

# WELCOME TO COWPLAIN CHURCH



WELCOME TO CEC..... Pastor Phill  
SINGING TOGETHER ..... Saviour of the World  
PRAYER  
SINGING TOGETHER ..... King of Kings  
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Who you say I am  
BIBLE READING ..... Genesis 3:1-24 (Church Bible page 59)  
MESSAGE ..... Taught by Pastor Phill  
SINGING TOGETHER ..... Before the throne of God above



## Masks~1

### Removing the masks we wear.

Genesis 3:1-24

#### 1. We believe the only way to be safe is to \_\_\_\_\_ behind a mask.

*'For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and they will become one flesh. The man and his wife were both naked, and they felt no shame.'* Genesis 2:24-25 NIV

*'You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat of it you will surely die.'* Genesis 2:16-17 NIV

*'Did God really say, 'You must not eat from any tree in the garden'?'  
Genesis 3:1 NIV*

*'Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realised that they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves.'* Genesis 3:7 NIV

*'Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the Lord God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the Lord God among the trees of the garden.'* Genesis 3:8 NIV

#### 2. God \_\_\_\_\_ behind the mask.

*'Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight.'* Hebrews 4:13 NIV

*'But the Lord God called to the man, "Where are you?" He answered, "I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid."*  
Genesis 3:9-10 NIV

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### 3. It takes \_\_\_\_\_ to remove the mask.

*'The Lord God made garments of skin for Adam and his wife and clothed them.'* Genesis 3:21 NIV

*'Once you were dead, doomed forever because of your many sins. You used to live just like the rest of the world, full of sin, obeying Satan, the mighty prince of the power of the air. He is the spirit at work in the hearts of those who refuse to obey God. All of us used to live that way, following the passions and desires of our evil nature. We were born with an evil nature, and we were under God's anger just like everyone else.'*  
Ephesians 2:1-4 NLT

*'But God is so rich in mercy, and he loved us so very much, that even while we were dead because of our sins, he gave us life when he raised Christ from the dead. (It is only by God's special favour that you have been saved!) For he raised us from the dead along with Christ, and we are seated with him in the heavenly realms—all because we are one with Christ Jesus. And so God can always point to us as examples of the incredible wealth of his favour and kindness toward us, as shown in all he has done for us through Christ Jesus.'* Ephesians 2:5-7 NLT

*'God saved you by his special favour when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God. Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it. For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so that we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.'*  
Ephesians 2:8-10 NLT

*'We are made right in God's sight when we trust in Jesus Christ to take away our sins. And we all can be saved in this same way, no matter who we are or what we have done.'* Romans 3:22 NLT



#### SMALL GROUP SERMON DISCUSSION

1. What was your favorite costume or mask you wore as a child? How differently did you act while wearing it?
2. Read Genesis 3:1-19. These verses talk about how Adam and Eve experienced shame and hid from God after they sinned.
  - In what ways can people hide from God?
  - Why is hiding from God futile, see Hebrews 4:13, and why would we hide anyway?
  - What are some things you can do to help and encourage people to stop hiding and come out into the open?
3. Read Genesis 2:24-25 and Genesis 3:7. What does the fact that Adam and Eve felt no shame before their sin and that they felt shame after their sin tell us about the effects of sin?
  - Why is it so easy for us to believe the lies that are caused by shame?
4. Why was Jesus so stern with people who were hypocrites?
  - What areas of life are people and Christians hypocritical?
  - How can we address it?
5. Read Genesis 3:9-10. Why did God ask His question and what does it reveal about God?
  - What was Adam's reply and what does it reveal about Adam?
6. Read Genesis 3:21. What does this tell us about God and how does it point to Jesus?
7. Read Ephesians 2:1-10. Discuss what this passage means to you.
  - How would you use it to help someone who needs the freeing news of the Gospel?
8. Read Romans 3:22. We are saved not by what we have done, but by what Jesus has done. How does this verse encourage you and help you to remove any masks you might be wearing?



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