

GENESIS 4:1-16

The Post-Fall Pattern and Human Reaction

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Loving others is the true mark of a Christian.

Hurting others is the true mark of a fallen human.

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A Pattern Develops: Genesis 3-11

- 1) Sin
- 2) God gives a judgment speech
- 3) God gives a token of grace
- 4) God executes the judgment

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A Pattern Develops: Genesis 3

- 1) Sin
 - Adam and Eve eat the forbidden fruit & the serpent deceives
- 2) God gives a judgment speech
 - God pronounces curses on Adam, Eve, and the serpent
- 3) God gives a token of grace
 - God makes clothes out of animal skins (sacrifice) helping Adam and Eve where they felt most vulnerable
- 4) God executes the judgment
 - God expels them from the Garden of Eden

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A Pattern Develops: Genesis 4

- 1) Sin
 - Cain kills Abel
- 2) God gives a judgment speech
 - God pronounces curses on Cain
- 3) God gives a token of grace
 - God marks Cain to protect him from being killed helping Cain where he felt most vulnerable
- 4) God executes the judgment
 - Cain went out from God's presence

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A Pattern Develops: Genesis 5-11

- The sons of God and the daughters of men
- The flood
- The tower of Babel

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Cain and Abel make sacrifices

- Cain is a farmer
 - Cain brings “some of the fruits”
- Abel is a shepherd
 - Abel brings “fat portions from some of the firstborn of his flock”

GENESIS 4:1-5

Cain's two choices

- Cain can do what is right
 - Cain will be accepted by God
- Cain can NOT do what is right
 - Sin will be crouching at his door
 - ANE the word used for sin was a demon that ambushed its victims
- Compare 3:16b with 4:7b:
 - “Your desire will be for your husband, and he will rule over you.”
 - “[sin] desires to have you, but you must rule over it.”

GENESIS 4:6-7

Psalms 4:4-5

Be angry, and do not sin; ponder in your own hearts on your beds, and be silent. Offer right sacrifices, and put your trust in the Lord.

Romans 7

Paul's Epistles

We must flee from evil and pursue righteousness

GENESIS 4:6-7



GENESIS 4:6-9

Cain turns his anger against his brother

- Human (sin) nature to blame others
- Human (sin) nature to be envious of others
- Human (sin) nature to lie to cover up
- Human (sin) nature to lie to make ourselves look better
- Human (sin) nature to drag others into our mess
- Human (sin) nature to hurt other people

GENESIS 4:8-9

After making a bad decision

Genesis 3	Genesis 4
What is this you have done?	What have you done?
Cursed the ground – hard toil for food	Cursed the ground – it will not yield food
Expelled from the Garden of Eden	Expelled from the land & God's presence

GENESIS 4:10-16

Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry.

Because of these, the wrath of God is coming. You used to walk in these ways, in the life you once lived. But now you must also rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips.

COLOSSIANS 3:1-8

Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator. Here there is no Gentile or Jew, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave or free, but Christ is all, and is in all.

Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

COLOSSIANS 3:9-14

Abide in Christ

Put Sin to Death

Pursue Righteousness

Love One Another

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- 3) God gives (a token of) grace
 - God sent Jesus as an atoning sacrifice (Romans 3:25)
- 4) God executes the judgment
 - God's judgment and wrath was poured out on Jesus and those who put their faith in Christ are saved (Romans 5:9)

The Good News!

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- ✓ It is finished
 - Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus (Romans 8:1)

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What's your reaction to Jesus breaking the pattern?

Genesis 4:1-16 & Good News

Benediction:

Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that the family of believers throughout the world is undergoing the same kind of sufferings.

And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast. To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.

1 PETER 5:8-11