


“Identification Truth”
The Foundation for
Eternal Security
Part 2

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We cannot become what we already are in Christ, until we know what we were in Adam.

I. Our Personal History in the First Adam
 – THE PROBLEM

A. Who and what was Adam? (Rom. 5:12; Heb. 7:9–10)





- 1) First man and the seminal representative head
- 2) The person from whom we inherited our sinful self oriented nature and condition
- 3) The person into whom we were are all born resulting in sin, death, judgment, and condemnation

I. Our Personal History in the First Adam
 – THE PROBLEM

B. 3 Basic Aspects of our being in the First Adam




- 1) Our position in sin (Adam – source) (Ps. 51:5; Eph. 2:1;; 1 Cor. 15:22)
- 2) Our nature of sin (Adam – nature) (Eph. 2:3; 1 Cor. 2:14 ; John 3:6; Rom. 7:14; 8:5, 7-8)
- 3) Our personal sins (Adam – practice) (Rom. 3:23)

II. Our Personal History in the First Adam
 – GOD'S SOLUTION

A. Adam is Condemned

- 1) Our position in sin (Adam – source)
 - a) “For what the law could not do in that it was weak through the flesh, God did by sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, on account of sin: He condemned sin (Adam-source) in (His) flesh...” (Rom. 8:3)
 - b) “For [God] made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us...” (2 Cor. 5:21)









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2) Our nature of sin (**Adam – nature**)
 “Even so reckon ye also yourselves to be dead unto sin (*the sin nature*), but alive unto God in Christ Jesus (Rom. 6:11).”

3) Our personal sins (**Adam – practice**)

- “who Himself bore *our sins* in His own body on the tree...” (1 Pet. 2:24)
- “To Him who loved us and washed us from *our sins* in His own blood,” (Rev. 1:5)
- “...having made peace through the blood of His cross.” (Col. 1:20)











II. Our Personal History in the First Adam
 – GOD'S SOLUTION

B. Our Relationship to Adam (*the old man positioned in Adam*) is Terminated – AS A RESULT WE COME TO THE VERY END OF OUR HISTORY IN ADAM.


- Why?** – It was necessary to terminate our positional relationship to Adam because “The wages of sin is death” (Rom. 6:23)
- When & Where?** – All of God’s dealings with the First Adam were accomplished in and by His Son, on the Cross of Calvary.





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3) **How?** – the Lord Jesus was identified with our position in sin and our sinful nature. As our “old man” was condemned and crucified with Christ, at the same time, in His substitutionary work of redemption, He paid the penalty of our personal sins.



***** KEY POINTS *****


- ✓ The source and principle of sin (*the First Adam*) was JUDGED AND CONDEMNED in and through Christ's death – *NOT FORGIVEN!*
- ✓ Our inherited Adamic nature was JUDGED AND CONDEMNED in and through Christ's death – *NOT FORGIVEN!*
- ✓ Christ's death on our behalf COMPLETELY FREED US as individual believers from the Adamic principle (*source, nature, and practice*) and all penalties and consequences. This enabled God to justly include us in Christ's death unto sin.

***** KEY POINTS *****

- ✓ The first step to our becoming EXPERIENTIALLY free from all that is associated with the First Adam in our daily experience, is to know that POSITIONALLY we died (*were separated*) once for all from the First Adam by Christ's crucifixion and burial.

WE HAVE RECEIVED THE ULTIMATE IN DELIVERANCE WHEN WE WERE IDENTIFIED WITH CHRIST IN HIS DEATH.



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II. Our Personal History in the Last Adam (Jesus Christ)

Our Personal History in the Last Adam (Jesus Christ) begins on the only basis for resurrection life, which is – *death*, because resurrection life can only spring forth from a prior death.



While our relationship to the first Adam rendered us *dead in sin*, our identification in *death with Christ* made us *dead unto (in relation to) sin*. This death unto sin is the one condition for new of life.



