* silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times. **Psalm 12:6**
      3. For the word of God *is* quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and *is* a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. **Hebrews 4:12**
      4. For such an high priest became us, *who is* holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and made higher than the heavens; **Hebrews 7:26**
      5. Jesus, and therefore the members of His Spiritual Body, are poor in spirit, mourners, meek, hungry and thirsty for righteousness, merciful, pure in heart, peacemakers and persecuted for righteousness’ sake. **Matthew 5:1-12**
      6. For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate *to be* conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren. **Romans 8:29**
   3. God the Holy Spirit
      1. He is the seven-fold Spirits of God. **Revelation 4:5; 5:6**
         1. And the spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD; **Isaiah 11:2**
      2. He is the Spirit of Truth. **1 John 5:6**
      3. He is the Spirit of Faith. **2 Corinthians 4:13**
      4. He is the Spirit of Adoption. **Romans 8:15**
      5. He is the Spirit of Grace. **Hebrews 10:29**
      6. He is the Spirit of glory. **1 Peter 4:14**
      7. But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, *even* as by the Spirit of the Lord. **2 Corinthians 3:18**
   4. Adam and Eve, indeed all mankind, were created to resemble and have the mannerisms of their triune Godhead.
      1. With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love; **Ephesians 4:2**
      2. Strengthened with all might, according to his glorious power, unto all patience and longsuffering with joyfulness; **Colossians 1:11**
      3. Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering; **Colossians 3:12**
      4. But thou, O man of God, flee these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness. **1 Timothy 6:11**
      5. So we, *being* many, are one body in Christ, and every one member one of another. **Romans 12:5** See, also, **1 Corinthians 12:12-14**
      6. And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God. **Ephesians 3:19**
      7. For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily. **Colossians 2:9**
3. The Purpose for Man’s Creation
   1. Mankind was created to be the physical manifestation of God on earth but only in and through Jesus.
   2. Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me. I am the vine, ye *are* the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing. **John 4-5**
   3. This form of mutual inhabitation is unique to mankind.
   4. This is why Jesus said he will spue those who are lukewarm out of His mouth. **Revelation 3:16**
   5. This is why Jesus also said He will never leave us nor forsake us and is always with us. **Joshua 1:5; Hebrews 13:5**
   6. The analogy of a round of golf provides a practical application of this type of oneness.
      1. I am playing a competitive round of golf with three friends (two saved and one not saved) for bragging rights only. I hit my golf ball behind a tree requiring me to take a stroke to put the ball back in play. My fleshly sin nature wants to move the ball from behind the tree without taking a stroke. God tells me not to give exercise my selfish agenda because He may want me to lose so that I can demonstrate how a child of God handles a loss. He may want me to win but only after I experience the trials and tribulations of the game. He is also playing with and through my two saved friends for the same reasons he is playing with and through me. Finally, he is playing with my unsaved friend so that he may see Him through his saved friends and accept Jesus as his Savior.
   7. Our physical bodies are temples of God in which the Spirit of God dwells. **1Corinthians 3:16; 6:19**
   8. Jesus’ High priestly prayer that Jew and Gentile believers become one with Him and God the father will be answered. **John 17**
      1. we should look at the issue of oneness set forth in these four verses as translated in the New Living Translation (NLT); the New King James Version (NKJV); the New American Standard Bible (NASB) and the English Standard Version (ESV).

**John 17:11**

NLT Holy Father, keep them and care for them—all those you have given me—so that they will be united just as we are.

NKJV Holy Father, keep through Your name those whom You have given Me, that they may be one as We are.

NASB Holy Father, keep them in Your name, the name which You have given Me, that they may be one even as We are.

ESV Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one.

**John 17:21**

NLT My prayer for all of them is that they will be one, just as you and I are one, Father—that just as you are in me and I am in you, so they will be in us.

NKJV [T]hat they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be in Us.

NASB [T]hat they may all be one; even as You, Father, are in Me and I in You, that they also may be in Us.

ESV [T]hat they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me.

**John 17:22**

NLT I have given them the glory you gave me, so that they may be one, as we are.

NKJV And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one.

NASB The glory which You have given Me I have given to them, that they may be one, just as We are one.

ESV The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one.

