

The Last Adam

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(Adam) who is the figure of Him that was to come.

Romans 5:14

And so it is written, **The first man Adam** was made a living soul;

the last Adam was made a quickening spirit.

1 Corinthians 15:45

If therefore perfection were by the Levitical priesthood, (for under it the people received the law,) what further need was there that another priest should rise after the order of Melchisedec, and not be called after the order of Aaron?

Hebrews 7:11

The Strange Means of Rescue

And unto the Jews I became as a Jew, that I might gain the Jews; to them that are under the law, as under the law, that I might gain them that are under the law;

1 Corinthians 9:20

In the 77th Generation

God Himself Arrives in the Body of an Adam

But, Why Must He Come?

Adam - the Priest of Eden

The First Man that failed

Through one man's disobedience . . .

Sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men (Romans 5:12)

Through one man's disobedience . . .

Many be dead (Romans 5:15)

Through one man's disobedience . . .

Sin has reigned unto death (Romans 5:21) and death has reigned (Romans 5:14,17)

Through one man's disobedience . . .

Judgment came upon all men to condemnation (Romans 5:18)

Through one man's disobedience . . .

Many were made sinners (Romans 5:19)

. . . By man came death . . . in Adam all die . . .

1 Corinthians 15:21-22

To Inherit

from the 1828 Webster's Dictionary

1. To take by descent from an ancestor; to take by succession, as the representative of the former possessor; to receive, as a right or title descendible by law from an ancestor at his decease. The heir inherits the lands or real estate of his father; the eldest son of the nobleman inherits his father's title, and the eldest son of a king inherits the crown.
2. To receive by nature from a progenitor. The son inherits the virtues of his father; the daughter inherits the temper of her mother, and children often inherit the constitutional infirmities of their parents.

The Principle of Seed

. . . By man came death . . . in Adam all die . . .

1 Corinthians 15:21-22

Adam, as the Papa, had the seed of every last human being in him while in the Garden.

But God gives it a body as He pleases, and to each seed its own body. - 1 Corinthians 15:38

Even though we were not yet born and had our earthly bodies, we were, in a sense, there in the Garden disobeying God in Adam. We were there, in Adam, entering a covenant with Death. In Adam, we all died.

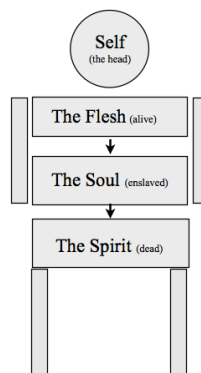
In Adam, we all inherited the First Tabernacle. The First Body, the Body of Sin, The Body of this Death.

. . . By one man (Adam) sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned.

Romans 5:12

The Body of Death

The First Tabernacle



So he drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden Cherubims, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life.

Genesis 3:24

Now when these things were thus ordained, the priests went always into the first tabernacle, accomplishing the service of God. But into the second went the high priest alone once every year, not without blood, which he offered for himself, and for the errors of the people: **The Holy Ghost** this signifying, that the way into the holiest of all was not yet made manifest, while as the first tabernacle was yet standing:

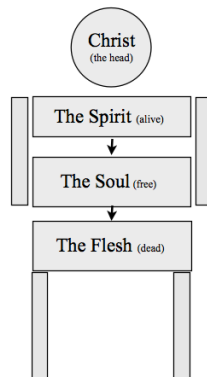
Hebrews 9:6-8

For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwells no good thing: for **to will** is present with me; but **how to perform that which is good** I find not. ... O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from **the body of this death**? I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Romans 7:18, 24-25a

The Body of Christ

The Second Tabernacle, The One Born of Promise, The Second Man, The Last Adam, The Priest of Heaven



Wherefore, my brethren, you also are become dead to the law by **the body of Christ**; that you should be married to another, even to Him who is raised from the dead, that we should bring forth fruit unto God.

Romans 7:4

And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; **the last Adam** was made a quickening spirit. Howbeit that was not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural; and afterward that which is spiritual. The first man is of the earth, earthy: **the second man** is the Lord from heaven. As is the earthy, such are they also that are earthy: and as is the heavenly, such are they also that are heavenly. And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly.

1 Corinthians 15:45-49

The First and the Second

- Cain and Abel
- Ishmael and Isaac
- Esau and Jacob
- Manasseh and Ephraim
- Saul and David
- Mount Sinai and Mount Zion
- Old Covenant and New Covenant
- Adam and Jesus

The Elder Shall Serve the Younger

The First shall submit to the Second

And the LORD said unto her, Two nations are in thy womb, and two manner of people shall be separated from thy bowels; and the one people shall be stronger than the other people; and **the elder shall serve the younger.**

Genesis 25:23

The Hereditary Quagmire

What if we are not of the blood-lineage of Abraham?