II. Our Personal History in the Last Adam (Jesus Christ)

A. In Christ Buried

- ◆ We must see ourselves "in Christ", that is, *in the tomb*, dead to the First Adam.
- ◆ Through our identification with Christ (*in His death*), our relationship to Adam significantly changed.





Rom. 6:3-4

³ Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into (*identified with*) Christ Jesus were *baptized into His death*? ⁴ *Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death...*

Col. 2:12

"...buried with Him in baptism..."





II. Our Personal History in the Last Adam (Jesus Christ)

A. In Christ Buried

- ◆ Having died "in Christ", *our death to the flesh** (the Sin Nature) has become the very means of our triumph over it.

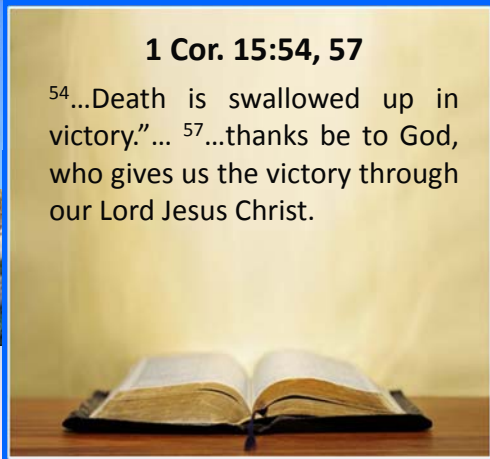
**Contextually, the Sin Nature, acting through the physical human body, is often called the Flesh.*





1 Cor. 15:54, 57

⁵⁴...Death is swallowed up in victory."... ⁵⁷...thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.





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B. In Christ Risen

- ◆ Christ's death and burial accomplished its liberating work on our behalf, so we now begin to look up – from the place of death; from our place in fallen Adam, to the place of new birth in the risen Christ.
- ◆ For when the Lord Jesus burst the bonds of death, He took us with Him in His glorious resurrection life.







Rom. 6:4-5

⁴ ...*just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.* ⁵ For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be in the likeness of His resurrection...








II. Our Personal History in the Last Adam (Jesus Christ)

B. In Christ Risen

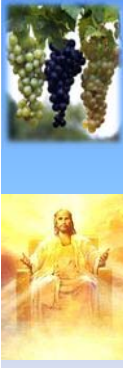
- ◆ From our foundational vantage point of **resurrection in Christ**, we can now consider the following:
 - Our **New Position** of Life – (Christ – source)
 - Our **New Nature** of Righteousness – (Christ – nature), and
 - Our **New Walk** of Fruitfulness – (Christ – practice)

II. Our Personal History in the Last Adam (Jesus Christ)


C. Our New Position of Life

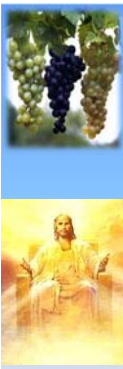
- ◆ In our old position in the first Adam, we were rendered *dead to God and alive unto sin*. We stood condemned before a righteous, holy, Judge.
- ◆ BUT, our new position in the risen Last Adam renders us *alive unto God and dead unto sin*. Because:



Colossians 3:1-3


¹Therefore [*since] **you have been raised up with Christ**, keep seeking the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your mind on the things above, not on the things that are on earth. ³For **you have died** and your [resurrection] life is hidden **with Christ** in God. (NASB95)





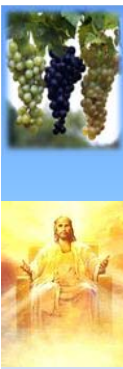
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***1st Class Condition** – The first class condition indicates *the assumption of truth for the sake of argument*. The normal idea, then, is *if—and let us assume that this is true for the sake of argument—then.... This is a frequent conditional clause, occurring about 300 times in the NT.*

Wallace, D. B. (1996). Greek Grammar beyond the Basics: An Exegetical Syntax of the New Testament (p. 690). Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan.