**John 17:23**

NLT I in them and you in me, all being perfected into one.

NKJV I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one.

NASB I in them and You in Me, that they may be perfected in unity.

ESV I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me.

* + 1. In **John 17:11**, Jesus prays that believers are kept in God’s name.
       1. The whole family in heaven and earth carry His name. **Ephesians 3:15**
       2. So, one interpretation of this verse is that we shall always be members of God’s family.
          1. Anything we ask, in His name, shall be granted to us. **John 14:13-14**

3. Another interpretation of this verse is that we have been adopted into God’s family and, thereby, are entitled to carry His name and possess all of the benefits and responsibilities that go with the name.

a. But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons. And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father. Wherefore thou art no more a servant, but a son; and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ. **Galatians 4:4-7**

iii. In **John 17:21**, Jesus defines the extent to which the children of God become one with Him and the Father.

1. At that day ye shall know that I *am* in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you. **John 14:20**
2. Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? the words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works. **John 14:10**
3. When we are one with God to this extent, we shall not do anything on our own authority. We shall only say and do what our Father does on His authority.
   * 1. In **John 17:22**, Jesus describes how this oneness will be effectuated.
        1. Jesus gives us the same glory God gave to Him.
           1. Jesus demonstrated His glory and the glory God gave to Moses and Elijah at the transfiguration. **Luke 9:28-31**
           2. But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, *even* as by the Spirit of the Lord. **2 Corinthians 3:18**
           3. Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified. **Romans 8:30**
           4. I *am* the LORD: that *is* my name: and my glory will I not give to another, neither my praise to graven images. **Isaiah 42:8**
     2. In **John 17:23**, Jesus explains why He and God the Father are not giving their glory to anyone outside of them.
        1. Jesus is in every one of us and God is in Him.
           1. So we, *being* many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another. **Romans 12:5**
           2. For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also *is* Christ. **1 Corinthians 12:12**
           3. *There is* one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; One Lord, one faith, one baptism, One God and Father of all, who *is* above all, and through all, and in you all. **Ephesians 4:4-6**
     3. Since Jesus is the faithful witness, and God, it is impossible for His prayer not to come to fruition. It is guaranteed.
        1. Yet a little while, and the world seeth me no more; but ye see me: because I live, ye shall live also. **John 14:19**
        2. I am the vine, ye *are* the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing. **John 15:5**
        3. And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternallife, and this life is in his Son. **1 John 5:11**
        4. Because our triune Godhead is, we are and forever will because we are in them and they shall forever be.

