

Romans 22 - Two Adams: Flesh or Faith

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Romans 5:12-17

Prologue: Justified by His Blood

Jesus paid for sin when separated from God on the
stauros between 1200-1500; then He gave up His soul
(Mt 27:45-50; Mk 16:33-39; Lk 23:44-46)

Life of the flesh is the blood: Equating life and blood
(Le 17:11)

Separating blood during the sacrifice = death of animal
Christ separated from Father, becoming sin, sin penalty
is death for sin; when paid He willingly left His fleshly
body as it was no longer needed and got a new body
(1Co 15:20-23; 1Pe 3:18-20)

Prologue: Reconciled by the Son

Reconciled (καταλλάσσω; katallasso) means to be
changed; i.e., this is the New Covenant (2Co 5:17)

Changing one's nature is **impossible** for every created
being; thus, the evolution is a scientism: impossible

Changing from ungodly to godly by works does not
change one's nature; hence, fails to secure righteousness

Only by *miracle* of salvation, based on Christ's sacrifice,
does God change (reconcile) believers into His image

This completes the process of making man in our image that began with creation of man in the flesh (Ge 1:26-30)

Prologue: New Mind & New Body

What occurs between receiving the *new nature* and the *new body*?

Hagiazo Process whereby Christ and the Holy Spirit (παράκλητος; paraklētos) continually making intercession for us while maturing us in Christ
(Jo 17:20-26; Ro 8:26-27, 33-34; 2Co 4:34; Ep 3:14-19)

If death (falling asleep) occurs, we will return in the Rapture to receive our new bodies with those who are alive in Christ (1Co 15:51-55; Ph 3:20-21)

Paul's Comparison of Adams

Principle of Duality: compare and contrast differences between First Adam (Man) and Last Adam (Jesus)

Both were given a mandate to manage a world: Man, the earth; Jesus, Kingdom then New Earth (Ge 1:26-30; Jo 1:1-18)

Both began sinless with unique relationship with God (Ge 1:8; Jo 10:27-30; 14:6-7)

Both tempted: Man fell, passing ownership to Satan; Jesus, resisted throughout His life to gain a people (Ge 3:1-19; Mt 4:1-11)

Flesh Cannot Inherit Eternity

God *never* intended the flesh to inherit the New Covenant's New Jerusalem, New Earth (1Co 15:45-50; Re 21:1-3)

Flesh could never resist sin alone; weak (Ro 8:7-8; Ep 5:28-29)

When God cloned Woman, Man would have to choose between a relationship with God (Spirit) or fallen

Woman: Man choose flesh, Cain conceived (Ge 2:21-25; 3:6-7)

Man was to control his flesh and sin: he failed (Ge 4:3-8)

Man Made to Fail?

Since man was made in the flesh and the flesh was never intended to inherit eternity, did God make man to fail making God the author of sin? God forbid!

God was not visibly present to control man during Satan's temptation; however, man could have called on God for assistance at any time (Ro 10:13)

Man resisted in his own fleshly strength which failed though aware of Woman's sin (Gn 3:12-13; 1Ti 2:14)

Why Did Man Fail?

Man had no conception of sin, the deceitfulness of flesh nor of the weakness of his mind to control the flesh; it took the Moral Law and nearly 1500 years to teach man the sinfulness of sin; still ongoing (Ro 7:11-13)

God's commandment was good, "Do not seek knowledge apart from God" (Paraphrase)

Sin and Satan, due to the commandment, deceived woman who was warned of violating the commandment (Ge 2:15-17; Ja 1:12-18)

Purpose of Failure?

God provides a way out of all temptation; the answer to all sin in all time is Jesus (Ro 3:21-26; 8:34; 1Co 10:13)

Man, made in God's image, was to have God's perspective on Good and evil when completed (Ge 1:26-27)

Man had to first know God's goodness to understand evil (Mt 10:10)

Man can only understand evil *experientially*; thus, since the Fall man is required to discern between good and evil and choose the good only relying on God (He 5:14)

God has no evil and does not use evil to test people, that is Satan's realm;
However, God, being omniscient does have complete knowledge of evil
Man chose to have knowledge of evil apart from God, by becoming evil (Ja 1:12-18)

Adam Represents All People

All people flow from Adam and Eve but only after sin occurred; in fact, Cain probably conceived during sin

Adam passes on child's nature, sinful flesh and weak mind; thus, all are conceived in sin (Pr 5:3)

