

**Just Checking In**  
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**The First and Second Adam**

**One man got us into this mess,  
and there is only one Man who can get us out...  
The Man Christ Jesus!**

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There are three key New Testament passages that focus on the great contrast between Adam and Christ, between the First Man and the Second Man, between Fall and Redemption, between Curse and Blessing.

**Gen 3:1-24** The first Adam is revealed in Genesis 1-3. In Genesis 1-2 we see the glorious Creator making Adam in His image and blessing Him with life, dominion, a wife and a paradise garden. But Adam chose to believe Satan's lie and Eve's offer to rebel against God and as a result plunged themselves, all of their posterity, and the entire world into the darkness and destruction of sin and death.

Adam **stole** what did not belong to him, the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

Adam **grasped** what God forbade.

Adam **filled himself** with the forbidden fruit for his own satisfaction.

Adam **took the place of lordship** that belonged only to God, as he rebelled against God's good will.

Adam **exalted himself**, seeking the authority that belonged to God alone.

Adam **rebelled** against God's command, God's plan, God's will, God's sovereignty.

Adam took of the **tree of the knowledge of good and evil** and learned what evil is by becoming evil in the act of rebellion.

Adam did what he did **for himself**. He himself was the focus and basis of his choice. Self reigned in Adam's heart.

Adam made the choice to serve himself, seek his own glory, and do his own evil will. "**My will**" was his theme.

Adam brought **death** to all mankind as his choice would corrupt and condemn all those who are in him.

Adam brought **alienation** to all mankind as the gates to Eden were closed to everyone from that day on.

Adam **lost** the blessing, the garden, the fellowship, and the life God had freely given him all because of His sin.

Now read slowly and note the key words in the three key New Testament passages that show the glorious contrast between Adam and Christ.

### **Philippians 2:5-8**

Php 2:5 Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, 6 who, ***being in the form of God***, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, (to cling to or **grasp** on to His equality with God the Father) 7 but made Himself of no reputation, (**emptied Himself** by) taking the form of a **bondservant**, and coming in the likeness of men. 8 And being found in appearance as a man, **He humbled Himself** and **became obedient to the point of death**, even the death of the **cross**.

What a stunning contrast to Adam in the garden is **Jesus** in **heaven**, and in the **womb**, and on the **cross**.

<b>ADAM</b>	<b>CHRIST</b>
Stole	Gave
Grasped	Did not grasp
Filled himself	Emptied Himself
Took Lordship	Took Servanthood
Exalted himself	Humbled Himself
Rebelled	Obedied
Tree of Knowledge	Tree of Calvary
For himself	For us
“My will”	“Your will”
Brought death to us all	Brings life to us all
Brought alienation	Brings reconciliation

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### **Romans 5:12-20**

Ro 5:12 Therefore, just as **through one man sin entered the world**, and **death through sin**, and thus **death spread to all men**, because all sinned--  
13 (For until the law sin was in the world, but sin is not imputed when there is no law. 14 Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those who had not sinned according to the likeness of the transgression of Adam, who is a type of Him who was to come. 15 But the **free gift** is not like the **offense**. For if by the one **man's offense many died**, much more the grace of God and **the gift by the grace of the one Man, Jesus Christ, abounded to many**. 16 And the gift is not like that which came through the **one who sinned**. For the **judgment which came from one offense** resulted in **condemnation**, but the **free gift** which came from **many offenses** resulted in justification. 17 For if by the **one man's offense death reigned through the one**, much more **those who receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ.**) 18 Therefore, as through **one man's offense judgment** came to **all men**, resulting in **condemnation**, even so through **one Man's righteous act** the **free gift** came to **all men**, resulting in **justification** of life. 19 For as by **one man's disobedience** many were **made sinners**, so also by **one Man's obedience** many will be **made righteous**. 20 Moreover the law entered that the offense might abound. But where sin abounded, grace abounded much more, 21 **so that as sin reigned in death, even so grace might reign through righteousness to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

### **1 Cor 15:45-49**

And so it is written, "The **first man Adam** became a **living being**." The **last Adam** became a **life-giving spirit**.

46 However, the spiritual is not first, but the natural, and afterward the spiritual. 47 The **first man was of the earth, made of dust**; the **second Man** is the **Lord from heaven**. 48 As was the **man of dust**, so also are those who are made of dust; and as is the **heavenly Man**, so also are those who are heavenly. 49 And as we have borne the image of **the man of dust**, we shall also bear the image of **the heavenly Man**. (the Man from heaven)

Our Lord Jesus, the Man from heaven, the last Adam, the Righteous One, the Life-giver, the Restorer, the Servant, the Obedient One, the Submissive One, the Surrendered One, the Humble One, the Holy One, the Gracious One is our only hope, our certain hope, our settled hope, our glorious hope. Let us exalt Him in word, deed, thought, and attitude. Let us have this mind, that He may have the glory He is worthy of.

### **Self Check**

- 1) How has the "old man", the sinful nature inherited from Adam, shown itself in your attitudes, perspectives or thoughts in the last few days?
- 2) How has the indwelling Christ enabled you to recognize, confront and overcome the "old man" by putting on the "new man" of Christ-led submission and obedience?

3) Phil 2:5-8 says to “let this mindset, way of thinking” be in you which was in Christ Jesus.... Write down at least 10 things that would be indicative of this mindset, outlook, and attitude.

### **For Further Study**

Compare the three key New Testament passages with each other as they contrast Adam and Christ.

Compare Adam and Eve in the garden (Genesis 2-3) with Jesus in the desert (Matt 4:1-11). Note and compare the similarities and differences in location, setting, temptation, responses, and outcomes. What do you learn about yourself, Satan, temptation, how to respond, and outcomes from both events?

***Remember, you are very special to us and we pray for you.***

***Living with leaving in view.... John 9:4 Ron& Val***

Seeing the Invisible,  
Embracing The Unapproachable,  
Declaring the Unexplainable,  
Changed by the Immutable,  
Running after the Irresistible  
With inexhaustible joy  
In our inexpressible sorrows,  
Spending our time on eternity,  
Owning nothing yet possessing everything  
That matters and lasts.  
We are Pilgrims in Paradox.  
Welcome to THE JOURNEY

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