

Are You a 'Garden Walker'?

(Or, "Are You Walking in the 'Garden' With God?")

Daily Companionship With God Lost Due To Sin

Genesis 2:8

The LORD God planted a garden eastward in Eden, and there He put the man whom He had formed.

Genesis 3:8

they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God **among the trees of the garden.**

Genesis 3:9

Then the LORD God called to Adam and said to him, "**Where are you?**"

Possibly the saddest question in Scripture. God's daily companion is hiding, not to be found.
Where are we?

What trees are we 'hiding' among?
Work?
Busyness?
Ministry?

Relationship With God Regained Through Jesus' Work

Romans 3:23-25a

all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in **Christ Jesus, whom God set forth as a propitiation by His blood,**

Romans 5:1

Therefore, **having been justified by faith,** we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ

Romans 5:8-11

But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, **having now been justified by His blood,** we shall be saved from wrath through Him. For if when we were enemies **we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son,** much more, **having been reconciled,** we shall be saved by His life. And not only that, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom **we have now received the reconciliation.**

Daily Companionship / Fellowship With God Renewed

Revelation 3:20

Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, **I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me.**

1 John 1:3b

truly our **fellowship** is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ.

Song of Solomon 6:2-3

My beloved has gone to his garden, To the beds of spices,
To feed his flock in the gardens,
And to gather lilies.
I am my beloved's,
And my beloved is mine.
He feeds his flock among the lilies.

1 Corinthians 15:45

And so it is written, "THE FIRST MAN ADAM BECAME A LIVING BEING."
The last Adam became a life-giving spirit.

Salvation through Jesus is not an end in itself. It is the means to an end – the end being eternal fellowship with God that begins at the new birth. God longs for the sweet fellowship of His kids, walking in the 'garden' of His presence. It's a 'garden' that is available to us 24/7/365.

That's His heartbeat for us – loving, intimate, communion with Him, in a 'garden' He plants for each of us, and wants to walk in with each of us.