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C. Our New Position of Life

- ◆ *When we were "in Adam", God was our JUDGE, but now, by means of His Son's death and resurrection He is free to be our FATHER and we are free to be His SONS.*






Gal. 4:6

And because **you are sons**, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, '**Abba, Father!**'

1 John 3:2

Beloved, **now** we are children of God...




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D. Our New Nature of Righteousness

- ◆ In our co-resurrection with Christ, our Father gave us a new life consisting of *a New Man with a New Nature which can only bring forth righteousness.*







2 Cor. 5:17-18

¹⁷ Therefore if anyone is in Christ, *he is a new creature*; the old things [based in our historical relationship in Adam] passed away; behold, new things [based in our historical relationship in Christ] have come. ¹⁸ Now all *these* things are from God, who reconciled us to Himself **through Christ...**(NASB95)



II. Our Personal History in the Last Adam (Jesus Christ)

IN ADAM

OLD MAN = ALL OF WHO YOU WERE!

IN NATURE

IN CHRIST

NEW MAN = ALL OF WHO YOU ARE!

NEW NATURE

SIN NATURE

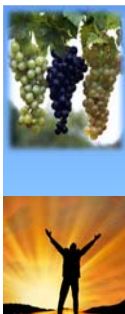
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D. Our New Nature of Righteousness



- ◆ As new creations in Christ, we have been *forever liberated from* our relationship to the first Adam (position & nature), with its reign of sin and death.
- ◆ Our Father now sees each of us as completely new in His Son and *He wants us to see Ourselves from His point of view* – *New Creations in Christ Jesus, with a New Position "in Christ", and "a New Nature" – Christ's Nature!*



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D. Our New Nature of Righteousness

- ◆ As New Creations, *the Father maintains the identity of each believer...we remain the same individual* but we acquire a new position, a new life, and a new nature, all in the risen Lord Jesus.

Col. 1:21-22

²¹ And you, who once **were** alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works yet now He has reconciled ²² in the body of His flesh through death, to present you **holy, and blameless, and above reproach** in His sight. (NKJV)








Col. 2:13

When you **were** dead in your transgressions and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He made you alive together with Him, having forgiven us all our transgressions (NASB95)

Eph. 5:27


that He might present to Himself the church in all her glory, having ***no spot or wrinkle or any such thing***; but that she would be ***holy and blameless***. (NASB95)



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Say Goodbye To That Old Life



II. Our Personal History in the Last Adam (Jesus Christ)

E. In Christ Ascended & Seated
◆ We are born from above and we are to abide above.





Eph. 2:4-7

⁴ But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, ⁵ even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together (AAI) with Christ (by grace you have been saved), ⁶ and raised us up together (AAI), and made us sit together (AAI) in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷ that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.





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- ◆ We are abiding above **in Christ** while walking below **in the Spirit**. As newly created believers, we are in the Lord Jesus in the heavenlies, while at the same time we are in the Spirit of Christ here on earth.



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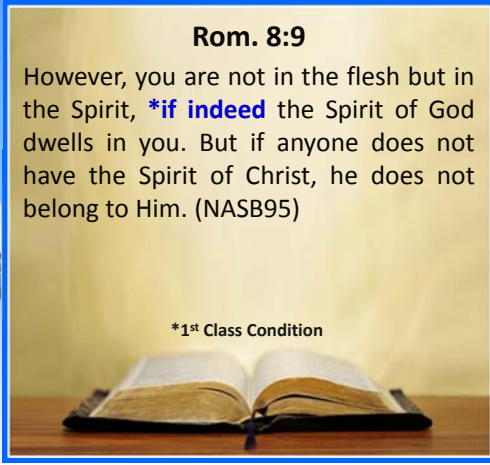
- ◆ The Comforter is our natural environment as we operate as Christ's hands and feet in this sin-cursed world.
- ◆ The Comforter administers the life of the Lord Jesus (our new life) – *in us*, and develops new nature and new life 'characteristics' *in and through us*.




