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If you would like to follow in your Bible as I bring the message today, turn to **1 Corinthians Chapter 15**. I will be reading **verses 21 and 22**.

This is my subject: **“LOST IN ADAM, SAVED IN CHRIST.”** This is a very important and very vital subject, **“Lost in Adam, Saved in Christ.”**

In **1 Corinthians 15:21-22**, the apostle Paul wrote; *“For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so, in Christ shall all be made alive.”*

My one great desire in preparing this message and in bringing the message that I am bringing to you today is to help those who are viewing this message with a sincere desire to know God in redeeming love and grace.

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If you have a sincere desire to know God in salvation, in redemption, and in grace in Christ, I want you to listen very carefully to the message. If you are sincerely asking these questions, “Preacher, what really happened in the Garden of Eden? What happened when man sinned, when man fell?”

“Preacher, what really happened at Calvary? What took place on the cross of Calvary? What is this miracle of redemption? What happens when God justifies, sanctifies, and redeems a sinner?”

If you are asking those questions, I have some answers for you from the Word of God. My friend, these answers are important because ignorance will keep a man from Christ. If a man does not know the truth and does not know the Gospel, he will never come to a saving faith in Jesus Christ.

That’s right! In **Romans Chapter 10**, Paul said; *“Whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved. But how shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? How shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard?”*

So, you need to know the things that I will be teaching in this message because ignorance will keep you from Christ.

You may also say, “Well, I read the Bible.” Even reading the Scriptures; (now listen carefully) even reading the Scriptures will sometimes not suffice the troubled soul.

When Phillip joined himself to the chariot in which the Ethiopian Eunuch was riding, he asked the Eunuch; *“do you understand what you are reading?”* The Eunuch said, *“How can I understand except some man show me?”*

That is why God sends apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, and teachers, to teach the Word of God. If you hear from God, you will hear through a preacher. You will hear through someone who expounds to you the Word of God.

Ignorance will keep you from Christ and even reading the Scriptures, unless you have an able teacher. I know that the Holy Ghost is our teacher but God uses men. *“There was a man sent from God whose name was John.”*

God sent Nathan to David. God sent Ananias to Saul of Tarsus. God sent Peter to Cornelius. You can just go down the line; God sent Phillip to the Eunuch. God sent Paul to Lydia and to the Philippian jailer.

Christ has been lifted up on the cross; *“even as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness.”* But like Moses of old, we must direct men to look to Christ. We must exhort men to believe, to look to Christ. We must tell them from the Word of God what to believe.

My friends, if you can today, lay aside all prejudice, which I know is very difficult. Lay aside all prejudice and all professions of religion. Lay aside all your claims, all your assurances, and all the ideas that have been handed down through customs, traditions, and superstitions.

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Let's just listen to the Word of God. It may be that God will speak to us in His mercy and in His grace through His Word. It may be and listen carefully to me; *"by man came death; by man came the resurrection of the dead."*

What I am saying is this and this is my title; **"In Adam we die, in Christ we are Made Alive."** This is very simple. There is nothing profound about this; it is just clear, simple, teaching, that you can understand if you listen, at least in your head.

"In Adam all die, in Christ, all shall be made alive. The first man is of the earth, earthy. The second man is the Lord from heaven." This is what the Scripture says; *"By man came death, (that is, in Adam we die), by man also came the resurrection."*

"In Adam all die, in Christ we are made alive. The first Adam is of the earth, earthy. The second Adam is the Lord from heaven."

Now, the first thing that I want you to see is this; "it pleased Almighty God, (and I have His Word for this), that it pleased Almighty God to begin the human race with one man, a man whom He called Adam.

The word Adam means "a man taken from the red earth." There was one man who was the federal head of the human race. One man was the representative of the human race. That one man God used to begin this human race.

He created one man and that man's name was Adam. Everyone else came from Adam. We need to trace our roots all the way back to God Almighty creating a man called Adam.

The Scripture says that *"Adam was created in the image of God. He was created holy and upright."* In Him, the human race was perfect and was without sin. In Him, the human race was holy and upright. That is what the Scripture says.

When he stood, we stood. When he obeyed God, we obeyed God. You might say, "Well, how long did he stand and how long did he obey God? I don't have the faintest idea nor does anyone else, the Scripture does not say.

