

Redemption - Puts Us In Christ. Regeneration - Puts Christ In Us.

12 When Adam sinned, sin entered the world. Adam's sin brought death, so death spread to everyone, for everyone sinned.

When Adam sinned, all humanity was born into Adam's sin
which was passed on to everyone in "the first man's line."

On this planet... there are two worlds... living side by side.

We live in a world of sight – based on truth. We are alive to the Spirit of God.

The rest of the world – lives in a world that is blind, deceived & dead to God.

Every human is either IN Adam... or IN Christ.

We were a part of a corporate body (Adam)...

just as we are now a part of Christ.

Adam as the HEAD meant...

All mankind is part of a spiritual body.

For Christians who are "born of the Spirit" means

Christ is the HEAD — We are the body.

The HEAD is the initiator. The BODY is the responder.

If my brain (head) says "Hand move"

My hand moves... It responds to the head

Do you see why God has given the body a diversity of gifts?

Some of us are hands, some feet, some heart, some a voice.

If I cut my finger... my feet take me to the sink, my hand turns on the water, etc.

This if the way the church should function and operate.

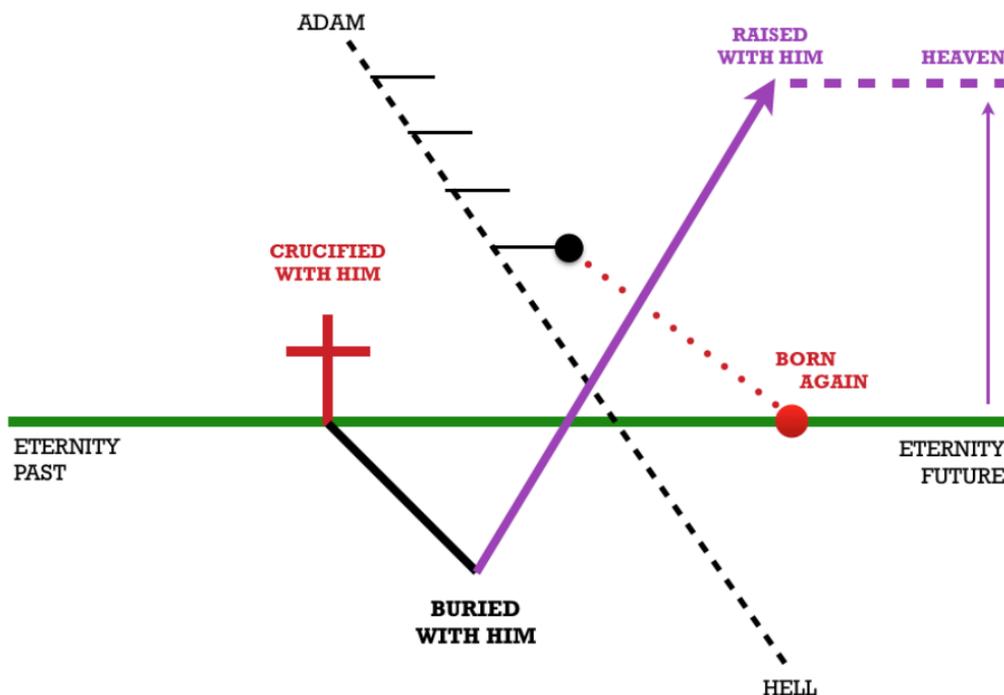
13 Yes, people sinned even before the law was given. But it was not counted as sin because there was not yet any law to break. 14 Still, everyone died—from the time of Adam to the time of Moses—even those who did not disobey an explicit commandment of God, as Adam did. Now Adam is a symbol, a representation of Christ, who was yet to come. 15 But there is a great difference between Adam's sin and God's gracious gift. For the sin of this one man, Adam, brought death to many. But even greater is God's wonderful grace and his gift of forgiveness to many through this other man, Jesus Christ. 16 And the result of God's gracious gift is very different from the result of that one man's sin. For Adam's sin led to condemnation, but God's free gift leads to our being made right with God, even though we are guilty of many sins. 17 For the sin of this one man, Adam, caused death to rule over many. But even greater is God's wonderful grace and his gift of righteousness, for all who receive it will live in triumph over sin and death through this one man, Jesus Christ.

