

Theme: Christ is the fulfillment of everything Adam was called to be, and He exceeds those expectations, bringing eternal life to His people.

## I. Intro – Christ and Adam

- A. We have been viewing Christ as fulfillment of man
- B. Now look at Christ and Adam specifically
  - 1. Adam called type of Christ (Rom 5:14)
  - 2. Jesus called 'last Adam' (1 Cor 15:45)
- C. How Christ and Adam related? Same/different?

## II. Adam: The Living Being

- A. Adam created a living being (soul) – Gen 2:7
  - 1. Formed from land – like other creatures
  - 2. God breathed life into Adam – living being
- B. Adam possessed life – and was to pass on life
  - 1. Adam had life – including relationship w/ God
  - 2. Adam was to pass life on to progeny

## III. The Fall: Adam the 'Dead Man Walking'

- A. Curse: Adam dies (Gen 3:19; 2:16-17;)
  - 1. Dust to dust – physical death (3:19)

- 2. 'In the day' – spiritual death (separation) (2:16-17)

## B. Adam: progenitor (ancestor) of death

- 1. Death comes to all through Adam (Rom 5:12-19)
- 2. 2 Esdras 7:118; Father Adam poem
- 3. Not only reason for death; but reason here

## IV. Christ: The Last Adam

### A. Christ & Adam: opposites

- 1. 1 Cor 15:45 – living being; life giving Spirit!
- 2. Romans 5:12-21 – many differences
  - a. Sin v righteousness (slide)
  - b. Death v life (slide)
  - c. Judgment v gift/grace/justification (slide)

### B. Christ & Adam: the same

- 1. The one affecting the many
- 2. The head of two humanities
- 3. Thomas Goodwin quote on two men

## V. Conclusion & Summary

- A. The corporate nature of humanity

1. Our culture – sin is compartmental; personal
  2. Sin spreads through all of me
  3. No man is an island – sin spreads to others
  4. The sin of Adam affected us all - death
- B. Christ has overcome Adam's fall!
1. Christ is greater than Adam
  2. All of His people live forever
  3. His people reign in life through Him!
- C. Are you in Adam or in Christ?
1. All are born in Adam
  2. We must be born again into Christ
  3. Are you in Christ? Come to Him for life!

### Christ: The Last Adam

Genesis 2:7; Romans 5:14; 1 Corinthians 15:45

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Based on Romans 6:4-5

<sup>19</sup> By the sweat of your brow you will eat your food **until you return to the ground**, since from it you were taken; **for dust you are and to dust you will return.**" Genesis 3:19

And the LORD God commanded the man, "You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; 17 but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, **for when (literally: in the day) you eat of it you will surely die.**" Genesis 2:16-17

Therefore, just as **sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all men, because all sinned--**<sup>13</sup> for before the law was given, sin was in the world. But sin is not taken into account when there is no law.<sup>14</sup> Nevertheless, death reigned from the time of Adam to the time of Moses, even over those who did not sin by breaking a command, as did Adam, who was a pattern of the one to come.<sup>15</sup> But the gift is not like the trespass. For **if the many died by the trespass of the one man**, how much more did God's grace and the gift that came by the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, overflow to the many!<sup>16</sup> Again, the gift of God is not like the result of the one man's sin: **The judgment followed one sin and brought condemnation**, but the gift followed many trespasses and brought justification.<sup>17</sup> For if, **by the trespass of the one man, death reigned through that one man**, how much more will those who receive God's abundant provision of grace and of the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.<sup>18</sup> Consequently, just **as the result of one trespass was condemnation for all men**, so also the result of one act of righteousness was justification that brings life for all men.<sup>19</sup> For just as **through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners**, so also through the obedience of the one man the many will be made righteous. Rom 5:12-19

O Adam, what have you done? For though it was you who sinned, the fall was not yours alone, but ours also who are your descendants." 2 Esdras 7:118

Father Adam, Don't you see what you have done?  
You've given all your children To the fire and to the worm  
And we're bleeding O we're needing  
And it's a hard fate That's befallen our race  
Cold wind from Eden Blows across my face

In God's sight there are two men – Adam and Jesus Christ – and these two men have all other men hanging at their girdle strings – Thomas Goodwin, quoted in Bruce, 127.