

God's story

The perfect beginning

- God created the world and the first humans: Adem (Adam) and Havva (Eve)
- He put them into a paradise: the Garden of Eden. They had great freedom to eat fruit from any tree – except for the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. God warned them: „When you eat from it you'll die!“
- Everything was perfect: no death, no shame, they would live eternally

Sin and shame came into the world

- Satan came to Havva and tempted her → she and Adam ate the forbidden fruit
- Immediately they were afraid and felt shame because they realized they were naked → they covered themselves with leaves and hid from God
- God punished them for disobedience: threw them out of paradise, not eternal life anymore
- *Interesting*: Adem and Havva did just one „small“ sin → result: big judgment and death and a broken relationship with God
- Probably they were good people, lots of good deeds, but this cannot outweigh their sin

A covering for sin and shame: new clothes and promised savior

- God still loved them and did something very *interesting*: He changed their clothes (leaves) and gave them clothes from animal skin
An animal had to die to cover the sin and shame of Adem and Havva
- God gave this first sacrifice. Later other prophets offered sacrifices: Habil and Kâbil (Cain and Abel), Nuh (Noah), İbrahim (Abraham), Musa (Moses), Davut (David), ...
- God judged Satan as well: Promise that from the woman's descendents there will be a savior who defeat Satan
- Other prophets foretold the coming of a Saviour who would take away the sins of the world

İsa Mesih

- İsa is also called Kelimetullah (Word of God), born by virgin Meryem (Mary)
- Loved people, never sinned, never killed anyone, never gathered riches
- Great miracles: healed the sick, cast out demons, raised the dead
- *Interesting*: As İsa was not yet old he began prophesying: „I must die, but I will rise again.“
- Prophet Yahya (John) saw him and said: “Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.” – *That is interesting, isn't it? A lamb is used as sacrifice*

The sacrifice for us

- İsa did not resist the Jews and Romans and was crucified: He is God's sacrifice to pay for my and your sins
- As he was dying: he cried out, “It is finished” → sin debt is paid off now
- God raised him three days later just as he promised → many saw him and later he was taken up to heaven; one day he'll return to judge all mankind
- When we believe that İsa has paid for our sins through his sacrifice and that God raised him from the dead, our sins will be forgiven.
- *That is how our sins can be forgiven and we can begin a relationship with God*

The Holy Spirit

- Earlier only very few people (Musa, Davut, İsa, ...) had the Holy Spirit: direct communication with God, they could do miracles
- But now God wants to give this present to everybody who wants it
- Out of ourselves we can't do all what God wants, we fail again and again
- The Holy Spirit is like “God's power” and helps us: Teaching us God's will, helping us to be good people and to resist the devil

That is interesting, isn't it?

- Adem and Havva were given the death penalty even though they only committed one sin.
- God changed their clothes (sacrifice)
- İsa was called "The Lamb of God."
- İsa prophesied his own death.

How to pray to accept İsa as Savior:

- God I come to you. İsa Mesih I believe in you and I come to you.
- I realize that I didn't live according to your will and I repent. Please forgive me.
- İsa Mesih, I thank you that you sacrificed yourself for me. I accept you as sacrifice, Savior and Lord.
- I give my life to you. Fill me with your Holy Spirit and help me to live like you want.

My answer to God's offer

God has done his part. Now it's your turn...

Did I accept his offer?

Yes No

Am I sure that I received eternal life?

Yes No

Am I sure that I received the Holy Spirit?

Yes No

My spiritual birth certificate:

On _____ (date) I said Yes to God's offer in İsa Mesih. I accepted İsa Mesih as Savior and as sacrifice so that my sins are forgiven. I gave my life to him, received the Holy Spirit and started to live like he wants.