

**UNDERSTANDING THE SEXES**  
*God's Blueprint for Men and Women*

**THE BATTLE OF THE SEXES**

Genesis 3:8-19      Jeff Schreve

*"From any tree of the garden you may freely eat; but from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day you eat from it you shall surely die." Genesis 2:16-17*

**How does the sin of Adam and Eve affect us today?**

**1. Their sin brought forth pain.**

A. There is pain in childbirth.

B. There is pain in childrearing.

C. There is pain in making a living.

*Then to Adam He said ... "Cursed is the ground because of you; in toil you shall eat of it all the days of your life. Both thorns and thistles it shall grow for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field; by the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground ..." Genesis 3:17-19*

**2. Their sin brought forth a problem.**

*Then He said to the woman, "I will sharpen the pain of your pregnancy, and in pain you will give birth. And you will desire to control your husband, but he will rule over you." Genesis 3:16 NLT*

A. The woman will struggle with wanting to be in control.

*But as the church is subject to Christ, so also the wives ought to be to their husbands in everything. Ephesians 5:24*

B. The man will struggle with two extremes in the home.

1. He may become an abusive dictator.

2. He may become a passive abdicator.

### 3. Their sin brought forth death.

*"... for in the day you eat from it you shall surely die." Genesis 2:17*

A. Adam and Eve began to die the moment they ate.

B. You and I are spiritually dead the moment we live.

*And you were dead in your trespasses and sins. Ephesians 2:1*

C. Jesus came to bring life.

*For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. 1 Corinthians 15:22*

A genuine relationship with Christ is the answer to it all.

The BIG question: Do you have that?