Who are Israelites; to whom pertaineth the adoption, and the glory, and the covenants, and the giving of the law, and the service of God, and the promises; Whose are the fathers, and of whom as concerning the flesh Christ came, who is over all, God blessed for ever. Amen.

Romans 9:4-5

What do the Israelites have in their possession?

1. The Adoption
2. The Glory
3. The Covenants
4. The Giving of the Law
5. The Service of God
6. The Promises
7. The Fathers
8. The Race of The Incarnation

Key Question: *Okay, so, as far as I can tell, I'm in Adam and so I inherited all that wonderful stuff from him (sin, death, and all), but what if I'm not in the blood line of Abraham - can I access the blessing of Abraham and promises of God if I'm outside the hereditary line?*

For they are not all Israel, which are of Israel: Neither, because they are the seed of Abraham, are they all children: but, In Isaac shall thy seed be

called. That is, They which are the children of the flesh, these are not the children of God: but the children of the promise are counted for the seed. For this is the word of promise, At this time will I come, and Sara shall have a son.

Romans 9:6-9

So, What If I, a Gentile, Believe the Promise?

Even as Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness. Know ye therefore that they which are of faith, the same are the children of Abraham. And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the heathen through faith, preached before the gospel unto Abraham, saying, In thee shall all nations be blessed. ... But that no man is justified by the law in the sight of God, it is evident: for, The just shall live by faith. ... That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith. ... Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made. He saith not, And to seeds, as of many; but as of one, And to thy seed, which is Christ. ... For if the inheritance be of the law, it is no more of promise: but God gave it to Abraham by promise. ... But the scripture hath concluded all under sin, that the promise by faith of Jesus Christ might be given to them that believe. ... For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. ... And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

Galatians 3:6-8, 11, 14, 16, 18, 22, 26-27, 29

Abraham's Two Sons

1. **Ishmael** - child of the flesh - the first
2. **Isaac** - child of promise - the second

The first man is of the earth, earthy: **the second man** is the Lord from heaven.

The Two Men

1. **Adam** - Endless Death
2. **Jesus** - Endless Life

The Two Priesthoods

1. **Levi** - unable to save those under the law
2. **Melchizedek** - saves to the uttermost those under grace

The Astounding Work of our High Priest

1. He Took on our Body (our First Tabernacle) and Brought it Down to Death, that He might establish a Second Tabernacle
2. He Became a Law-Satisfying Sacrifice for Sin, Becoming a Curse for us, Tasting Death for us All
3. He Made a Way into the Holiest Chamber, Through the Breaking of His own Body in Death, He Removed the Barrier that stood between us and the Throne Room of Grace
4. He Became an Everlasting Priest for us, always living to represent our cause and able to save us to the uttermost - administering Abundant, Eternal Life to those He represents
5. He Represents us before the Father as our Righteousness - we are deemed just in Christ Jesus - His work of satisfying justice is our work, His death our death, His life our life, and His admittance into the perfect Heavenly Courts of Tri-Fold Holiness is our admittance.

Our High Priest, The Perfect Temple

He Took on our Body (our First Tabernacle) and Brought it Down to Death, that He might establish a Second Tabernacle

Jesus answered and said unto them, Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up. Then said the Jews, Forty and six years was this temple

in building, and wilt thou rear it up in three days? **But he spoke of the temple of his body.**

John 2:19-21

For there was a tabernacle made; **the first** . . . Now when these things were thus ordained, the priests went always into **the first tabernacle**, accomplishing the service of God. But into **the second** went the high priest alone once every year, not without blood, which he offered for himself, and for the errors of the people: The Holy Ghost this signifying, that **the way** into the holiest of all **was not yet made manifest, while as the first tabernacle was yet standing** . . . He taketh away **the first**, that he may establish **the second**. By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Hebrews 9:2,6-8; 10:9-10

Our High Priest, The Perfect Sacrifice

He Became a Law-Satisfying Sacrifice for Sin, Becoming a Curse for us, Tasting Death for us All

. . . By His own blood He entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us. For if the blood of bulls and of goats, and the ashes of an heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctifieth to the purifying of the flesh: How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God? And for this cause he is the mediator of the new testament, **that by means of death**, for the redemption of the transgressions that were under the first testament, **they which are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance**. For where a testament is,

there must also of necessity be **the death of the testator**. For a testament is of force **after men are dead**: otherwise it is of no strength at all while the testator liveth . . . now once in the end of the world hath he appeared to put away sin **by the sacrifice of himself**.

Hebrews 9:12-17, 26

Our High Priest - The Perfect Way

He Made a Way into the Holiest Chamber, Through the Breaking of His own Body in Death, He Removed the Barrier that stood between us and the Throne Room of Grace

Jesus, when he had cried again with a loud voice, yielded up the ghost. And, behold, the veil of the temple was rent in two from the top to the bottom; and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent; And the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints which slept arose, And came out of the graves after his resurrection, and went into the holy city, and appeared unto many. Now when the centurion, and they that were with him, watching Jesus, saw the earthquake, and those things that were done, they feared greatly, saying, Truly this was the Son of God.