We do know that the one man, Adam sinned. That one man rebelled against God. He broke the only law that God gave him. God made with him a covenant of works; He said, *"All the trees of the garden you may eat and you may enjoy. There's one tree in the midst of the garden which you must not eat; you must not eat of that tree. If you do, you die."*

Adam took that tree and said; "I will be like God." He took the fruit of that tree, whatever it was I do not know. That tree as long as it stood untouched was a token of man's dependence on God. When Adam reached to take that tree, he reached out in rebellion; he reached out in sin; he reached out with an ambition to be like God.

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When he fell, the Scripture teaches; he died spiritually. He did not die physically at that particular time. He began to die. He didn't die physically for over 800 years. He began to die physically but he died immediately, spiritually, and was expelled from the presence of God and expelled from the garden.

Adam, when he took that forbidden fruit, went from life to death. When he ate of the forbidden fruit, he went from holiness to evil. He went from righteousness to ruin. The king is now a pauper.

First of all: He who was rich is now poor. He who was full is now, empty. He who was holy is now unholy. That is the first thing that I want you to remember.

Second: What were the results of that great fall?

Listen to the Scripture in **Romans 5:12**; *"Wherefore, by one man, sin entered into the world."* That was the first sin that man committed. Adam committed the first sin. I weep and you ought to weep as we notice the change in that man.

Here is a man who was created holy, upright, and was the very image of God. There was sweet fellowship and communion with the living God. Adam was living in a perfect environment. He was living in fellowship with God.

Yet, his heart was lifted up with pride. He broke the law of God. He took of the forbidden fruit and he fell. We find Adam falling into fear. Adam never knew fear before.

God came walking through the cool of the garden and He said; *"Adam, where art thou?"* He said, *"I was afraid."* What is this? Is that perfect genius afraid? Was the man created in the image of God afraid? Was that man who walked with God afraid?

Yes, sin has visited the earth. Sin has come into this man's heart. Now, he knows fear and shame. He said, *"I was afraid because I was naked."* He was naked before and didn't know it. He didn't notice it. He was so perfectly holy that this did not matter to him. Now he is a sinner. He finds out he is naked to his shame.

Then, he became a foolish person. This wise, genius, who named all the animals, to whom God said, *"have dominion over the fowl of the air and the fish of the sea, the beast of the forest. Multiply and replenish the earth and subdue the earth."*

Adam is foolish; he is trying to hide from God. Here is this man going into the bushes trying to hide from the omnipresent God. What foolish action is on his part!

Notice that he puts the blame on someone else. Notice his selfishness and his self-righteousness. He said, *"The woman you gave me; it is her fault. It is not my fault at all; it is the woman's fault."*

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He is ahead of the race. He is the representative. He is the king. He is the one who is responsible. He was not deceived, the woman was deceived, but he wasn't, he knew what he was doing. He put the blame on someone else. That is the evil of sin.

This man, we find him guilty. He tries to cover his nakedness with his own works, with a fig-leaved apron. He did all of this because sin entered the world. Are you with me? "*By one man's sin entered the world.*" Death, disease, and darkness of sin, which the world did not know up to this time, entered the world.

Watch this in the next line of **Romans 5:12**; "*And death by sin. Sin entered the world and death by sin.*" I'm not only talking about spiritual death but also death to the body. Death is something that the world had not seen up to that time.

You see, Adam, as he walks over and picks up the first fallen bird, had never seen death. There was no death to the flowers and there was no death to the trees. There was no death in Adam and there was no death to the animals. There was no death.

He goes over and picks up a fallen bird and holds it in his hand. This is a result of sin. Then, he sees a deer which is mangled by a lion. Lions had never killed deer before. When Adam fell, his death, his judgment, and his evil, passed upon the whole creation. Everything was affected by Adam's sin.

Think of what a horrible experience it was when he came there, and Abel his own son, was lying in his own blood, murdered by Cain, his own brother. The breath and life was gone out of his body. What a wail and a groan that must have gone up from Adam's soul to heaven; "my God, what I have I done?"

You see, sin entered the world by one man, one representative, and one federal head. Death, darkness, disease, sorrow, sickness, and all of these things, came into the world.

Watch the next line; "*And so death passed upon all men.*" Here is where we come in. You might say, "How was I affected by this fall?" Here is where we come in; Adam's fall was our fall. My friends, whether you like this or not it is true. Whether you agree with it or not it is true. Adam's fall was our fall.

