

Theme: As the Second Adam, Christ has worked redemption and is restoring God's original purposes for mankind.

## I. Intro – The Importance of Why

- A. Young kids and the question “Why?”
- B. It can get exasperating!
- C. The importance of asking “Why”
- D. Last week – “Why the Incarnation?”
- E. This week – “Why the Second Adam?”

## II. Christ the Second Adam

- A. Explicit references to Christ as the 2<sup>nd</sup> Adam
  - 1. Christ explicitly called the “last Adam” (45-47)
  - 2. Christ is explicitly linked with Adam (22)
  - 3. Adam is a type and Christ the anti-type (5:14)
- B. Implicit references to Christ as 2<sup>nd</sup> Adam
  - 1. Luke 3:38-4:13 – Genealogy, temptation
  - 2. Romans 5:15-19 – one man and one man
  - 3. 1 Corinthians 15:24-28 – quote of Psalm 8
- C. Allusions to Christ as the 2<sup>nd</sup> Adam
  - 1. Philippians 2:5-9 – did not grasp

- 2. Coloss 1:15 – image; firstborn; over creation
- 3. 2 Cor. 4:4,6 – image of God; let light shine
- 4. Col 3:9-10 – old man/new man; image
- 5. 1 Cor 2:14-15 NAU – natural man/spiritual

## III. Implications of Christ as 2<sup>nd</sup> Adam

- A. Christ and Adam are truly, fully human (Heb 2:11,14)
  - 1. Heb 2:11-14 – Christ is truly, fully human
  - 2. Quote by Gregory Nazianzen
- B. Christ and Adam are covenant heads (Rom 5:15-19)
  - 1. Rom 5:15-19 – their actions change our fate
  - 2. Col 3:9-10 – we live as new humanity
  - 3. Wolters quote
- C. Christ has reversed what Adam did
  - 1. Total opposites! (Chart on Rom 5:15-19; Anselm)
  - 2. Image shattered & restored - Col 3:9-10
  - 3. Physical death & resurrection - 1Cor 15:20-22
  - 4. Creation purpose accomplished in eschaton – Heb 2:5-9

## IV. Conclusion & Summary

- A. Do we see the importance of Christ as 2<sup>nd</sup> Adam?
  - 1. This is a major motif in Scripture
  - 2. This is critical to understanding redemption
- B. Do we see that this means Christ is fully human?
  - 1. Scripture could not stress this more
  - 2. Made like us – in spirit and body
  - 3. Only human could work redemption (CFR)
  - 4. Rules and reigns now – as Son of God & 2<sup>nd</sup> Adam
- C. Do we see that God's plan for humanity still in effect?
  - 1. Image of God being restored through Christ
  - 2. God designed for man to rule under Him
  - 3. Christ, 2<sup>nd</sup> Adam, is now ruling (Gen 1-2; Ps 8)
  - 4. In eschaton, we will rule creation under God
- D. Do we see that Christ is the head of a new humanity?
  - 1. Two men, two humanities
  - 2. All in Adam die, all in Christ live
  - 3. Live – regeneration of spirit & resurrection of body
  - 4. Are you in Christ?

## Our Redeemer: Christ the Second Adam

1 Corinthians 15:20-22; 45-47; Romans 5:14

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23 Now Jesus himself was about thirty years old when he began his ministry. He was the son, so it was thought, of Joseph, the son of Heli,... 38 the son of Enosh, the son of Seth, the son of Adam, the son of God. 1 Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the desert, 2 where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and at the end of them he was hungry. Lk 3:23, 38-4:2

5 Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: 6 Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, 7 but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. 8 And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death-- even death on a cross! 9 Therefore God exalted him... Philippians 2:5-9

15 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. Col 1:15

4 The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God... 6 For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ. 2 Corinthians 4:4-6

9 Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self (literally 'old man') with its practices 10 and have put on the new self (literally 'new man'), which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator. Colossians 3:9-10

14 But a natural man does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually appraised. 15 But he who is spiritual appraises all things, yet he himself is appraised by no one. 1 Corinthians 2:14-15 (NASB)

11 Both the one who makes men holy and those who are made holy are of the same family. So Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers... 14 Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might destroy him who holds the power of death-- that is, the devil-- Hebrews 2:11,14

For that which He has not assumed He has not healed; but that which is also united to His Godhead is also saved. If only half Adam fell, then that which Christ assumes and saves may be half also; but if the whole of his nature fell, it must be united to the whole nature of Him that was begotten, and so be saved as whole. Gregory Nazianzen, Quoted in Oden, 128.

15 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! 16 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. 17 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. 18 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. 19 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. Romans 5:15-19

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"Just as the fall of man (Adam) was the ruin of the whole earthly realm, so the atoning death of a man (Jesus Christ, the second Adam) is the salvation of the whole world. Likewise, just as the first Adam's fall was aided and abetted by the subsequent disobedience of humankind, so the salvation of the whole world is manifested and promoted by the obedience of a new humankind.. The Adamic human race perverts the cosmos; the Christian human race renews it." – Wolters, 60.

20 But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. 21 For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. 22 For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. 1 Corinthians 15:20-22

5 It is not to angels that he has subjected the world to come, about which we are speaking. 6 But there is a place where someone has testified: "What is man that you are mindful of him, the son of man that you care for him? 7 You made him a little lower than the angels; you crowned him with glory and honor 8 and put everything under his feet." In putting everything under him, God left nothing that is not subject to him. Yet at present we do not see everything subject to him. 9 But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because he suffered death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone. Hebrews 2:5-9