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Genesis 3

Lesson 17A The two Adams

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The Bible speaks of the Lord Jesus Christ as being, not just the second Adam but the last Adam. He came to this earth to restore man and creation to their original relationships with the Father. A careful reading of Romans 5:12-21 and 1 Corinthians 15:21-22, 45-47 will reveal a wonderful comparison of the two Adams.

There was the first Adam... that was the man that God created in the Garden of Eden. Then there is the last Adam the Lord Jesus Christ. The last Adam came to this earth to restore man, and to restore creation to their original relationships with God the Father.

Read carefully Romans 5:12 *Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:* Notice all die for Adam's sin. We are born as a natural man, fleshly man, a carnal man, this will lead us into sin. (Romans 8:5-8) None of us will be sent to hell for the sin that Adam committed in the garden. The Bible says that the son will not be put to death for the iniquity of the father. (Ezekiel 18:20; Deuteronomy 24:16) The Bible says every man shall bear his own burden. (Galatians 6:5) We must all stand alone as individuals before Almighty God in a day of judgment. We all inherit from Adam's sin nature we are all sinners by nature; that sin brings about our death as our own personal transgression of the commandment of God.

Verse 12. *...death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:* People talk about original sin. There is original sin but the original sin is not my problem. My problem is the sin I committed. Not the sin Adam committed.

Verse 13. *...For until the law sin was in the world: but sin is not imputed when there is no law.* When witnessing to a lost person the question that sometimes arises is "what about the natives in Africa, and what about the babies that die at birth? Will God send them to hell since they never heard the Gospel?" NO, The Bible says here, sin is not imputed... God does not place sin on your record... God does not count you guilty of sin until that sin is a willful transgression of the known laws of God.

People have searched the Bible in vain to find an age of accountability. Of which they will never find, because each person is different. There are people in nursing homes today that are 50 years old, yet they have the mind of a 5 year old.

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God is a loving God who will never charge a man/woman as being guilty of sin until there is understanding and knowledge that he/she is violating the laws and commandments of God.

Verse 14. *Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over them that had not sinned after the similitude of Adam's transgression, who is the figure of him that was to come.* Notice a couple of things. An older brother used to say: *We do not all sin alike; but we all alike are sinners.* Adam's sin was not eating the fruit of that tree. Adam's sin was disobeying God. Not all of us disobey God in the same way, but we have all disobeyed God.

Lost people want to try and prove to you that they are not all that bad and do not deserve the punishment you speak of. They will usually respond to you with something like: *"Well I have never killed anyone, or committed adultery,"* did you ever put something ahead of God, did you ever lie? God says Romans 6:23 *For the wages of sin is death; just one sin,* (James 2:10 and you are guilty of all.

Notice the grammar in Romans 5:14 Strange but beautiful wording. *...who is the figure of him that was to come.* Adam is put in the present tense. Adam is right now a figure of Jesus Christ who was to come. He has already come. Now what does that teach us? At His first coming... not His second coming Jesus fulfilled His role as the last Adam. The verse does not read Adam *is the figure of him that IS to come.* Because what Jesus did to fix what Adam messed up He did at His first coming.

I. The First Adam, The Last Adam

The First Adam: By his offense many are dead.

The Last Adam: By His grace the free gift abounds to many.

It would be a denial of much scripture truth to state that the "many" dead in the first Adam did not include all who had reached accountability (Romans 7:9). It would be equally dishonest to limit the "many" toward whom the gift of grace abounds to a group not inclusive of all the "many" dead by Adam's offense.

Romans 5:15 here is the first contrast. *But not as the offence, so also is the free gift. For if through the offence of one many be dead, much more the grace of God, and the gift by grace, which is by one man, Jesus Christ, hath abounded unto many.* By the first Adam's offense many are dead. How many? All. By the grace of God through the second Adam the free gift of God's grace abounds to how many? There are religions in the world that teach only the elect. Of which is not true. You cannot make the offence abound to all and the free gift abounding to all being two different things. If the offence that brings death is to all men then the grace that brings life is to all men. That is the first contrast.

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II. The First Judgment, The Last Justification

The First Adam: brought judgment to condemnation.

The Last Adam: brought justification.