You see, Adam was our father. We came from the loins of Adam. You can't get a sinless son from a sinful father. Adam's sin was our sin. Adam's ruin was our ruin. Adam's death was our death.

Listen to this; "*So death passed upon all men. By one man sin entered the world and death by sin, so death passed upon all men.*" Listen to **Romans 5:17**; "*By one man's offence death reigns.*" Death reigns in this world.

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You don't believe that death reigns? Go out and walk down the street. You will see the trees are dying. You will see the seasons change. You will see people die and the animals die. Death is all about us. Death reigns over this earth.

In **Romans 5:18**, the Scripture says; *"By the offence of one judgment came upon all men to condemnation."* **Romans 5:19** says, *"By one man's disobedience many were made sinners."* In **1 Corinthians 15:21** it says; *"In Adam all die."*

Like I told you, not only death came upon men but death came to the whole creation as a result of Adam's fall. As a result of the fall, our federal-head and our representative, sin abounds in this world. Sin abounds and death reigns. Eternal hell awaits us.

"As it is written, there is none righteous, no not one. There is none that understandeth; there is none that seeketh after God. They are all gone out of the way. They are together become unprofitable. There is none that doeth good, no not one."

Have you come this far with me? God started the human race with one man whose name was Adam. He was created in holiness and perfection. He was the image of God. He fell. Because of his fall and because of his sin, *"judgment, condemnation, and death, passed upon all men."*

We are born in sin. In sin my mother conceived me. *"I was shapen in iniquity. I was brought forth speaking lies from the womb."* Adam, being our head, fell because he sinned.

Third: I want you to look at this. Here are the two words that make all the difference in this awful situation, in this chaotic mess, in this hopeless situation, *"but God."*

As you look upon man in his fallen, ruined, condition, he is without hope, without help, without God in this world. *"But God,"* actually from God and from the mercy of God, *"God commended His love toward us in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."*

"But God who is rich in mercy for His great love, wherewith He loved us, even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ; by grace are you saved."

What is this preacher saying? I am saying that the Lord God is rich in mercy. *"He is plenteous in mercy."* He announced, *"I will be merciful to whom I will be merciful. I will be gracious."*

Mercy originates with God. Mercy comes from God. There is nothing in us to create or cause God to be merciful or to cause God to show favor to us. Mercy originates with God. *"The Lord purposed to have a new heaven and a new earth wherein dwelleth righteousness."*

The Lord God purposed to have a people to inhabit that new heaven and that new earth. So, the Lord God sent another man and this is the key to my message; He sent another man; *"the first man is of the earth, earthy. As in Adam, all die. By man came death."*

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God sent a second man, a second-Adam. *“In Adam all die; in Christ we are made alive. The first man is of the earth, earthy. The second man is the Lord from heaven. As we have bore the image of the earthy, we shall bear the image of the heavenly.”*

This man whom God sent is the man Christ Jesus. He is the God-man. This man took upon Him *“not the nature of fallen angels but He took upon Him the seed of Abraham.”*

We are looking here at two Adam's. In the first Adam we died. The second-Adam represents a new covenant, a new representative. We are looking at two Adam's, two representatives, and we are looking at two covenants.

One was a covenant of ruin and the other is a covenant of restoration. One is the covenant of death and the other is the covenant of life. One is to sin and the other is to perfect holiness.

Read it again in **Romans 5:19**; *“By one man, Adam, (the first man), by one man's disobedience, the many became sinners. So, by the obedience of one, (the second-Adam), shall many be made righteous.”* Listen to it again; *“By Adam came death; by Christ came life. As in Adam we die; in Christ we are made alive.”*

Listen to **1 Corinthians 15:47**; *“The first man is of the earth, earthy; the second man is the Lord from heaven. As is the earthy, so are they that are earthy. As is the heavenly, so are they that are heavenly. As we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall bear the image of the heavenly.”*

This is the good news of the Gospel, the second-Adam; our Lord Jesus Christ is our new Head, our Federal-Head, and our Representative. He came to restore what we lost in Adam and more. **Galatians 4: 4 and 5** says; *“In the fullness of the time God sent forth His son made of a woman, made under the law, to redeem them that were under the law that we might receive the adoption of sons.”*

2 Corinthians 5:21 says; *“God made Him to be sin for us who knew no sin that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him.”*

Here is the Gospel in plain words; it is the Gospel that needs to be preached from every pulpit in America and around the world. It is the Gospel that needs to be preached over every television station.

