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THE BLAME GAME

It started in the Garden of Eden. It was a perfect place to live. There was no enmity between God and man. There was peace, love, and joy. Food was in abundance on every tree. The work did not cause one to sweat. It was the perfect place to live.

Then a test came. The serpent, the devil himself, came into the garden and tempted Eve. He put doubt into her mind about what God had said. The devil told her that God was holding out on her by not letting her eat from the knowledge of good and evil. It was only one tree, but he convinced her that if she ate the fruit on it, she would be like God.

She already was like God because God had made Adam and Eve in his image. They were complete in him, but the great deceiver came and convinced her otherwise. The rest is history. Eve fell for the lie, and both she and Adam ate the forbidden fruit.

Then when God showed up on the scene the blame game started. That is the way of sin. We don't want to accept our guilt and face the consequences, so we blame others. Eve blamed the serpent, and then Adam ultimately blamed God for his sin by His giving him Eve.

The blame game is still going on. We blame the current president for our situation in our country. We blame our problems on the election. We blame the Democrats or blame the Republicans. We blame our children, or we blame our parents. We blame our employer, or we blame our employees. We blame everyone else but ourselves.

The issue isn't who to blame, the issue is sin. When we realize that the consequence for sin is separation from God, we want an easy way out. There is no easy way out. We must all acknowledge that we are responsible for things being the way we are because we have neglected to do what Adam should have done. He was held accountable for what Eve did because he was her spiritual head. He should have stopped her, but that didn't happen. We are held accountable for the sin in our lives and the sin in our nation by neglecting to do something about it. How do we do that? We do that by bringing people into the Kingdom of God through salvation and disciplining them in the Word of God. Unfortunately, for the most part that isn't happening.

God knew it would end that way, so he took the blame. He allowed his son to come and take the blame for all sin. By shedding his blood for all mankind's sin, he became sin so we could become righteous. Now it is up to us to repent when we fail, just as Adam failed, and ask for forgiveness. When we sin, we cannot blame anyone but ourselves. We are held accountable for our own actions, but the way out is through repentance and giving that sin to Jesus again.

Don't you think it is time to stop playing the blame game? It didn't work in the garden, and it won't work now.