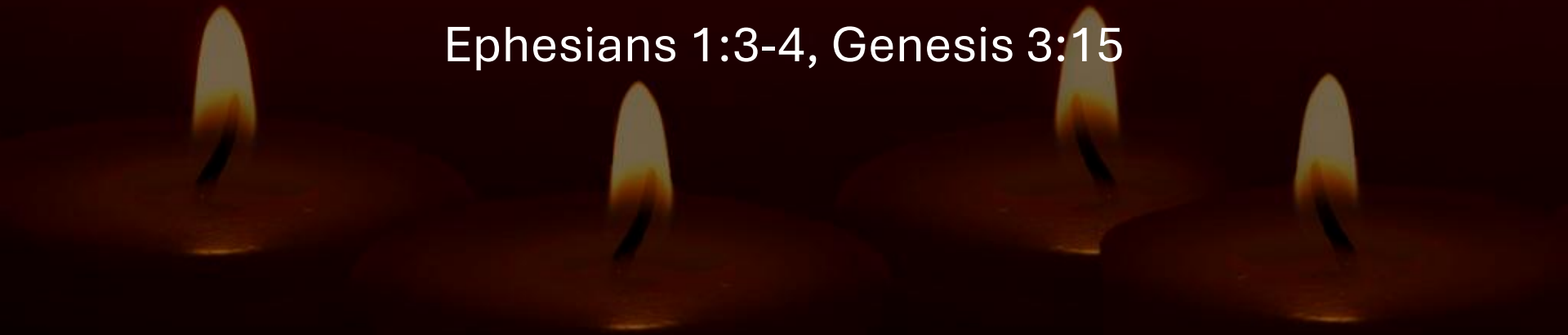


Advent

The Promise Of Advent

Ephesians 1:3-4, Genesis 3:15



Promise of Advent

- The first promise of Advent is found in the New Testament.
- God chose us knowing we would be sinners.
- The original promise of Advent was made before anything we know of today was created.
- God knew exactly to what He was committing Himself.



Cost of Being Chosen

- We are so valuable to God that He chose us with enthusiasm, knowing all our handicaps and what it would cost Him.
- In the council of the Godhead, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit made a promise to create us with free will knowing that we would reject Him.
- By choosing us, God committed Himself to coming into this world as a baby, growing up to be despised and rejected and be put to death.

Adam and Eve

- Adam and Eve anticipated the fulfillment of God's promise.
- Adam and Eve are the only ones in the history of mankind, to have a before and after picture of the effects of sin.
- Adam and Eve appreciated and longed for the coming of that "seed" of the woman more than anybody else in history.
- How often did Adam and Eve reflect on God's promise to them and longed for the day when that promise would be fulfilled.

Conclusion

- God did not choose us so we could live anyway we want.
- We should show devotion and gratitude for what God did..
- God chose us that we might know Him, not know about Him or know of Him, but to know intimately the person of God.
- God chose us before the foundation of the world, thus making the promise of the advent of Christ.