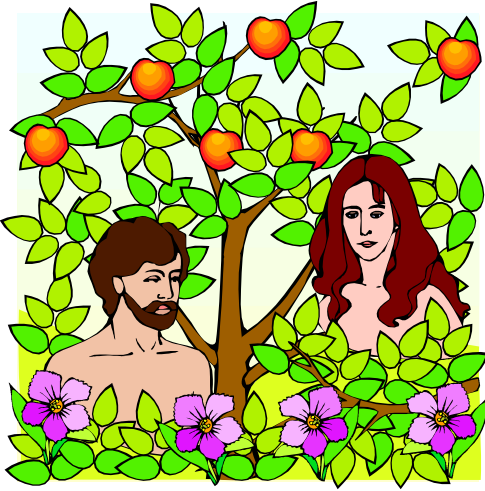


The Story of Salvation

The Fall:



In the beginning, God created Adam and Eve, the first humans on earth. He set them in the Garden of Eden to rule over the creation and have intimate fellowship with Him.

God allowed them to eat from all the lovely trees in the garden except one. He told them that if they eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, they would surely die. Nevertheless, Adam and Eve yielded to the temptation (by the serpent, Satan) and ate from the forbidden fruit.

God chased Adam and Eve from the Garden. They were sent to struggle for their life in a world tainted with their sin. As God had already forewarned them, they would eventually die. This event, known as “the Fall” or “the Original sin”, has separated the creature from his Creator. Adam was the representative of his offspring, so when he sinned, we all sinned in him. This separated us from the fellowship of God.

The Promise:

Despite this, God revealed a plan to restore the fellowship with his creatures in due time. He gave a Promise that from the seed of the woman, “Someone” will come and conquer Satan. Once this is done, our fellowship with god would be restored again.

The Flood:

A while later, the wickedness of mankind went too far. God was very angry, He decided to destroy the whole human beings in a world-wide flood. He preserved the life of only one man, Noah, and his family, in the “Ark”. God called Noah and set him apart for His purpose. By preserving the life of Noah and his family, God also preserved the seed through which the “Saviour” was to come.



The Covenant:



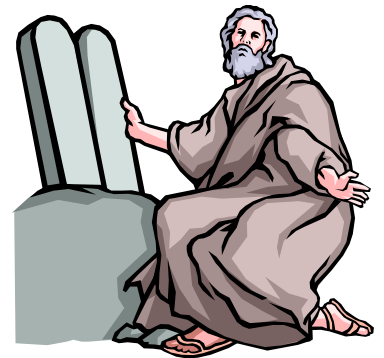
Years later, God chose Abraham to establish an everlasting covenant with him and his descendants. From then on, God will be their God and they will be His people. In his “seed”, all the families of the earth shall be blessed. However, something had to be done about the gap that is already present, and the sin in His people.

God continued his plan for salvation through Abraham, then his son Isaac. Isaac had a son called Jacob. As God changed Jacob’s name to Israel, a nation was born as God’s people. Despite their disobedience and treachery, God persisted to look after them, reminding them repeatedly of His promise, through the prophets.

Through Joseph, a son of Jacob (picture), the people of Israel came to settle in Egypt.

The Law (The Ten Commandments):

After they left Egypt, God gave Moses His law (the Ten Commandments) on Mount Sinai. He taught the people to present sacrifices (slay animals) when they sin. This represented that, one day, God would send a sacrifice, the Lamb of God, to suffer the penalty for their sin, so that the everlasting covenant might be upheld.



This law was not given to provide us a way to save ourselves from death, but to uncover our sins and thus prove the need for the Promise of God.

So, who was the Lamb of God?

He had to be born from the “Seed” of a woman, He had to be born without the “Original sin”, He had to be sinless and He had to die for the sinners and had to conquer death.

The only way to achieve this was for God to take the salvation of his own people into his own hands. He sent His only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, to be born of the Virgin Mary, crucified, died for us and resurrected after having conquered death.



This is our Salvation and our Belief.