

Doctrine of the Last Adam

1. Jesus Christ is called in Scripture the “last Adam.”
 - *1 Corinthians 15:45 And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening spirit.*

2. In His humanity Christ accomplished much as the last Adam.
 - *1 Corinthians 15:20 But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept. 21 For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. 22 For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. 23 But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming. 24 Then cometh the end, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power. 25 For he must reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet. 26 The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death.*

3. One of the great accomplishments of Christ is that He loved the Church, despite knowing about her sin, just as the first Adam loved Eve. The first Adam is a figure of “*him that was to come.*”
 - *Romans 5:14 Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over them that had not sinned after the similitude of Adam's transgression, who is the figure of him that was to come.*
 - *Ephesians 5:25 Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it.*

4. As the Last Adam, Christ provided the remedy that the First Adam made necessary by violating the Covenant of Works.

Special Note.
 The Covenant of Works is the ultimate way souls are saved provided it is understood that the keeper of the Covenant of Works is Christ, and that by faith in Christ alone His work of redemption is imputed to our account. By the works of Christ souls are saved.

5. The death of Christ saves, but so does His life, for Christ lived His life without sin, and without blemish. What can be more amazing than the sinlessness of Jesus?
 - *John 8:46 Which of you convinceth me of sin? And if I say the truth, why do ye not believe me?*

6. Because of the righteousness of Christ, imputation can take place. In the act of imputation the sins of the sinner are transferred to Christ, while His righteousness is transferred to the soul that is the object of salvation. The pattern of an imputed righteousness can be found in Abraham.

- *James 2:23 And the scripture was fulfilled which saith, Abraham believed God, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness: and he was called the Friend of God.*
 - *Romans 4:11 And he received the sign of circumcision, a seal of the righteousness of the faith which he had yet being uncircumcised: that he might be the father of all them that believe, though they be not circumcised; that righteousness might be imputed unto them also:*
7. The righteousness of Christ imputed to sinners is “*extra nos*”, outside of the sinner.
 8. Christ not only died for our justification, but He was raised, He lives, for our justification as well.
 - *Romans 4:25 Who was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification.*
 9. The resurrection is not only for Himself, but for others as well.
 - *1 Corinthians 15:23 But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming.*
 10. While skeptics insist that the bodily resurrection of Christ was impossible, the Bible says that it was impossible for death to hold Him because He was sinless.
 - *Acts 2:24 Whom God hath raised up, having loosed the pains of death: because it was not possible that he should be holden of it.*
 11. Because of the believer’s relationship with Christ, Paradise is not just restored, it is exceeded to an eternal glory in a resurrected body.
 - *1 Corinthians 15:35 But some man will say, How are the dead raised up? And with what body do they come? 36 Thou fool, that which thou sowest is not quickened, except it die: 37 And that which thou sowest, thou sowest not that body that shall be, but bare grain, it may chance of wheat, or of some other grain: 38 But God giveth it a body as it hath pleased him, and to every seed his own body. 39 All flesh is not the same flesh: but there is one kind of flesh of men, another flesh of beasts, another of fishes, and another of birds. 40 There are also celestial bodies, and bodies terrestrial: but the glory of the celestial is one, and the glory of the terrestrial is another. 41 There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars: for one star differeth from another star in glory. 42 So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown in corruption; it is raised in incorruption: 43 It is sown in dishonour; it is raised in glory: it is sown in weakness; it is raised in power: 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 was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening spirit.*

12. The First Adam did not have the ability to give eternal life to his posterity, but the Last Adam can give life to others. Christ is the life giving person.

- *John 11:25 Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live:*

13. The First Adam was natural while the Last Adam was spiritual. The First Adam was earthly while the Last Adam is from heaven. The First Adam gave us his image, an image of sin, corruption and death, while the Last Adam gave us the image of the heavenly.

- *1 Corinthians 15:46 Howbeit that was not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural; and afterward that which is spiritual. 47 The first man is of the earth, earthy: the second man is the Lord from heaven. 48 As is the earthy, such are they also that are earthy: and as is the heavenly, such are they also that are heavenly. 49 And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly.*