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Ge 3:1b-7 [The Serpent] said to the woman, "Did God actually say, 'You shall not eat of any tree in the garden?'" And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.'" ⁴But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.

Ge 3:16 To the woman he said, "I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing; in pain you shall bring forth children. Your desire shall be for your husband, and he shall rule over you."

Genesis 3:8-15 ESV

The Fall

⁸And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. ⁹But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?"

¹⁰And he said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself." ¹¹He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" ¹²The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate." ¹³Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

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Lk 24:46-47 And [Jesus] said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem."

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Verse 1

*In the name of God the Father, Son and Spirit,
We bow down; we bow down.*

*We have sinned against you, turned aside and gone astray,
Lost our way; lost our way.*

Refrain

*You are Holy, you are Power, you are Glory.
You are Merciful, Steadfast, Faithful and True.
You are Prince of Peace, Redeemer, Lord.
By your Gift of Grace you've Set Us Free.*

Verse 2

*We are sinners lost in darkness, wayward children,
Caught in bondage; caught in bondage.*

*We can't free ourselves, we're blind, in need of saving,
(we) need a Savior; need a Savior. (Refrain)*

Verse 3

*We are justified, and reconciled and sanctified,
We're forgiven; we're forgiven.*

*In your Grace we stand, redeemed, renewed and freed from sin,
Freed from sin; freed from sin. (Refrain; twice)*

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*We've been Saved by Grace, we are renewed, we've been set free,
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