## The First Noel

## **Genesis 3:12-15**

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Introduction: The first announcement of the gospel. The gospel is good news, not good advice. It is not "wages" but "gift" so that it may be "grace"! (cf. Romans 4:1-8)

- 1. Grace by hearing what we deserve
- 2. Grace by hearing what God has done for us
- 3. Grace by hearing what God does in us
  - a. Restraining sin; enmity between the woman and the serpent
  - b. Setting us apart among His people; covenant of grace: seed v.s. seed; the woman will have a people, and the serpent will have a people
    - i. Already *called* holy.
    - ii. Called *to be* holy.
    - iii. Being made holy

Conclusion: Grace not just as blessing for those who deserve only curse, but also as power for those who have only weakness. The Victorious Savior; the Seed v.s. the serpent; the serpent will deal the Savior a blow, but the Savior will deal the serpent the death blow!