

Jesus the Christ, our Lord

1 Corinthians 15:20-23 – Jesus is the second Adam.

42-49 – As we have borne the image of the earthy, we will also bear the image of the heavenly.

Romans 5:6-9 – More than being justified, we are saved from the wrath to come.

10 – Much more than enemies reconciled, we shall be saved by his life.

11 – The Greek word translated exult is also translated rejoice, boast, glory, and exalt. “Exult” in English means show or feel elation or jubilation, especially as the result of a success.

12 -14 – Begins to show the relationship of the two Adams that are parallel and the antithesis, counterpart. As one of a pair of gloves is to its mate, corresponding but in reverse, so is Jesus Christ to Adam.

15 –The result of Adam had a specific ending – death; however, in Christ, much more the result is unending life.

17 – Death reigned; much more with Christ, we reign in life.

20 – Finally, much more (worded a little differently “abounded all the more”) sin had increased; now, much, much more, grace abounds.

Adam, the Figure of Christ

Adam	Jesus Christ
Head of mankind	Head of spirit kind
One (same blood) Acts 17:26	One (same) spirit - 1 Corinthians 12:13
Sin and death - Romans 5:12	Righteousness and life - Romans 5:17
Condemnation - Romans 5:16, 18	Justification - Romans 5:16
Sin abounded Romans 5:20	Grace much more abounded Romans 5:20
Sin reigned unto death Romans 5:21	Grace reigned unto eternal life Romans 5:21
Law of death-dealing sin Romans 8:2	Law of the spirit of life Romans 8:2

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Philippians 2:1-13

First Adam	Second Adam
Created in the image of God - spirit Genesis 1:27	Born or made in the likeness of man with body and soul - without spirit Philippians 2:7
Lived in paradise	Lived in an age controlled by Satan
Adam placed sense-knowledge above God's Word and fell Genesis 2:16 and 17; 3:6	Jesus placed God's Word above sense-knowledge and never sinned Luke 4:1-13
The sinful act - self-worship Genesis 3:5	The righteous act - always worshipped Yahweh John 8:28 and 29; Philippians 2:8
Surrendered his God-given authority to Satan Luke 4:6	Regained authority eternally Ephesians 1:19-23
Man's consequences were spiritual death Genesis 2:17 and physical death Genesis 5:5	Man's inheritance - spiritual life Acts 2:38 and Eternal life John 3:16

1 Peter 3:21 and 22 – Jesus is now at the right hand of God.

Revelation 5:1-14 – Jesus is in His exalted position in heaven and as such is the head of the body on earth.

Ephesians 1:19-23; Colossians 1:18-21

The Mystery and Calling of God

The Mystery

Greek μυστήριον <i>musterion (moos-tay'-ree-on)</i> A hidden secret thing A mystery, not obvious to the understanding A hidden purpose or counsel
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Matthew 3:10-11; 13

And the disciples came and said to Him, "Why do You speak to them in parables?"

Jesus answered them, "To you it has been granted to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been granted.

Therefore I speak to them in parables; because while seeing they do not see, and while hearing they do not hear, nor do they understand.

Deuteronomy 29:29

The secret things belong to the LORD our God, but the things revealed belong to us and to our sons forever, that we may observe all the words of this law.

The wisdom of God regarding the Messiah and the Gospel was hidden in a mystery. God had spoken through the prophets, but the understanding was hidden.

Luke 18:31-34

Then He took the twelve aside and said to them, "Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and all things which are written through the prophets about the Son of Man will be accomplished. For He will be handed over to the Gentiles, and will be mocked and mistreated and spit upon, and after they have scourged Him, they will kill Him; and the third day He will rise again. But the disciples understood none of these things, and *the meaning of* this statement was hidden from them, and they did not comprehend the things that were said.

Why hide it? Why keep this understanding hidden?

1 Corinthians 2:6-8 – "for if they had understood it they would not have crucified the Lord of glory;"

Romans 16:25-27

Now to Him who is able to establish you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery which has been kept secret for long ages past, but now is manifested, and by the Scriptures of the prophets, according to the commandment of the eternal God, has been made known to all the nations, *leading* to obedience of faith; to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, be the glory forever. Amen.

Ephesians 1:9

He made known to us the mystery of His will, according to His kind intention which He purposed in Him

Ephesians 3:3-6

that by revelation there was made known to me the mystery, as I wrote before in brief. By referring to this, when you read you can understand my insight into the mystery of Christ, which in other generations was not made known to the sons of men, as it has now been revealed to His holy apostles and prophets in the Spirit; to *be specific*, that the Gentiles are fellow heirs and fellow members of the body, and fellow partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel,

Ephesians 3:8-11

To me, the very least of all saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unfathomable riches of Christ, and to bring to light what is the administration of the mystery which for ages has been hidden in God who created all things; so that the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known through the church to the rulers and the authorities in the heavenly *places*. *This was* in accordance with the eternal purpose which He carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord,

Colossians 1:26-27

that is, the mystery which has been hidden from the *past* ages and generations, but has now been manifested to His saints, to whom God willed to make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

Colossians 2:2-3

that their hearts may be encouraged, having been knit together in love, and *attaining* to all the wealth that comes from the full assurance of understanding, *resulting* in a true knowledge of God's mystery, *that is*, Christ *himself*, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

Ephesians 6:19

and *pray* on my behalf, that utterance may be given to me in the opening of my mouth, to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel,

Colossians 4:3

praying at the same time for us as well, that God will open up to us a door for the word, so that we may speak forth the mystery of Christ, for which I have also been imprisoned;

The Calling of God – God’s Election, His Chosen

Unconditional Election	Conditional Election
Calvinism – John Calvin	Arminianism – Jacobus Arminius
Emphasis- <i>God’s Predestination</i>	Emphasis - <i>Man’s Freewill Choice</i>
Some Supporting Verses: John 1:12-13; 6:44; 15:16; Acts 13:48; Ephesians 1:4-5; 2 Timothy 1:9	Some Supporting Verses: Deuteronomy 30:19; John 3:16, 36; 1 Timothy 2:4

Romans 8:28-30

Those whom He foreknew, (Romans 8:27 – “He who searches the hearts”)

1 Chronicles 28:9b

for the LORD searches all hearts, and understands every intent of the thoughts. If you seek Him, He will let you find Him; but if you forsake Him, He will reject you forever.

Psalm 44:21

Shall not God search this out? for he knoweth the secrets of the heart.

Jeremiah 17:10

I the LORD search the heart, I try the reins, even to give every man according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings.

1 Thessalonians 2:4b

not as pleasing men, but God who examines our hearts.

He also predestined

Ephesians 1:4-5

just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we would be holy and blameless before Him. In love He predestined us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the kind intention of His will,

Ephesians 1:11

also we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to His purpose who works all things after the counsel of His will,

2 Timothy 1:9

who has saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace which was granted us in Christ Jesus from all eternity,

Romans 9:1-5 The promises came to Israel.

Romans 9:6-33

The children of promise are regarded as descendants. It was not because of the biological seed of Abraham, but because of God's promise. It has always been because of God's mercy.

Romans 10:1ff

The word of faith – that if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved;

Romans 11:1ff

Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and unfathomable His ways!

For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. To Him *be* the glory forever. Amen.