



-- **Big Idea:** Jesus Christ is the promised Offspring who crushes the curse of sin.

1.) What's wrong with the world?

- Rebellion always begins with the rejection of God's _____.
- Rebellion drives people away from the presence of God.
- Attempting to flee from God is a hopelessly lost cause (Psa. 139:7-12).
- Our sin separates us from God.

2.) How can sinners _____ to God?

- The Garden of Eden was located on a mountaintop.
- Psalm 15:1 – *“LORD, who may dwell in your sanctuary? Who may live on your holy hill?”*
- From the moment sin first entered the world, this has been the most pressing question for every soul in the universe.

3.) Satan's _____ is ever at work in the world.

- In Christ, we are spiritual aliens on the earth waiting for Christ to usher us into the promised land of the New Heavens and New Earth.
- Enmity between Satan and human beings has been the pattern of humanity ever since sin entered the world.
- Throughout the OT, we see Satan tempting Israel to disobey God, undermining their faith, and inciting them to bow to idols.
- In the most important sense, the offspring of Eve refers most specifically to Jesus Christ.
- Satan despises the church and is doing everything in his power to lead the body of Christ away from the Lord (John 15:20).

4.) The promised Offspring is _____.

- Only the eternal God Himself was worthy to pay the debt that must be paid by a descendant of Eve.
- That the Son of God should be the offspring of Eve is the miracle of the Incarnation that we celebrate every December (Luke 3:21-22).
- The phrase “Second Man” means that Jesus came to earth to replace Adam as our _____ (Romans 5:12-19).
- Tracing the humanity of Jesus back to Adam, highlights Jesus' identity as the promised Offspring who came to redeem us from the curse of sin and death that began with Adam's sin in the Garden.
- By presenting Jesus as the fulfillment of Genesis 3:15, Luke shows that Jesus is the new Man bringing new power to redeem a new people.
- The hope contained in this promised Offspring is being fulfilled in two stages, the first stage of which we celebrate every December 25th.
- The promise to crush the head of Satan will finally be fully fulfilled when Christ comes again.