

IN CHRIST OR IN ADAM

(Please refer to No 181, (Pastors' Notes"))

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A **When God created Adam and Eve, *Gen 1:26-28*, they were created:**

1. Righteous, *Gen 1:31,27*. They were right with God and doing right before God.
2. In fellowship with God, *Gen 2:19*. They walked and talked with God.
3. To live and not die, *Gen 2:17*. They had continuing human life.
4. To love and serve God, *Gen 1:28, Gen 2:15*. They were God's agents on earth.
5. To govern creation, *Gen 1:28*. They had God-given authority to rule.

B. **In the "Fall", *Gen 3:1-15*, man and woman became:**

1. Unrighteous, *Gen 6:5,6, Rom 3:10*. No longer right with God, or doing right before God.
2. Out of fellowship with God, *Gen 3:23,24*. They were separated from God's presence.
3. Under death and satan's influences, *Gen 2:17, 1Jn 5:19, 2Cor 4:4, Mat 4:8,9*.
4. Centred on living to serve and please self, *Gen 4:3,5, Gen 6:5*.
5. No longer in full control of creation under God. Satan became the god of this world, *2Cor 4:4, Jn 14:30, Mat 4:8,9, 1Jn 5:19*.

Another way of looking at how mankind changed at the "Fall" is that men and women became:

- a. Independent from God and doing their own thing.
- b. Living to please self and centred on living for self.
- c. Autonomous and living as an island unto self, in self sufficiency, without the need of others, e.g. *Gen 4:9*.

C. **When Christ came He lived a life of:**

1. Total righteousness, *Heb 4:15, Jn 8:29*, right with God and doing right before God.
2. Full fellowship with God, *Jn 5:19,20, Jn 10:30*. Jesus and the Father were one.
3. The fulness of God's Life, *Col 1:19, Col 2:9*. God's fulness was in Him.
4. Love and service to God all the time and in every way, *Jn 4:34, Jn 5:30, Jn 6:38*.
5. Authority and rule over creation as directed by the Holy Spirit, *Mat 4:23,24, Mat 8:3,13,14,16,27*.

D. **When Christ was crucified on the Cross He:**

1. **Gave His perfect life as a total and complete sacrifice and payment for our sins**, unrighteousness, separation from God, selfish-selfcentredness, sinfulness, rebellion, self-will, independence, wickedness and filthiness, *2Cor 5:21, Eph 2:13, Is 53:6, 1Pet 2:24, 1Pet 3:18, Rev 1:5*.
2. **Took all our infirmities**, sicknesses and diseases, *Mat 8:17, 1Pet 2:24*.
3. **Delivered us from the dominion and rule of satan**, and influence of demons, *Coll:13, Heb 2:14,15, Col 2:15*.
4. **Released us from the punishment of eternal death** and hell, *2Tim 1:10, Rev 1:18, Heb 2:14, Jn 3:16*.

5. **Set us free from the control of this ungodly world system,** *Jn 16:33, Rom 12:2, 1Jn 5:4.*
6. **Redeemed us from the curse of the Law** and from every curse, *Gal 3:13,14.*

E. In Adam 1Cor 15:22.

By natural human birth we are born with the fallen nature of Adam, as in B above. For this reason Jesus said, “You must be born again,” *Jn 3:3-8.* You must have a new start, a new beginning, and put off the “old man” and put on the “new man,” *Eph 4:22,24, Col 3:9,10.*

F. In Christ, 1Cor 15:22 (Please refer to No 181, “Pastors’ Notes”)

In our new birth and conversion to Christ as Saviour and Lord, we acknowledge and confess our fallen, sinful state. We repent, turn from our sins and sinfulness, **and believe in and receive Jesus Christ as our Saviour and Lord,** *Ac 16:31, 1Pet 2:24, 1Pet 3:18, Rom 10:9,10, Lk 6:46, Mat 7:21, Phil 2:11, Jn 1:12.*

When we are baptised in water, we are baptised into Christ, and we put on Christ, *Rom 6:3,4, Gal 3:27, Ac 2:38,39, Ac 8:16, Ac 10:48, Ac 19:5.*

Now we are in Christ. *1Cor 1:30, Jn 14:20, 1Jn 5:20, Eph 1:1,3,4,6,7,11, 2:6,10,13,22.* Because we are **in Christ, we are identified with Christ** in His sufferings, His death on the Cross, His burial, His resurrection and ascension to God’s Throne. *Rom 6:3-11, Col 3:1-3, Eph 2:6, Rom 5:17-19.*

In this way **Jesus Christ puts an end to the old Adamic inheritance,** (see B above), for all who believe in Him, We are baptised into Him, *Rom 6:3, Gal 3:27.* We are now **no longer “in Adam”. we are in Christ, 1Cor 15:22**

Christ is the “last Adam”, 1Cor 15:45. He is the end of all the old “Adamic” inheritance. The effects of the “Fall” are brought to an end.

He is the Second Man, 1Cor 15:47. He is the beginning of a new race, the “Sons of God”, Gal 3:26-29.

Now we are in Christ we are new creations of God in Him, 2Cor 5:17, “old things have passed away, all things have become new.”

We are no longer in Adam and the results of the “Fall”. We are now in Christ and all He is.

Through our identification into Christ we are in all He has done, in all He is doing, and in all He is, by faith in the revealed truth of God’s Word.

- a. **In all he has done** in His death, burial, resurrection and ascension. *Rom 6:3-11, Col 3:1-3, Eph 2:6, Rom 5:17-19.*
- b. **In all He is doing** in the earth by His Spirit. *Jn 15:15, Jn 16:13-15, Jn 14:12,21.*
- c. **In all He is,** in His “related attributes”. (See “Pastors’ Notes” No 115, page 2.) *1Jn 4:17, Gal 2:20, Col 3:1-4, Col 1:27, 2Cor 3:18, Rom 8:29, 1Jn 2:6, 1Jn 3:2,3, Jn 14:12.*

Now that we are in Christ, this is our: **Position, Inheritance and our Identity.**

Please follow this teaching with the truth of “**Christ in Us**” from No 181 and No 223, “Pastors’ Notes”. It is the truth of “Christ in Us,” living in us in all fulness by the presence and power of the Holy Spirit, that makes what we are “In Christ” a reality in our daily experience.