



SEEKING GOD IN SILICON VALLEY

Part Three: "Getting Back to Paradise"

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"To him who overcomes I will give to eat from the tree of life, which is in the midst of the Paradise of God." Revelation 2:7 (NKJV)

► Sin _____ us from God, but grace brings us into His _____ once again.

HOW WE _____ PARADISE

- The tree of life was lost through _____ (Genesis 3:22-24).

"But your iniquities have separated you from your God; your sins have hidden his face from you, so that he will not hear." Isaiah 59:2 (NIV)

- Seven Sin-_____ that we need to look at:

1. Shedding _____ (Ps. 106:38, Jer. 22:3)
2. _____ sins (Det. 18:10-12)
3. _____ of the church (Rev. 3:16)
4. _____ (Prov.15:27)
5. _____ injustice(Ps. 82:3)
6. _____ (James 4:6)
7. Sexual _____ (1 Cor. 10:8)

"Do not banish me from your presence, and don't take your Holy Spirit [the spirit of holiness] from me." Psalm 51:11 (NLT)

HOW WE _____ PARADISE

- The tree of life is restored in _____.

Paradise (Cont'd)

"For the sin of this one man, Adam, brought death to many. But even greater is God's wonderful grace and his gift of forgiveness to many through this other man, Jesus Christ." Romans 5:15 (NLT)

"And he showed me a pure river of water of life...and on either side of the river, was the tree of life, which bore twelve fruits, each tree yielding its fruit every month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations." Revelation 22:1-2 (NKJV)

"Blessed are those who wash their robes. They will be permitted to enter through the gates of the city and eat the fruit from the tree of life." Revelation 22:14 (NLT)

- God is a God of _____ and _____.

"After two days he will revive us; on the third day he will restore us, that we may live in his presence." Hosea 6:2 (NIV)

HONEST TO GOD...

- ❖ Am I experiencing the fullness of life Christ came to provide?
- ❖ Am I aligned with sin-issues that distance me from God?
- ❖ How can I reclaim more of the Presence of God in my life?

LORD GOD, Thank you for bringing me back to Paradise! I want to live forever as an overcomer. Cleanse me today from every sin, and cause me to eat of the tree of life through Jesus Christ. In His Name I Pray, AMEN

RESOURCES FOR THIS WEEK'S SMALL GROUPS

Icebreaker: Describe the most beautiful place you've ever visited.

Scripture Focus: Let each member share a verse from this teaching--one that spoke to them personally. What does it mean to them?

Discussion Focus: How can believers practice holiness in our lives?

Prayer Focus: Pray for a release of the tree of life in the group.

REMEMBER to give an offering for the needy in your group this week, for God has promised us a rich reward (Det. 15:11, Psalm 41:1)