

The Two Adams

1 Cor. 15:20-24,45

Introduction:

- A. The first Adam brought sin and death into the world. (v. 21,22; Gen. 3:1-19).
 - 1. Bodily death to all men - unconditionally.
 - 2. Spiritual death to all men - potentially and conditionally.
- B. The second Adam brought salvation and life into the world.
 - 1. Bodily resurrection to all men - unconditionally.
 - 2. Spiritual resurrection to all men - potentially and conditionally.
- C. The first showed us the way down by his example- the second the way up by His gospel.

Discussion:

I. The First Adam's Way Down.

- A. Believed a lie. -- "Shall not surely die."
 - 1. Eve was deceived - Adam complied. (1 Tim. 2:13,14).
 - a. How often are we the one deceived?
 - b. How often do we go along - no questioned asked?
 - 2. Deceived by what lie offered. (Gen. 3:6).
 - a. Satan offers "instant gratification" – Lord offers reward in "due season." (Gal. 6:9)
 - b. Satan offers three basic approaches. (1 John 2:15).
 - 3. Belief of lie was fatal mistake.
 - a. Some mistaken beliefs may not hurt too much.
 - b. Some mistaken beliefs can destroy (2 Thess. 2:11-12).
 - (1) "Just as long as we all believe in God." (2 John 7; Jas. 2:19).
 - (2) "Baptism does not save us". (1 Pet. 3:21).
 - (3) "It is not important what we do in worship". (John 4:24; Matt. 15:9).
 - (4) "If is a 'good work', it must be right." (Matt. 7:21-23).
- B. Obeyed a lie.
 - 1. People generally obey a lie because:
 - a. Believe with all their hearts.
 - b. Willing to take risk that it may be so.
 - c. Desire results so greatly do not care about consequences.
 - 2. People need to obey what the evidence dictates -- not what want to believe.
- C. Denied responsibility.
 - 1. Adam blamed Eve. (Gen. 3:12).
 - 2. Eve blamed serpent. (Gen. 3:13).

II. The Second Adam's Way Up.

- A. Believe the truth. (2 Thess. 2:13-14).
 - 1. The truth about Jesus. (John 8:32).
 - 2. The truth about His salvation. (Mark 16:15,16).
- B. Obey the truth.
 - 1. To be saved initially. (1 Pet. 1:22-25; Rom. 6:3,4,17).
 - 2. To be saved ultimately. (Gal. 3:1; 5:4,7).
- C. Accept responsibility.
 - 1. For our sins. (John 16:8; Tit. 1:9; Acts 2:36; 1 John 8,10).
 - 2. For our salvation.
 - a. From past sins. (Acts 2:38,41).
 - b. From present sins. (1 John 1:7-9; Phil. 2:12).

Conclusion:

- A. Which Adam do you follow?
- B. Why not follow Christ as our Forerunner into heaven? (cf. Heb. 6:19,20).