

Introduction:

Psalm 8:3-9 speaks of God's creation and man's place in that creation. **Hebrews 2:6-8** the writer quotes part of **Psalm 8** in speaking of Jesus taking on the body of flesh and living among man. Man was created by God in His image; possessing a physical body which houses the soul. The physical body becomes frail and old, **2 Corinthians 4:17** For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory, **18** while we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal. puts together the physical and spiritual side of man. It is at death the body and soul are separated. Paul continues in **2 Corinthians 5:1** For we know that if our earthly house, this tent, is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens...**5** Now He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who also has given us the Spirit as a guarantee.

There are two Adams spoken of in the Bible; **Genesis 2:18** And the LORD God said, "It is not good that man should be alone; I will make him a helper comparable to him." **19** Out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to Adam to see what he would call them. And whatever Adam called each living creature, that was its name. **20** So Adam gave names to all cattle, to the birds of the air, and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper comparable to him. **21** And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall on Adam, and he slept; and He took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh in its place. **22** Then the rib which the LORD God had taken from man He made into a woman, and He brought her to the man. **23** And Adam said: "This is now bone of my bones And flesh of my flesh; She shall be called Woman, Because she was taken out of Man." **24** Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. **25** And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed. and **1 Corinthians 15:44** It is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body. **45** And so it is written, "The first man Adam became a living being." The last Adam became a life-giving spirit. **46** However, the spiritual is not first, but the natural, and afterward the spiritual. **47** The first man was of the earth, made

of dust; the second Man is the Lord from heaven. **48** As was the man of dust, so also are those who are made of dust; and as is the heavenly Man, so also are those who are heavenly. **49** And as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly Man.

I) The First Adam

A) Was the head of the home,

Genesis 3:16 To the woman He said: "I will greatly multiply your sorrow and your conception; In pain you shall bring forth children; Your desire shall be for your husband, And he shall rule over you."

1. Every home has to have a head.
2. The ultimate head of every home is God.
3. Man is subject to God and so is the woman.
4. Man is part of the home and woman is part of the home.

B) Adam was alone before he slept

1. There was no one suitable; no help meet, no companion,

Genesis 2:18 And the LORD God said, "It is not good that man should be alone; I will make him a helper comparable to him."

2. Animals were not created in the image of God.

C) In his sleep Adam's side was opened,

Genesis 2:21 And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall on Adam, and he slept; and He took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh in its place.

1. It was God's design, His plan to put Adam to sleep.
2. Only God could have created the woman.

D) Eve was formed from Adam's rib,

Genesis 2:22 Then the rib which the LORD God had taken from man He made into a

woman, and He brought her to the man.

1. Both Adam and Eve were created by God.
 2. God used part of Adam to create Eve.
- E) There was one woman for Adam
1. Adam had no choice; there was only one woman!

1 Corinthians 7:1 Now concerning the things of which you wrote to me: It is good for a man not to touch a woman. **2** Nevertheless, because of sexual immorality, let each man have his own wife, and let each woman have her own husband.

2. Talk about pre-arranged marriages, this was it for Adam.
- F) Adam gave the woman a name that honored man,

Genesis 2:23 And Adam said: "This is now bone of my bones And flesh of my flesh; She shall be called Woman, Because she was taken out of Man."

1. For she was taken out of man.
 2. The name meant something. Today when people get married the woman takes on the name of the man.
- G) Given a natural law of procreation
1. By being one flesh they would have children
 2. The only exception was Jesus
- H) All their children were in their family
1. Cain, Abel, Seth, and the rest were all part of their family.
 2. What other family could they have been a part of?

II) The Second Adam (Jesus)

- A) Is the head of the church,

Ephesians 1:22 And He put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be head over all

things to the church, 23 which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.

Colossians 1:18 And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence.

1. The church can have only one head.
2. A body can not have multitude of heads without being abnormal.

B) He was alone before His death,

John 19:17 And He, bearing His cross, went out to a place called the Place of a Skull, which is called in Hebrew, Golgotha, 18 where they crucified Him, and two others with Him, one on either side, and Jesus in the center.

Mark 15:34 And at the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?" which is translated, "My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?"

1. No one else was on that cross.
2. Jesus and Jesus alone shed His blood for mankind.
3. David, "Though I walk through the valley of the of the shadow of death, Thou are with me" **Ps. 23.**

C) In death His side was opened,

John 19:34 But one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and immediately blood and water came out.

1. It was His blood that was shed on the cross.

D) The church was purchased with His blood,

Acts 20:28 "Therefore take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood.

1. The blood of animals was not able to establish His church. **Hebrews 10.4**

2. Only the blood of a perfect sacrifice was able to cleanse man. To wash away his sins.

E) The second Adam (Jesus) built one church,

Matthew 16:16 Simon Peter answered and said, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." **17** Jesus answered and said to him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My Father who is in heaven. **18** "And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.

1. Jesus did not create or build a multitude of churches.
2. No such thing as Baptist Church, or Methodist Church, or Presbyterian Church, etc.

F) Received a name that honored Christ

1. "Christian" is used in **Acts 11.26**
2. Used in **Acts 26.28** by King Agrippa to describe the disciples of Christ.
3. No such things as a hyphenated Christian.

G) Given a spiritual law of procreation

1. **Matthew 28:18** And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. **19** "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, **20** "teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen.

By preaching the word people were converted; born again, **John 3:3** Jesus answered and said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." **5** Jesus answered, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born

of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.

2. One does not inherit their religion, but is taught the Gospel of Christ.

H) All of God's children are in His family,

John 1:11 He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him. **12** But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name:

1. **Galatians 4:6** And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, "Abba, Father!" God is our Father
2. Jesus points out that we are the children of the one whose qualities we have, They answered and said to Him, "Abraham is our father." Jesus said to them, "If you were Abraham's children, you would do the works of Abraham. **John 8.39**
3. Those who are "born again" are born into the family of God.