

**Outline of
the Messages for the Full-time Training
in the Spring Term of 2023**

**GENERAL SUBJECT:
THE CRUCIAL POINTS OF THE TRUTH IN PAUL'S EPISTLES**

Message Five

**In Adam and in Christ—
the Divine Transfer from Adam into Christ**

Scripture Reading: Rom. 5:12-21; 6:3-4; 1 Cor. 15:22, 45, 47; Gal. 3:27

I. If we want to thoroughly know and accurately experience God's way of salvation, we must see that in God's eyes there are only two men in the universe—Adam and Christ—Rom. 5:14-15:

- A. Adam is the first man, "the first man, Adam"—1 Cor. 15:45a:
 - 1. "The first man is out of the earth, earthy"—v. 47a.
 - 2. *Out of the earth* denotes the origin of the first man, Adam, and *earthy*, his nature.
 - 3. In God's eyes Adam and his descendants are one man.
- B. Christ is the second man, the last Adam—v. 45b:
 - 1. According to God's view, the only man after Adam is Christ because there was only one man before Christ; thus, Adam is the first man, and Christ is the second man—v. 47b.
 - 2. Christ is not only the second man but is also the last Adam—v. 45b.
- C. God's point of view is that every person in the world is either in Adam or in Christ—Rom. 5:14:
 - 1. Adam was the head of the old collective man (mankind); whatever he did and whatever happened to him is participated in by all mankind—v. 14.
 - 2. In this respect Adam is a type of Christ, who is the Head of the new corporate man, the church; whatever He did and whatever happened to Him is participated in by all the members of His Body, the church—Eph. 2:15-16; 1:22-23.

II. In Adam we were born sinners, we were constituted sinners, and we inherited sin and death—Rom. 5:12, 15, 17, 19:

- A. The first thing that we received in Adam was sin; through Adam sin has come to everyone—v. 12:
 - 1. We are not sinful because we have committed sins; we were constituted sinners in Adam—v. 19.
 - 2. Because of the disobedience of Adam, we have sin, and we have been constituted as sinners.
- B. Since we all are sinners in Adam, we also deserve to be condemned because we share in Adam's condemnation—v. 18:
 - 1. Adam's sinning was our sinning because we were in him.
 - 2. As we obtained sin in Adam, we also inherited condemnation in Adam; being in Adam causes us to partake of condemnation—v. 18.
- C. In Adam we first inherit sin, then condemnation, and finally death—1 Cor. 15:22:
 - 1. Where there is sin, there is condemnation, and where there is condemnation, there must be death—Rom. 6:23a.
 - 2. Our death in Adam has several aspects:
 - a. We became dead in our spirit because of sin in our flesh—Eph. 2:1, 5; Col. 2:13.

- b. Condemnation involves the death of our body, in which our body will lose its life and return to dust—Gen. 2:7; 3:17-19.
 - c. Condemnation results in the death of the soul, in which the soul is tormented in Hades—Luke 16:22-25.
 - d. Another aspect of condemnation is the second death, in which the spirit, soul, and body of those who do not believe are cast into the lake of fire to suffer; this is the final death and the eternal death—Rev. 20:15; 21:8.
3. In Adam we have these three terrible things—sin, condemnation, and death.

III. As believers in Christ, we have been transferred from Adam into Christ—Rom. 5:12-21:

- A. We are regenerated in Christ in resurrection; in this rebirth the divine transfer takes place and transfers us out of Adam into Christ—1 Pet. 1:3.
- B. John 3:16 speaks of believing “into Him” (Christ):
 - 1. Our believing causes us to enter into Christ—v. 15.
 - 2. When we believed into the Lord, our believing brought us into Christ so that we might enter into Him and become a person in Him—v. 16; 1 Cor. 1:30.
- C. We were born in the sphere of Adam, but through our baptism we have been transferred into the sphere of Christ—Gal. 3:27:
 - 1. To believe and be baptized are two parts of one step for our entering into the Lord—Mark 16:16.
 - 2. To believe and be baptized is a complete step that brings us into Christ, transferring us out of Adam into Christ so that we may be a person in Christ—Rom. 6:3-4.
- D. Of God we are in Christ Jesus—1 Cor. 1:30:
 - 1. Our responsibility is to believe and be baptized to enter into Christ.
 - 2. As far as the Spirit and life are concerned, it is of God that we are in Christ Jesus—v. 30.

IV. When we are transferred into Christ, we possess the innumerable riches in Christ:

- A. The first thing that Christ brings to us is righteousness; the obedience of Christ constitutes us righteous so that we may become righteous persons—Rom. 5:18-19.
- B. In Christ we are judicially redeemed, forgiven, justified, and reconciled to God—Eph. 1:7; Rom. 3:24; 5:10a.
- C. Christ’s “one righteous act” of dying on the cross resulted in “justification of life”; justification is for life—v. 18:
 - 1. Through justification we come up to the standard of God’s righteousness so that now He can impart His life to us.
 - 2. Justification changes our outward position; life changes our inward condition—v. 18.
- D. In Christ we are organically regenerated to be the many sons of God, the many brothers of Christ, for the constitution of the church, the Body of Christ—1 Pet. 1:3; Rom. 8:14, 19; 12:5; Eph. 1:22-23.
- E. In Christ we obtain not only the three items of righteousness, justification, and life but also every spiritual blessing in the heavenlies—v. 3.
- F. In Christ we are delivered out of the evil kingdom of Satan, that is, the authority of darkness—Acts 26:18; Col. 1:13a.
- G. In Christ we are freed from the vanity of the old creation—Rom. 8:20-23.
- H. “If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old things have passed away; behold, they have become new”—2 Cor. 5:17:
 - 1. We have become a new creation in Christ; the old things in Adam have passed away, and they have become new in Christ.
 - 2. This is a result of being transferred from Adam into Christ.