Galatians 3:19-25 19 Why, then, was the law given? It was given alongside the promise to show people their sins. But the law was designed to last only until the coming of the child who was promised. God gave his law through angels to Moses, who was the mediator between God and the people. 20 Now a mediator is helpful if more than one party must reach an agreement. But God, who is one, did not use a mediator when he gave his promise to Abraham. 21 Is there a conflict, then, between God's law and God's promises? Absolutely not! If the law could give us new life, we could be made right with God by obeying it. 22 But the Scriptures declare that we are all prisoners of sin, so we receive God's promise of freedom only by believing in Jesus Christ. 23 Before the way of faith in Christ was available to us, we were placed under guard by the law. We were kept in protective custody, so to speak, until the way of faith was revealed. 24 Let me put it another way. The law was our guardian until Christ came; it protected us until we could be made right with God through faith. 25 And now that the way of faith has come, we no longer need the law as our guardian.

Christ's obedience to God qualified Him to become the perfect sacrifice.

HE IS the unblemished lamb.

18 Yes, Adam's one sin brings condemnation for everyone, but Christ's one act of righteousness brings a right relationship with God and new life for everyone. 19 Because one person disobeyed God, many became sinners. But because one other person obeyed God, many will be made righteous. 20 God's law was given so that all people could see how sinful they were. But as people sinned more and more, God's wonderful grace became more abundant. 21 So just as sin ruled over all people and brought them to death, now God's wonderful grace rules instead, giving us right standing with God and resulting in eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.



The law was sent to prove to us our condemnation in Adam's line.

Sin, then law, to prove our need, then grace and life, to make us whole.

Thus... we end Chapter 5 of Romans in preparation for Romans 6 - 7 - 8...

the three richest chapters in the Bible are going to paint a picture for us.

The graphic on page 2 gives clarity to what God has done for us!

John 3:3-6 Jesus said....I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. Unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

Now... what happens when we are born again?

God now identifies us "in Christ" and no longer in "Adam."

And everything that is spiritually connected to Christ,

now makes up our identity—our past, present, and future.

Galatians 2:20 (Paul) I have been crucified with Christ (past tense) ; 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 for me.

And that's not all....

Paul reminds us... **Romans 6: 3-7 Or do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus have been baptized into His death? 4 Therefore we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. 5 For if we have become united with Him in the likeness of His death, certainly we shall also be *in the likeness* of His resurrection, 6 knowing this, that our old self was crucified with Him, in order that our body of sin might be done away with, so that we would no longer be slaves to sin; 7 for he who has died is freed from sin.**

And... even more good news from Paul,

The moment we were born again,

The Holy Spirit attached to our spirit.

We are now identified with the Eternal Christ,

we are in Him — He is in us through the Spirit.

Not only were we crucified with Christ,

we were buried with Him...and raised with Him.

Our past, present, and future carry His eternal life.

Just to confirm how God has finished the process of identifying us in Christ... he told the Ephesians,

Ephesians 2:4-6 God is rich in mercy. He brought us to life with Christ while we were dead as a result of those things that we did wrong. He did this because of the great love that he has for us. You are saved by God's grace! And God has raised us up and seated us in the heavenlies with Christ Jesus.

It's my hope that by the time we finish Romans you will all have a more complete picture of God, the Father's plan. It is part of learning His ways and knowing Him more intimately. That's why we study the Scriptures. Maturity is knowing the Father.

“Thank you Father for your incredibly creative plan to free us from condemnation through the power of sin. Open the eyes of our understanding through faith, and call us to your self in new and fresh ways. We are so grateful that you chose us and called us before the foundation of the world. Bless your Holy name! Amen.”