

## The Shadowy Gospel: Take & Eat

### Introduction:

The gospel is clearly revealed in the New Testament Scriptures. With the hindsight of the N.T. Scriptures we can see God's plan from the very beginning. **Genesis 2-3**

- A. The Gospel in Genesis
  - 1. Serves as the starting point of redemption in the Book of Beginnings.
  - 2. Serves as a shadowy backdrop between the sinful type (take and eat) and its righteous anti-type (take, eat) by those who have partaken of both.
  - 3. Gives Christians another means of sharing the gospel to the lost.

### Discussion:

- I. The Gospel Through the Fall of Adam and Eve
  - A. The Perfect Setting
    - 1. God's crowning creation (man) was placed with the tree of life at his disposal. **Gen. 2:9**
    - 2. His task: tend and keep the garden. **Gen. 2:15**
    - 3. The remainder of his life on earth would be to enjoy the blessings of God: dominion over all creation (animals, plants, the earth itself).
  - B. The Choice
    - 1. The tree of knowledge of good and evil: boundary, choice, and a grave consequence.
      - a. Providing law gave man 1) a choice 2) what God desires 3) consequence if choosing against God's will. **Gen. 2:16-17**
      - b. Man ultimately chose based upon his own fleshly desires.
    - 2. Even through this God gave man a future hope of victory. **Gen. 3:14-15**
- II. The Gospel Realized in Christ
  - A. The Sinful Setting
    - 1. Man fallen because of sin. **Romans 3**
    - 2. Without hope. **Eph. 2**
    - 3. He is separated from God, though God is near to those seeking Him.
    - 4. Lost to an eternity of torment.
  - B. The Choice
    - 1. Through the knowledge of Jesus Christ man can be freed from death's grip. **Eph. 1:17**
    - 2. By choosing what God desires hope for eternal life is once again realized (through Christ).

### Conclusion:

- A. The Perfect Setting
  - 1. By taking and eating man plunged into separation between himself and God.
  - 2. Through Christ we can look forward to "take and eat" of the tree of life forever. **Rev. 22:1-5**