**CHAPTER THREE The Fall Of Man**

1. The overriding lesson to be gleaned from the Holy Scriptures is that love of God can only be demonstrated through loving obedience to God.
   1. Adam and Eve failed God’s obedience test, but God initiated a plan to redeem them and their progeny.
2. The Creation of the Angels
   1. Cherubim (Hebrew word – *karubh*) **Ezekiel 1:5-25; 10:13-22**
      1. They are guardian **Genesis 3:24** and covering angels **Exodus 25:18-20**
   2. Ophanim are wheels in the middle of wheels that are paired with the Cherubim. **Ezekiel 1:15-21; 10:9-17**
   3. Seraphim (Hebrew word – *saraph*) **Isaiah 6:2-3**
      1. They are continually in the presence of God declaring His Holiness, praising and worshiping Him. **Isaiah 6:1-3**
      2. They are associated with cleansing. **Isaiah 6:5-7**
   4. The angels are ministering spirits for all who shall be heirs of salvation. **Hebrews 1:13-14**
3. Satan’s Rebellion Against God
   1. Satan sinned against God from the beginning. **1 John 3:8**
      1. Satan is a fallen covering cherub. **Ezekiel 28:14-16**
      2. Satan accuses mankind before God, day and night. **Revelation 12:10**
   2. Before iniquity was found in him, Satan was in the Garden of Eden and was covered with every precious stone including the sardius, topaz, diamond, beryl, onyx, jasper, sapphire, emerald, carbuncle and gold. **Ezekiel 28:13**
      1. These same stones were included in the four rows of stones set in the breastplate of judgment worn by the Jewish High Priests. **Exodus 28:15-21**
   3. Before iniquity was found in him, Satan was created with timbrels and pipes with which he provided musical worship of God. **Ezekiel 28:13**
   4. Before iniquity was found in him, Satan had access to the holy mountain of God and walked amidst the stones of fire. He was perfectly created. **Ezekiel 28:14-15**
   5. After iniquity was found in him, Satan continued to have access to the throne of God. **Job 1:6-7**
   6. The order of God’s creative process is set forth in **Nehemiah 9:6**.
      1. Thou, *even* thou, *art* LORD alone; thou hast made heaven, the heaven of heavens, with all their host, the earth, and all *things* that *are* therein, the seas, and all that *is* therein, and thou preservest them all; and the host of heaven worshippeth thee.
   7. Satan, and all the angels, witnessed the realization of God’s creative will day by day as each command was uttered.
      1. They fully understood the ever-increasing significance of each ensuing phase of the creative process culminating in the creation of mankind in the image and likeness of God. God granted mankind dominion over all the earth. **Genesis 1:26**
   8. Satan could not accept his role to minister to another created being, who was made a little lower than the angels, since he considered himself to be equal to God. **Psalm 8:5**
   9. Satan’s faith in his ability to be equal to God was doomed for failure as his faith was not based on Godly love.
   10. Satan reasoned that, since God could not inhabit a sinful man, he could. He sought to cause Adam and Eve to sin thereby giving him dominion over them, their offspring and the world.
       * 1. And *that* they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will. **2 Timothy 2:26**
       1. Satan would become one with mankind through sin. Mankind would be in Satan’s image and likeness.
       2. Satan’s rebellion against God would be in the physical realm (through mankind) and in the spiritual realm (through 1/3 of the angels).
4. Satan’s Deception of Adam and Eve
   1. Satan first deceived them into believing they would never be more than what they perceived to be their creative purpose.
   2. Satan then deceived them into believing God lied to them so that they would not know they could be like God knowing good from evil.
      1. Adam and Eve could not have known they were created in the image and likeness of God.
   3. Satan deceived then into believing they would not die if they disobeyed God’s command but would attain the knowledge of good and evil which they were told was reserved only for God.
   4. Adam and Eve’s obedience test required them to obey God out of their love of God and not for any selfish motives.
5. God’s Obedience Test
   1. Adam and Eve would either demonstrate their unconditional, selfless love of God through obedience or they would demonstrate that their love of self overruled their love for God through disobedience.
   2. Adam and Eve were given bodies capable of perfection but also capable of corruption depending on their performance on this test.
   3. Adam and Eve were also given free will to choose between the options set before them.
   4. Adam and Eve’s failure to pass this test made them servants of sin.
      1. Jesus answered them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin. **John 8:34**
      2. Their sin made them incapable of becoming one with their Creator God.
      3. Instead, they, and their progeny, would have Satan’s sin nature.
   5. The dynamics of the test were controlled by Satan with the knowledge of God.
      1. Satan approached Eve through a serpent. **Genesis 3:1-5**
         1. God gave Adam and Eve dominion over the entire earth and everything in it. **Genesis 1:26**
            1. In order to exercise this dominion, they must have been very powerful creatures.
            2. Eve had no reason to think one of the creatures under her dominion would seek to deceive her.
            3. Nor did Eve think it strange that a serpent was talking to her.
         2. Either Eve had experienced angels speaking from creatures under their dominion or Eve was accustomed to animals speaking to them before their fall.
            1. The latter is the more likely scenario because deception is involved.

Balaam’s donkey spoke to him. **Numbers 22:1-35**

Every creature in heaven, on earth, under the earth and in the sea spoke blessings, honor, glory and power to God the Father and God the Son. **Revelation 5:13**

The Lord opened the mouth of the donkey. **Numbers 22:28**

The Lord opened the eyes of the young man, and he saw. **2 Kings 6:17**

Nothing can be closed unless it was first open and nothing can be opened unless it was first closed.

