

Christ in Genesis

III. Mankind

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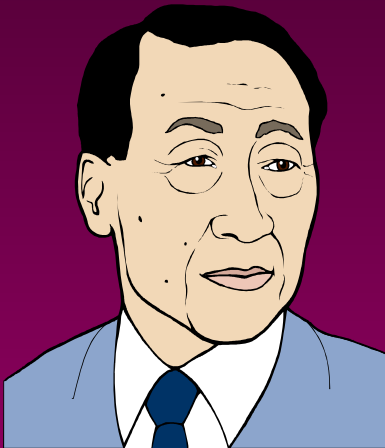
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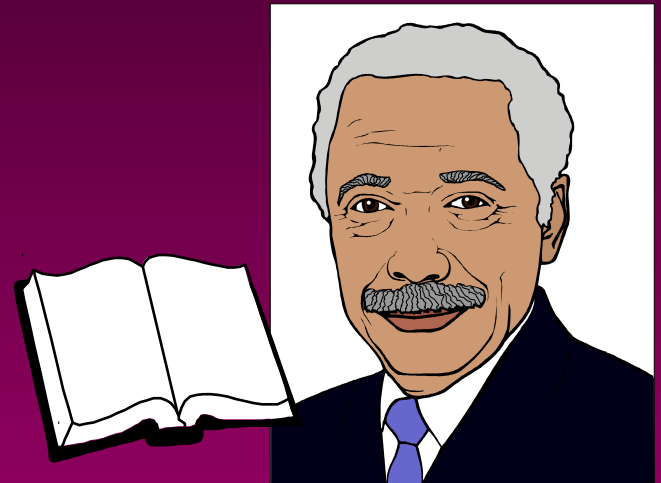
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The Challenge

What does Adam
have to do with me?



He is
representative.



Christ in the Old Testament

Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, ...
(Luke 24:44-45)

A. Image of God

Man Created in the Image of God

Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." (Gen. 1:26)

Pattern for the Image

He [the Son] is the image of the invisible God. (Col. 1:15)



You as Image

He [man] is the image and glory of God.

(1 Cor. 11:7)

God
as Original



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Adam

You
as Created Image

You as Fallen

The LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intention of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. (Gen. 6:5)

Adam as created



You
as Created Image

Adam as fallen



You
as fallen

You as Re-Created

... and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness. (Eph. 4:24)

Adam as fallen



You
as fallen

Christ



You
as renewed

B. The Representative

Two Representative Heads

If, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ. (Rom. 5:17)

Adam's trespass



death to many

Christ's righteousness



free righteousness
to many

Christ as "the Second Man"

The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. As was the man of dust, so also are those who are of the dust, and as is the man of heaven, so also are those who are of heaven. Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we shall also bear the image of the man of heaven. (1 Cor. 15:47-49)

Two Representative Bodies

Adam's
body of dust



your
present body

Christ's
resurrection body



your
resurrection body

C. Dominion

Creational Dominion

Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." (Gen. 1:26)

Celebrating Dominion

You [God] have given him dominion over
the works of your hands;
you have put all things under his feet, ...
(Ps. 8:6)

... he raised him from dead and seated
him at his right hand in the heavenly
places, And he put all things under his
feet, ... (Eph. 1:20-22)

new creational dominion

D. Formation of Man

Creation of Adam

Then the LORD God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature. (Gen. 2:7)

For you formed my inward parts;
you knitted me together in my mother's womb.
I praise you,
for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.
(Ps. 139:13)

The Incarnation

The Holy Spirit will come upon you [Mary], and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God. (Luke 1:35)

Jesus begins re-creation

E. Formation of Woman

Woman in Genesis 2

So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and while he slept took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. (Gen. 2:21-22)

Formation of the Church

For he himself [Christ] is our peace, ... that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility. (Eph. 2:14-16)

Loyalty of the Church

I betrothed you to one husband, to present you as a pure virgin to Christ. But I am afraid that as the serpent deceived Eve by his cunning, your thoughts will be led astray from a sincere and pure devotion to Christ.
(2 Cor. 11:2-3)

The Church as Bride

Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such things, that she might be holy and without blemish. (Eph. 5:25-27)

Devotion of Adam

Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. (Gen. 2:24)

The Church as New Eve

... because we are members of his body.
"Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church.
(Eph. 5:30-32)

Communion

And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. (Rev. 21:2-3)

Marriage

Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and his Bride has made herself ready; it was granted her to clothe herself with fine linen, bright and pure—for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints. (Rev. 19:7-8)