If any children had been born before sin, and they had not sinned, they would have been consigned to an existence not designed for eternity; Christ would not have died from them

*If Adam had not sinned after Eve sinned, then Eve would have no hope of salvation
Since Christ came to seek and save sinners (Jt) 1:15)*

Adam Brought Sin into World

Adam, as head of the World, passed authority to whom he followed in sin, Satan, who offered nations to Jesus if He would bow recognizing Satan's authority on earth (Mt 4:8-10; Jn 4:1-8)

Jesus did not dispute Satan's authority over the nations

Jesus resisted Satan's temptation solely resting on inner Holy Spirit and God's word; not on His flesh as Adam

Adam's sin affected all creation, not just descendants (Ge 3:17-19; Ro 8:19-23)

Adam's Sin Not Like Others?

Paul states that Adam's sin was not like anyone else's sin; though all since Adam had sinned even though the Law was not yet given

Adam was without a sin nature and his sin passed leadership to Satan, World and the Flesh (Ep 2:2-3; Jn 2:15-17)

No one conceived from man and woman has had the same leadership responsibility; ushering sin and death through sin into the world (1Co 15:22)

*All rulers since are simply titular rulers with Satan having the real authority behind the scenes
When Christ comes, he will legally defeat Satan and rule earth from Jerusalem as King
The final battle ends Satan's last argument in his defense against God for his judgment (Re 12:17-13:18; 19:20)*

Sin Not Counted?

God did not hold people accountable for sins of ignorance; purpose of Law was to end ignorance of sin

Cain was not executed, but protected, because the command of "Do not kill" was not given until after he killed Abel; Cain became titular head of governments
(Ge 4:10-22)

Sin of rejecting God and His truth already given which is the natural position of one's fleshly sin nature; thus, all died (Ge 3:11-19; Ps 19:1-3; Ro 1:18-25)

Adam: Type or Image of Jesus

- Jesus came in the form of sinful flesh, though without sin, since His father was the Spirit from Father
(Mt 1:18-23; Ro 8:3)
- But the charisma given by Jesus through His death and resurrection (New Covenant) was not like the trespass
- Charisma is the manifestation of the indwelling Spirit who strengthens us in Christ; our Advocate
(Jo 14:15-17; 1Co 12:4-11, 27-31)
- Sin reveals our weakness; Charisma strengthens us in Jesus
(Ro 5:6)

Grace Underlies Charisma

Grace is the gift (δῶρημα *dōrēma*) to those who believe; i.e., repent and call on name of Lord (Ro 10:8-13)

Believer acknowledges and condemns own sinfulness

Believer receives new nature and access to strength of Christ while remaining weak (ἀσθενής *asthenēs*) in self

Sowing in grace reaps eternal life in Jesus but sowing in sin, self, reaps condemnation of eternal death

(Ga 6:7-8; Ro 20:11-13)

Two Men in the Flesh

First Adam (Man)

Sin and Death to World

Judgment leading to
Condemnation on all

Weak mind set on the
flesh rages against God

Death reigns in sinfulness

Last Adam (Jesus)

New Jerusalem-New Earth

Life and Acquittal to all
who believe in Jesus

Strong in the Word, Jesus
and Spirit; not self: Ever

Reign in life via Christ

If one is strong in self then one can save one's self; i.e., make one's self equal to God via works.
The challenge between God and Pharaoh, god and priest of Egypt; Pharaoh was not able to prevent death.
Pharaoh, as titular head of Egypt (World) the actual contest was between God and Satan, god of this world (2Co 4:3-4)

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Strength is Small

Christians are taught that if their strength is small, weak, then they are refusing to be strong (Pr 24:32)

This is a false dilemma arising from poor hermeneutics

Strength of the flesh is small, weak; attempting to be strong only leads to sin by rejecting reliance on Christ

Those who seek to stand alone will fall alone until they return to Christ in repentance; lesson of Hebrews in the wilderness written as our example in this truth (1Co 10:6-13)

Christians Always Challenged

Christians are always challenged to choose between flesh or faith; i.e., Satan, world and flesh or Christ

Indwelling Spirit is our strength if we walk in our weakness relying solely on Christ to work through us

Grieving or rejecting the Spirit forces reliance on the flesh and sin (failure), as those who died in wilderness with whom God was not pleased; let us not do the same (Is 63:7-10; Ep 4:30; 1Th 5:16-24; He 5:12-19)