Romans 5:16. *And not as it was by one that sinned, so is the gift: for the judgment was by one to condemnation, but the free gift is of many offences unto justification.* Only one sin brings death. One sin brings the condemnation of the first Adam. No matter how man sins there may be, the free gift from the last Adam can give you justification. The definition of justification is to make one guiltless in the eyes of God. When a person is acquitted by a court of law, it means that he has been tried for a crime and found to be absolutely without guilt, that is the meaning of justification.

III. The First Death reigns, The Last Everlasting Life

The First Adam: under his ruined dominion death reigns

The Last Adam: under his everlasting dominion the saints reign in newness of life.

Romans 5:17. *For if by one man's offence death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ.)* Under Adam's ruined dominion death reigns John 3:17 tells us that we are condemned already. Death has dominion and is conquering every man/woman. But the Lord Jesus Christ, His abundant abounding overcoming grace is sufficient to conquer even death. We no longer look forward to eternal everlasting damnation in a lake of fire but we look forward to this life that we received from Jesus Christ going on forever and forever out into eternity because we are no longer under Adam's dominion of death but under Jesus Christ reign of life and righteousness.

Hebrews 2:14-15... *Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil; ¹⁵ And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.* Notice every man having only the first birth (the natural birth) is under the dominion of death, death will eventually subdue you. *The soul that sinneth, it shall die.* (Ezekiel 18:4, 20) But when you are born again (a second birth), the last Adam is now your Father. You are born into a new family. (1 Peter 1:23)

The Last Adam (Jesus Christ) is your new Master, He is everlasting Life, He is the Alpha... the Omega... the beginning... the end... the deathless resurrection and the life... No longer does death reign over you; but now life reigns over you

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IV. The First Disobedience, The Last Obedience

The First Adam: by his disobedience his offspring were made sinners

The Last Adam: by his obedience his offspring are made righteous.

Romans 5:18. *Therefore as by the offence of one judgment came upon all men to condemnation; even so by the righteousness of one the free gift came upon all men unto justification of life.* Everybody has access to justification through Jesus Christ. Some people teach that God foreordained some to be saved and some to be lost, this is false doctrine. (2 Peter 3:9) God wants no one to perish, *but that all should come*, it is a choice. John 3:16 says *should not perish*, Why? Christ died for the sins of the whole world, but you have to choose to believe it or not.

Adam was a sinner; because I am in Adam, I have Adam's blood in my veins which makes me an unrighteous sinner. That is what condemns me. I can never be anything but an unrighteous sinner. That is why Jesus Christ had to be born by a virgin woman. If Jesus Christ was conceived through the natural act of a man and woman, He would have had Adam's blood in His veins, which is sinful blood. Mary was impregnated by the Holy Spirit of God and thus conceived the body of the Lord Jesus Christ without sin. (Luke 1:35; Hebrews 10:5)

What justifies me, declares me righteous, gets me to heaven? Look at the end of verse 18... *by the righteousness of one...* (ONE.) It took Adam's sin to condemn all of us. It takes Jesus' righteousness to justify all of us.

Verse 19. *For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous.* My obedience didn't make me righteous. Christ's obedience made me righteous. You will never be right enough... good enough... clean enough... holy enough to earn a place in heaven. You are either trusting in the obedience and righteousness of Jesus Christ; or you are lost in your sins.

Notes

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Name _____

All answers must have scripture back-up to receive full credit.

1. Who was the first Adam?
2. What is the significance of Mary being a virgin?
3. Explain the term *sin is not imputed*?
4. Please explain why the term "age of accountability" is not Bible truth?
5. What did Mary give birth to in a manger?
6. What's important about the "is" and the "was" in Romans 5:14?
7. What does John 3:16 and 2 Peter 3:9 tell us about the false doctrine of foreordained election?
8. Show the antonym of each fill in the blanks:

Last Adam	_____
Life	_____
Obedience	_____
Justification	_____

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9. Why was it so important that Jesus be born with no sin in His blood?

10. Would God allow sin in heaven?, explain why and relate to answer given for question 9.

11. Who was the last Adam?

12. Why is Mary not a perpetual virgin?

13. Why is it that babies do not go to Hell when they die?

True/false

- Jesus Christ is the Last Adam, The Almighty, The Alpha and Omega.
- God determining who was going to Heaven and who is going to Hell is false doctrine.
- Jesus Christ by his death destroyed the power of death and the fear of death.
- Any one sin will condemn you to Hell.



Memory verses, write these out on the back of this page. (must be in KJV)
Hebrew 2:14-15; 1 Peter 1:23; Deuteronomy 24:16

Any questions?