

JESUS – NAME ABOVE ALL NAMES

<u>Phil. 2:9</u> Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him **a name which is above every name**:

<u>Acts 4:12</u> Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.

<u>Prov. 18:10</u> The name of the LORD is a strong tower: the righteous runneth into it, and is safe.

<u>Psa. 34:3</u> O magnify the LORD with me, and **let us exalt his name together**. We have recently observed over twenty variations of the name "Jehovah." Tonight, we begin looking at another title for the Lord Jesus Christ:

THE LAST ADAM

<u>1 Cor. 15:45</u> And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; **the last Adam** was made a quickening spirit.

<u>46</u> Howbeit that *was* not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural; and afterward that which is spiritual.

<u>47</u> The first man is of the earth, earthy: the second man is the Lord from heaven.

<u>48</u> As *is* the earthy, such *are* they also that are earthy: and as *is* the heavenly, such *are* they also that are heavenly. <u>49</u> And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly.

- Liberals most often deny the historical existence of Adam. When considering a church, ask the pastor or priest if Gen. 1-11 is to be taken literally or symbolically. If they deny Adam's existence, leave the heretic immediately and find a church true to the Bible.
- The Scriptural verification of Adam's existence is found in both the Old and New Testaments.

THE FIRST MAN ADAM

- <u>Gen. 5:1</u> This *is* the book of the generations of Adam.
- In the day that God created man, in the likeness of God made he him;
- 2 Male and female created he them; and blessed
- them, and called their name Adam, in the day when they were created.
- <u>3</u> And Adam lived an hundred and thirty years, and begat *a son* in his own likeness, after his image; and called his name Seth:
- 5 And all the days that Adam lived were nine hundred and thirty years: and he died.

<u>1 Chron. 1:1</u> Adam, Sheth, Enosh,

Luke 3:38 Which was *the son* of Enos, which was *the son* of Seth, which was *the son* of Adam, which was *the son* of God.

<u>Jude 1:14</u> And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints,

Job 31:33 If I covered my transgressions as Adam, by hiding mine iniquity in my bosom:

Isa. 43:27 Thy first father hath sinned, and thy teachers have transgressed against me.

<u>Deut. 32:8</u> When the most High divided to the nations their inheritance, when he separated **the sons of Adam**, he set the bounds of the people according to the number of the children of Israel.

<u>Rom. 5:14</u> 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. <u>1 Cor. 15:22</u> For as **in Adam all die**, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

<u>1 Tim. 2:13</u> For Adam was first formed, then Eve. <u>14</u> And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived was in the transgression.

THE LAST ADAM

<u>Isa. 7:14</u> Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; **Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel**.

<u>Mt. 1:23</u> Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call **his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us**. <u>Luke 1:27</u> To a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and **the virgin's name was Mary.**

<u>Jn. 1:14</u> And **the Word was made flesh**, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

<u>Gal. 4:4</u> But when the fulness of the time was come, **God sent forth his Son, made of a woman**, made under the law, <u>1 Tim. 3:16</u> And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: **God was manifest in the flesh**, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.

- Adam, the first man, was created by God and is the representative head of all mankind.
- In <u>1 Cor. 15</u>, the Holy Spirit moved the Apostle Paul to write about various aspects of the resurrection of the believers. While doing so, he compared and contrasted "the first man Adam" with the Lord Jesus as "the last Adam." Tonight, we will examine this passage to learn the meaning of the title, "THE LAST ADAM."

I. <u>THE BELIEVERS ARE COMPARED TO THE FIRST</u> <u>ADAM</u>

A. The Comparison in Regard to Creation

<u>1 Cor. 15:45a</u> "And so it is written, **The first man** Adam was made a living soul..."

Adam was made a living soul;

B. The Comparison in Regard to Character

The first Adam, was not spiritual, but "natural"

<u>1 Cor. 15:46a</u> "Howbeit that *was* not first which is spiritual, **but that which is natural**..."

<u>1 Cor. 2:14</u> But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know *them*, because they are spiritually discerned.

The first Adam was earthy;

<u>1 Cor. 15:47a</u> "The first man is of the earth, earthy..."

<u>Gen. 3:15</u> And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.

<u>Rom. 5:12</u> 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: <u>13</u> (For until the law sin was in the world: but sin is not imputed when there is no law.

<u>14</u> 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.

<u>15</u> 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.

<u>16</u> 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. <u>17</u> 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**.)

<u>18</u> 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.

<u>19</u> For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous.

II. THE BELIEVERS ARE CONTRASTED TO THE LAST ADAM

A. The Contrast in Regard to Creation

<u>1 Cor. 15:45b</u> "...**the last Adam** was made a quickening spirit."

The last Adam was made a quickening spirit.

Eph. 2:1 And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins;

<u>Eph. 2:5</u> Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;)

B. The Contrast in Regard to Character

The last Adam is spiritual.

<u>1 Cor. 15:46b</u> "...and afterward that which is spiritual."

"The second man is the Lord from heaven."

<u>1 Cor. 15:47b</u> "...**the second man** *is* the Lord from heaven."

III. <u>THE BELIEVERS ARE CHANGED BY THE LAST</u> <u>ADAM</u>

A. The Change from the Inside

Natural human beings are like Adam, earthy;

<u>1 Cor. 15:47a</u> "The first man is of the earth, earthy..."

<u>1 Cor. 15:48a</u> "As *is* the earthy, such *are* they also that are earthy..."

B. The Change on the Outside

Heavenly people are heavenly, like Christ.

<u>1 Cor. 15:47b</u> "...**the second man** *is* the Lord from heaven."

<u>1 Cor. 15:48b</u> "...as *is* the heavenly, **such** *are* **they also that are heavenly**."

C. The Change is Outstanding

<u>2 Cor. 5:17</u> Therefore **if any man** *be* **in Christ**, *he is* **a new creature**: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

Believers "have borne the image of the earthy" before salvation.

<u>Eph. 2:2</u> Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:

<u>3</u> Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others. As born again believers, "we shall also bear the image of the heavenly." = look like and live like the Lord Jesus Christ.

<u>1 Jn. 2:6</u> He that saith he abideth in him **ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked**.

Summary

THE FIRST ADAM Tempted in the Garden Supernaturally created without a woman Was a sinner Confronted the forbidden tree Commanded to not eat the fruit Disobeyed God's command Brought death upon all mankind Was the first gardener THE LAST ADAM Tempted in the wilderness Supernaturally created without a man Was sinless Confronted the accursed tree Command to drink what is in the cup Obeyed the Father's command Gives life to all repenting sinners Thought to be a gardener (Jn. 20:15) As "the Last Adam," there will not be any other man as a third representative from God toward mankind. What mankind lost via the first Adam, primarily fellowship with the Creator, is regained by the Last Adam, as the Lord Jesus Christ is the only mediator between God and man.

<u>1 Tim. 2:5</u> For *there is* one God, and **one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus**;

<u>Conclusion</u>

<u>1 Cor. 15:22</u> For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

Phil. 2:5 Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:

<u>6</u> Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God:

<u>7</u> But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men:

<u>8</u> And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. <u>9</u> Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and **given him a name which is above every name**: <u>10</u> That **at the name of Jesus** every knee should bow, of *things* in heaven, and *things* in earth, and *things* under the earth;

<u>11</u> And *that* every tongue should confess that Jesus

Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.