

Theme: Christ, the Second Adam, is the True Man, showing us what it means to be truly human, and restoring our humanity.

I. Intro – Ricky Bobby - Sweet Baby Jesus

- A. Ricky Bobby - Sweet Baby Jesus; Cal - party Jesus
- B. Sometimes we can create our own Jesus
- C. Sometimes we leave him in the manger
- D. Sometimes we act like He went straight to cross
- E. Why Christmas - why the Incarnation?

II. Christ the Second Adam

- A. Explicit references to Christ as the 2nd Adam
 - 1. Christ called the “last Adam” (1 Cor 45-47)
 - 2. Christ is explicitly linked with Adam (1 Cor 15:22)
 - 3. Adam is a type and Christ the anti-type (Rom 5:14)
- B. Implicit references to Christ as 2nd 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 2nd 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

III. Implications of Christ as 2nd Adam

- A. Christ like Adam is truly, fully human (Heb 2:11,14)
 - 1. Heb 2:11-14 – Christ is truly, fully human
 - 2. Jesus is the True Human - what we were created to be
- B. Christ the True Man can atone for our sins
 - 1. Heb 2:17 - had to be made like us to atone
 - 2. Gregory Nazianzen quote
- C. Christ is our covenant Head
 - 1. 1 Cor 15:48 - of earth or heaven; Adam or Christ
 - 2. Rom 5:15-19 - covenant heads; their actions change our fate
 - 3. 1 Cor 15:49 - We are now in Christ; will be in His likeness
 - 4. Anselm quote
- D. Christ has freed us from Satan and fear of death
 - 1. Heb 2:14-15 - destroyed Devil; freed us from fear
 - 2. 1 Cor 15 - resurrection chapter! Where is your sting??!!
 - 3. Christ our Covenant Head has freed us!

IV. Applying the Word

- A. Do we see the importance of Christ’s True Humanity?
 - 1. Christmas is not just precursor to Easter

2. The Incarnation is essential
3. Adam brought the curse; only 2nd Adam can reverse
4. Only a Man can serve as our Covenant Head
5. As True Man, He shows us what Humanity is meant to be

B. Celebrating Christ's True Humanity

1. He has come as One of us!
2. Our humanity is not our problem - sin is
3. He has delivered us from Satan
4. He has delivered us from fear of death
5. He has delivered us from being afraid of God
6. He has freed us from fear of life - go live!
7. He has freed us to be truly human
8. Eat, drink, laugh, worship, serve, love!!

Christ the True Man

1 Corinthians 15:45-49
Hebrews 2:10-18
December 26, 2010
Communion
Hebrews 13:20-21

I like to think of Jesus as wearin' a Tuxedo T-shirt, 'cause it says, like, "I want to be formal, but I'm here to party too." I like to party, so I like my Jesus to party.~ Cal Naughton Jr in Ballad of Ricky Bobby

22 For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. 1 Cor 15:22

14 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.** Romans 5:14

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. Luke 3:23, 38-4:2

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

24 Then the end will come, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, authority and power. 25 **For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet.** 26 The last enemy to be destroyed is death. 27 For he **"has put everything under his feet."** Now when it says that "everything" has been put under him, it is clear that this does not include God himself, who put everything under Christ. 28 **When he has done this, then the Son himself will be made subject to him who put everything under him**, so that God may be all in all. 1 Corinthians 15:24-28

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

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

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 this reason he had to be made like his brothers in every way, in order that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in service to God, and that he might make atonement for the sins of the people. Heb 2:17

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

Death entered through one man's disobedience
Life is restored through one man's obedience

Sin came through the temptation of a woman
Salvation came through one born of woman

The enemy conquered humanity by tasting of a tree
Christ conquered the enemy by bearing suffering on a tree

Anselm Cur Deus Homo? (Why the God-Man?)

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-- 15 and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death.** Hebrews 2:14-15