Rom. 8:9

However, you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, ***if indeed** the Spirit of God dwells in you. But if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Him. (NASB95)

***1st Class Condition**








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- ◆ On the one hand, the Holy Spirit continually applies the finished work of the Cross to the mortal flesh-life of the believer.
- ◆ On the other hand, the Holy Spirit causes the 'fruit of the Spirit' (new nature and new life 'characteristics') to be manifested in the mortal flesh-life of the believer.





Gal. 5:16


But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh. (NASB95)



Gal. 5:22-23

²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, self-control... (NASB95)







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F. Our New Walk of Fruitfulness

- ◆ A close look at Galatians 2:20 will further clarify the vital distinction between *what we were* in the first Adam, and *who we now are* in the Last Adam.





Galatians 2:20

“I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the *life* which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me. (NASB95)



Gal. 2:20
Expanded Explanation

I [*the Old Man in Adam*], have been crucified **with Christ**; it is no longer I [*the Old Man in Adam*], that lives, but **Christ lives in me, [His New Creation – the New Man]**; the life which I [*the New Man*], now live in the flesh [*my physical body*], I [*the New Man*] live in faith; this faith is in the Son of God, who loved me [**as a lost individual in Adam**] and gave Himself up [*as a substitutionary sacrifice*] for me [**a sinner in Adam**].



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F. Our New Walk of Fruitfulness

- ◆ Christ *is* our risen life and it is **HIS life and nature** that composes our newly created life. Therefore, Christ is to be found in us.
- ◆ Christ is the **source and motivation** of my Christian life, as such, **He lives IN me, not INSTEAD of me.**




Phil. 1:21
For to me to live *is Christ*...(NASB95)


Col. 3:4
...Christ, who is *our life*...(NASB95)

2 Cor. 4:11
...that *the life of Jesus* also may be manifested *in our mortal flesh*. (NASB95)











Summation



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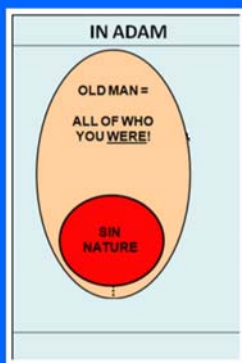


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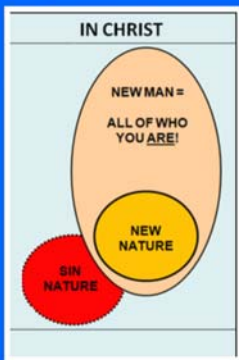
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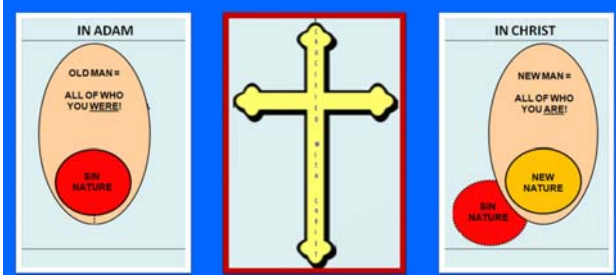


- that into which *we were born and in which we grew.*
- where even now the world, the flesh, and the devil *would keep the believer in bondage.*
- the ground of carnality, sin, and death—*off-limits to the new creation in Christ.*

THE GROUND OF THE LAST ADAM IS:

- that into which *we have been reborn and are to abide.*
- where the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit *would have us grow and mature.*
- It is the ground of spirituality, righteousness, and life—the *Father’s one abiding place for the believer.*





As we take our rightful stand on the resurrection side of the Cross, setting our minds and hearts on the Lord Jesus via the Word, the Holy Spirit will establish us in Him above. On that ground of growth, we will "grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever. Amen" (2 Pet. 3:18).
