

# The Organic Unity of Salvation History

The Beginning	The Climax	The End
<p>And the Lord God had planted a paradise of pleasure from the beginning: wherein he placed man whom he had formed. And the Lord God brought forth of the ground all manner of trees, fair to behold, and pleasant to eat of: the tree of life also in the midst of paradise: and the tree of knowledge of good and evil. Genesis 2: 8-9</p>	<p>Then Jesus came with them into a country place which is called Gethsemani. And he said to his disciples: Sit you here, till I go yonder and pray. Matthew 26: 36</p>	<p>And he showed me a river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding from the throne of God and of the Lamb. In the midst of the street thereof, and on both sides of the river, was the tree of life, bearing twelve fruits, yielding its fruits every month: the leaves of the tree for the healing of the nations. Revelation 22: 1-2</p>
<p>The Bible begins first with God who is a perfect communion of persons in the Trinity. Then we see man in a garden, in original holiness in communion with God. Man is made for communion with God.</p>	<p>At the very height of salvation history when Jesus prays his High Priestly prayer, we find him in a garden. Jesus Christ is the Way that man must take in order to find communion with God once again.</p>	<p>At the very end of salvation history we once again see garden imagery. We begin in a place of original holiness in communion with God in a garden. We end incorporated into Christ's body, once again in a place of perfect holiness.</p>

And I live, now not I: but Christ liveth in me. And that I live  
 now in the flesh: I live in the faith of the Son of God, who loved me  
 and delivered himself for me.  
 Galatians 2:20