Matthew 27:50-54

Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus, **By a new and living way**, which he hath consecrated for us, **through the veil, that is to say, his flesh**; And having an high priest over the house of God; Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water.

Hebrews 10:19-22

Our High Priest - An Everlasting High Priest of a Heavenly Order

He Became an Everlasting Priest for us, always living to represent our cause and able to save us to the uttermost - administering Abundant, Eternal Life to those He represents

And Melchizedek king of Salem brought forth bread and wine: and he was the priest of the most high God.

Genesis 14:18

The LORD hath sworn, and will not repent, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek.

Psalms 110:4

. . . The Forerunner is for us entered, even Jesus, made an high priest for ever **after the order of Melchisedec** . . . For this

Melchisedec, king of Salem, priest of the most high God, who met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings, and blessed him; to whom also Abraham gave a tenth part of all; first being by interpretation **King of righteousness**, and after that also King of Salem, which is, **King of peace**;

- without father
- without mother
- without descent
- having neither beginning of days
- nor end of life
- but made like unto the Son of God
- abides a priest continually

Now consider how great this man was, unto whom even the patriarch Abraham gave the tenth of the spoils . . . And here men (Levitical priests) that die receive tithes; but there he (Melchisedec) received them, of whom it is witnessed that he liveth. And as I may so say, **Levi also, who received tithes, payed tithes in Abraham. For he was yet in the loins of his father, when Melchisedec met him** . . . after the similitude of Melchisedec

there arises another priest, who is made, not after the law of a carnal commandment, but after the power of an endless life . . . this man, because he continues ever, hath an unchangeable priesthood. Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them.

Hebrews 6:20; 7:1-4, 8-10,-15-16, 24-25

- Jesus, made an high priest **forever**
- having **neither beginning of days, nor end of life**; but made like unto the Son of God; abideth a priest **continually**
- of whom it is witnessed that **he liveth**
- there arises another priest, Who is made . . . **after the power of an endless life**
- **He continues ever**, hath an **unchangeable** priesthood
- **He ever liveth** to make intercession for them.
- the word of the oath . . . makes the Son (a high priest), who is consecrated **for evermore**
- For by one offering he hath perfected **for ever** them that are sanctified

Our High Priest - The Fulfillment of Perfect Righteous

He Represents us before the Father as our Righteousness - we are deemed just in Christ Jesus - His work of satisfying justice is our work, His death our death, His life our life, and His admittance into the perfect Heavenly Courts of Tri-Fold Holiness is our admittance.

. . . By man came death . . . in Adam all die . . .

1 Corinthians 15:21-22

. . . By man came also the resurrection of the dead . . . in Christ shall all be made alive.

1 Corinthians 15:21-22

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.

1 Corinthians 15:21-22

By One Man's righteousness . . .

the gift of grace has abounded to many (Romans 5:15)

By One Man's righteousness . . .

the free gift redeems us from our many offenses unto justification (Romans 5:18)

By One Man's righteousness . . .

the gift of righteousness shall reign in life (Romans 5:17)

By One Man's righteousness . . .

the free gift came upon all men unto justification of life (Romans 5:18)

By One Man's righteousness . . .

many shall be made righteous (Romans 5:19)

By One Man's righteousness . . .

grace reigns through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord (Romans 5:21)

What do those In-Adam/In-Abraham Have Access to? (Romans 9:4-5)

1. The Adoption
2. The Glory
3. The Covenants
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The Amazing Gospel

From In-Adam and Outside the Commonwealth of Israel, to In-Christ and Having Access to a Better Covenant and Better Promises

But now hath He (Jesus) obtained a more excellent ministry, by how much also he is the mediator of a better covenant, which was established upon better promises.

Hebrews 8:6

1. The Adoption (The Adoption of sons - Galatians 4:5)
2. The Glory (The Hope of Glory - Colossians 1:27)
3. The Covenants (The New Covenant in His Blood - 1 Corinthians 11:25)
4. The Giving of the Law (the Giving of the Spirit - Luke 11:13)
5. The Service of God (The Great Commission - Matthew 28:18-20)
6. The Promises (Exceeding Great and Precious Promises - 2 Peter 1:4)
7. The Fathers (Access by one Spirit unto the Father - Ephesians 2:18)
8. The Race of The Incarnation (The Incarnation of Christ Within - Ephesians 2:22)

We Have Such a High Priest

Now of the things which we have spoken this is the sum: **We have such an high priest**, who is set on the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens; A minister of the sanctuary, and of the true tabernacle, which the Lord pitched, and not man.

Hebrews 8:1-2

Entering In . . . By Faith

Lie not one to another, seeing that **you have put off the old man** with his deeds; **And have put on the new man**, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him.

Colossians 3:9-10

Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession. For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.

Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

Hebrews 4:14-16