This Gospel should not just be saying, “believe, believe,” but telling men what to believe. This Gospel needs to be telling men what happened in the Garden, what happened on the cross, and what happens in a sinner's heart when God saves him.

The Gospel should give men a foundation upon which to build and a foundation on which to hope. There is a chief cornerstone in whom to trust.

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Here is the Gospel in plain words; *“God is a holy God. He will by no means clear the guilty.”* God’s law is perfect and unchangeable. It will not be compromised. God’s justice says, *“The soul that sinneth, it shall surely die.”* God’s justice is unchangeable.

I, through my first representative, through my federal-head, Adam; I am a ruined creature. I am a fallen creature; I am a sinful creature. As a result of my representative Adam’s sin, judgment, condemnation and death, have come upon me.

I am without God in this world. I am without hope and without help. God says, *“Your sins have separated you and your God.”* I look up and there is nothing but darkness. I look below me and there is nothing but hell moving up which will meet me at my coming.

I look within me and I find an inability. I find no capacity to seek God, to know God, to love God, or to obey God. Christ said, *“You will not come to me that you might have life. But God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son.”*

“God commended His love toward us in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. But God, who is rich in mercy for His great love wherewith He loved us,” provided a ransom.

Here is that ransom and here is what took place: Almighty God sent His Son into this world. Jesus Christ, the second person of the divine Trinity, actually took upon Himself the body of a man. *“The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us.”*

“He was in the world and the world was made by him and the world knew him not.” From **Genesis 3:15**, and through the word of the prophets, God promises to send that Redeemer. He said, *“The seed of woman shall bruise the serpent’s head.”*

He said, *“Behold; the Lord Himself shall give you a sign; the virgin shall bring forth a son and call His name Immanuel, (God with us).”* He says, *“Unto us a child is born; unto us a son is given and His name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace.”*

Jesus Christ became a man. He became the Lord from heaven, the second-Adam, the federal-head of a new kingdom, and of a new covenant. He was actually *“numbered with the transgressors.”*

The angel said to Joseph; *“call His name Jesus; He will save His people from their sins.”* This was fulfilling the words of the prophet; *“call His name Immanuel, God with us.”*

He was the Son of man. He was bone of our bone and flesh of our flesh. *“He took upon himself the likeness of sinful flesh”* and He was born the poorest of men. He was identified with us in all areas.

He was born in a manger, *“born of a woman, made under the law.”* As a human being, as a man, God in human flesh, this Jesus, this second-Adam, met all the laws of God and *“was tempted in all points as we are, yet without sin.”* He knew no sin.

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You see, the law was given to man. Man has to keep that law; he must keep it. So, Jesus Christ kept the law perfectly *“in every jot and tittle.”* He said, *“I didn’t come to destroy the law; I came to fulfill it.”*

As a man He went to the cross and bore our sins in His body on the tree. *“He was wounded for our transgressions and bruised for our iniquities. The chastisement of our peace was upon Him and by His stripes we are healed.”*

He was taken down from that cross, dead. He was buried in a tomb as we shall some day die and be buried in a tomb.

He arose from the grave. Of this resurrection, Paul wrote in **Hebrews 10**; *“Lo I come to do thy will O God, out of which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. For by one offering he hath perfected forever them that are sanctified.”*

Jesus Christ arose as our justifier. He arose as the receipt of God. He declared that God had accepted all that He did. He ascended to glory and He sat down at the right hand of God where He is our Mediator. Paul said, *“There is one God and one Mediator between God and men and that is the man Christ Jesus.”*

This Gospel that I am preaching calls for repentance toward God and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. *“This is the record that God hath given us eternal life and this life is in His Son,”* in the second-Adam. This life is in the second-Adam.

Jesus Christ is our righteousness. Jesus Christ is our sin-offering. Jesus Christ is our sacrifice. Jesus Christ is our justifier. Jesus Christ is our Mediator. Jesus Christ is our reigning King.

This Gospel calls on your part for faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. *“This is the record; God hath given us eternal life and this life is in His Son. He that hath the Son of God hath life and he that hath not the Son of God shall not see life but the wrath of God abideth on Him.”*

John said this in closing his Book; *“these things are written that you might believe that Jesus is the Christ the Son of God and believing you might have life through His name.”*

What is the message? The message is; we are lost in Adam, saved in Christ, ruined by the fall, and redeemed by the Son.