* + 1. Upon hearing Satan’s deceiving words through the serpent, Eve in every way possible.
       1. For all that *is* in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.**1 John 2:16**
          1. The lust of the flesh includes all physical desires.
          2. The lust of the eyes includes all personal desires.
          3. The pride of life includes all manner of self-interests.
       2. And when the woman saw that the tree *was* good for food, and that it *was* pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make *one* wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat. **Genesis 3:6**
          1. Adam and Eve were allowed to satisfy the lust of their flesh and the lust of their eyes because they could eat from every tree in the Garden of Eden except for the forbidden tree. **Genesis 2:16-17; 3:2-3**

They may have considered the satisfaction of these two lust as to the forbidden tree to be excusable and not deserving of death since they were satisfying these lusts all along; just not with this tree. Clearly, they did not appreciate the significance of loving obedience.

* + - * 1. Adam and Eve were not allowed to satisfy their pride of life. Therefore, to commit this sin, Adam and Eve had to knowingly and intentionally place their love of self over their love of God.

They wanted for themselves a Godly attribute to satisfy their pride of life.

* + 1. Upon seeing Eve eat the forbidden fruit, Adam was faced with three courses of action.
       1. He could have insisted that she not partake of the forbidden fruit which would have required her to disobey her husband as well as God if she insisted on eating the fruit. She may not have been willing to do that.
       2. He could have refused to eat of the forbidden fruit and sought to intervene on her behalf before God. God may have required his death for the remission of her sin and raised him from the dead.
       3. He could have joined Eve in the satisfaction of their lusts. He chose this option.
    2. After their sin, God prevented them from eating of the Tree of Life and live forever in their fallen state. **Genesis 3:22**
    3. Satan deceived Adam and Eve into believing that if they disobeyed God and ate of the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil, they would be as God; implying an existence that is equal to but separate from God yet under Satan’s lordship. Little did Adam and Eve know that they were created, not to be equal and yet apart from God, but to become God in the flesh by being one with God. They were made in God’s image and after His likeness so that God could abide in them and they in God.

1. The Consequences of the Sin of Adam and Eve
   1. The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it? **Jeremiah 17:9**
   2. Paul tells us we cannot resist our sin nature. **Romans 7:15-23**
   3. We cannot judge lest we are judged. **Matthew 7:2**
   4. We must forgive in order for us to be forgiven. **Luke 6:37**
   5. The consequences of sin is death (physical and spiritual). **Romans 6:23**
      1. Physical death is the separation of spirit from the body. **James 2:26**
      2. Spiritual death is eternal separation form God in the lake of fire. **Revelation 20:14; 21:8**
      3. The consequences of sin can also be visited upon generations to come. **Exodus 20:5; Numbers 14:18; Deuteronomy 5:9**
   6. The are scriptural connections between sin and sickness and death.
      * 1. Whether is easier, to say, Thy sins be forgiven thee; or to say, Rise up and walk? **Luke 5:15-26**
        2. Afterward Jesus findeth him in the temple, and said unto him, Behold, thou art made whole: sin no more, lest a worse thing come unto thee. **John 5:14**
        3. Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord: And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him. **James 5:14-15**
   7. The consequence of sin brings about the wrath of God.
      1. And when the morning arose, then the angels hastened Lot, saying, Arise, take thy wife, and thy two daughters, which are here; lest thou be consumed in the iniquity of the city. **Genesis 19:15**
   8. Every human being has sinned. **Romans 3:23; 5:12**
   9. The consequence of Adam and Eve’s sin resulted in their offspring being in their image and likeness.
      1. And Adam lived an hundred and thirty years, and begat *a son* in his own likeness, after his image; and called his name Seth: **Genesis 5:3**
2. God’s Covenant with Adam and Eve
   1. God promised to redeem Adam and Eve.
      1. And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel. **Genesis 3:15**
   2. All of creation lost its perfection upon the fall of Adam and Eve.
      1. Because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God. For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now. **Romans 8:21-22**
   3. A new heaven and a new earth shall replace the old ones that shall pass away.
      1. Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness. **2 Peter 3:13**
      2. And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. **Revelation 21:1**
   4. All who believe, in faith, that Jesus’s death, burial and resurrection redeemed them from the consequences of their sins shall be saved.
      1. And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission. **Hebrews 9:22**
      2. Whom God hath set forth *to be* a propitiationthrough faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God; **Romans 3:25**
      3. Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son *to be* the propitiation for our sins. **1 John 4:10**
      4. And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly. **1 Corinthians 15:49**