

“The Two Adams”

Lesson 36

1. The FIRST ADAM was made in GOD’S IMAGE. Genesis 1:26&27; Gen. 5:1&2
2. When Adam fathered Seth, Seth was born in the IMAGE OF ADAM, in HIS LIKENESS. Genesis 5:3
3. From the time Adam began to father children in HIS OWN IMAGE, man has been BORN SINFUL, self-centered, and DEAD in trespasses and sin. Ephesians 2:1&5; Psalm 51:5
4. Jesus CONFIRMED the Satanic, or SINFUL NATURE, in John 8:44 and 1 John 3:8-10.
5. The reason for the SECOND ADAM, whom we will talk more about later, is to DESTROY the work of Satan. 1 John 3:8b
6. Since Satan is the father of the unsaved by NATURAL BIRTH we must experience a SUPERNATURAL birth. John 3:3&7
7. The ENTIRE WORLD is divided into TWO DIVISIONS. Those who REMAIN the children of the first Adam and those who BECOME the children of God by accepting the last Adam who is CHRIST. 1 Cor. 15:45
8. Adam was created in the IMAGE and LIKENESS of God. Image means a RESEMBLANCE. Likeness means a MODEL.
9. We resemble God because we are a TRINITY. We are THREE parts: body, soul, and spirit.
 - A. The body related Adam to the PHYSICAL creation because it contains the five senses.
 - B. The soul related Adam to OTHERS in that the soul is made up of INTELLECT, EMOTIONS, memory, reason, etc.
 - C. The spirit related Adam to the SPIRITUAL: his relationship to God.
10. The soul and the spirit are so closely aligned it is often difficult for us to differentiate between the two, however, we know they are DISTINCT. Hebrews 4:12a
11. All three are included in creation in Genesis 2:7:
 - A. God FORMED a body.
 - B. God BREATHED life, the SPIRIT into the body.
 - C. When these two things happened man became a LIVING SOUL.
12. To put it yet another way:
 - A. The body represents WORLD consciousness.
 - B. The soul represents awareness of SELF and OTHERS.
 - C. The spirit represents GOD consciousness.

13. Our NATURAL birth made us all MEMBERS of the FALLEN race of Adam.
Gen. 5:3&4; Romans 5:12; Romans 3:23; and Psalm 51:5
14. Man continues, from Adam, to be born a TRINITY: body, soul and spirit; intellect emotion, and will. 1 Thess. 5:23; Hebrews 4:12
15. An Old Testament picture of the tabernacle shows a picture of the importance of the SPIRIT OF GOD. The tabernacle was physically COMPLETE but spiritually INCOMPLETE until the Spirit of God ENTERED and took up His abode in the “most holy place.”
Exodus 40:33&34
 - * In the same way an unbelieving human being is two dimensional. He is incomplete until his spirit is made alive to God’s Spirit by supernatural second birth.
16. God is STILL making man in His image but He is no longer using the FIRST ADAM to bring it to pass, but rather is using Jesus the LAST ADAM to get the job done.
Ephesians 2:1, 3, 4 & 10; 2 Cor. 4:6 and 2 Cor. 3:18
17. Jesus is the FIRST person since Adam to bear the LOST IMAGE of God.
Col. 1:15; Heb. 1:3; 2 Cor. 4:4
18. When TEMPTED, the first Adam sinned. The SECOND did not. Matt. 4:1-11; Heb. 4:15
 - * Notice in Matthew 4 the victory over sin came by using the Scriptures, even for Christ, the Son of God Himself. Both Christ and Adam were tempted by the lust of the eyes, the lust of the flesh and the pride of life. 1 John 2:16
19. To be RESTORED to the image of Christ demands a NEW CREATION.
2 Cor. 5:17; 2 Peter 1:3&4

SUMMARY

THE TWO ADAMS - A CONTRAST Romans 5:12-21

Conclusion

The secret to a happy life is to know and claim Romans 8:28-29: “But that was in the last lesson,” you say. Yes, but it is the summation of this lesson and pinpoints the truth for practical Christian living. In 1 Corinthians 15:49, Paul gives the great promise: “As we have borne the *image* of the earthy (Adam) we shall also bear the *image* of the heavenly (Christ).”

“For we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to His purpose. For whom He did foreknow, He also did predestinate to be conformed to the *image* of His Son” (Romans 8:28-29). The “good” for which God is working all things together is to restore His original purpose of making us in His image. If we belong to Christ, we shall be able to rest in Him regardless of the attacks of Satan. We can stand like Job, and say, “Though He slay me, yet will I trust Him” (Job 13:15).

All of us were born with the nature of the first Adam. By accepting Christ as Saviour, we become “new creations in Christ Jesus” and take on the nature of the Second Adam, Christ. “We know that when He shall appear, we shall be like Him; for we shall be see Him as He is” (1 John 3:2).