

Outline 4

Finding Personal Peace in Today's Stressful Times

I. Review of previous messages

- A. "Run to Me, come to Me"—God offers a forever friendship. **MATTHEW 11:28 (945)**
- B. True love requires the power and privilege of choice.
 - 1. Love allowed Lucifer to rebel, with postponed consequences.
 - 2. God's closest angel friend duped the human race to join him in rebellion.
 - 3. God Himself came down to live with us and die for us.
- C. God's great law of love was designed to protect friendships and relationships.

II. BAD NEWS/GOOD NEWS

- A. BAD NEWS: Every person who sins will _____. **EZEKIEL 18:20 (817)**
- B. GOOD NEWS: If you don't sin you won't die. **ROMANS 6:23 (1089)**
- C. BAD NEWS: _____ have sinned and are worthy of death. **ROMANS 3:23 (1087)**
 - 1. Sin is _____. **1 JOHN 3:4 (1169)**
 - 2. Sin breaks our _____ with God. **ISAIAH 59:1-3 (715, 716)**
- D. GOOD NEWS: God's immediate response to Adam and Eve's sin was to come searching for them. **GENESIS 3:1-10 (2, 3)**
- E. BAD NEWS: Sin deceives us into believing God is not Someone to be a friend of, but Someone to be _____ of.
 - 1. Sin always leads us to blame others and _____ ourselves. **GENESIS 3:9-13. (3)**
- F. GOOD NEWS: God responded with a promise. **GENESIS 3:15 (3)**

- 1. God would implant a _____ to resist evil.
- 2. We get a hint of what the seed would do. **GENESIS 3:21 (3); ISAIAH 53 (710)**
- 3. The New Testament identifies the Seed. **1 PETER 2:21-25 (1163)**

III. The meaning of the cross **MARK 15:22-34 (987)**

- A. Christ's agony was more than _____ pain.
- B. Jesus experienced the horror of sin's ultimate consequence:
 - 1. Jesus felt _____ cut off from God.
 - 2. Jesus felt _____ by His Father.
- C. Both the _____ and the Son shared the anguish of the cross. "_____ was in Christ." **2 CORINTHIANS 5:19 (1114)**
- D. BEST NEWS OF ALL: Christ gave His own life as _____ for His own broken law. **JOHN 3:16 (1027)**
 - 1. He took our penalty that we might have His _____.
 - 2. He suffered our death that we might have His _____.
 - 3. He bore our sins that we might have His _____.

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ANSWERS: (II) A: die; C: all; C-1: lawlessness; C-2: relationship; E: afraid; E-1: justify; F-1: conscience (III) A: physical; B-1: eternally; B-2: forsaken; C: Father, God; D: payment; D-1: pardon; D-2: life; D-3: salvation)