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**ADAM...CHRIST**

**Teaching & Seminar Series**

**Sunday 2nd & 16th February**  
**Sunday 2nd March**

**7pm Service**  
**8.10-9:10pm Seminar in Room 2**



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# Introduction

About 'In Adam and In Christ' from Brian More.

***“In these sessions, Willie Henry will lead us through some of the most meaningful and vibrant realities of what faith in Jesus means for us. The Bible reveals a way to see the world and ourselves. The mission of the church is to present the way of Jesus as God’s salvation-rescue plan from all of the effects of Adams fall. But that plan is also transformative of our identity and is life giving. The truth we can know about God and Jesus imparts to people of faith a new way to be human. Belief in Jesus Christ sees us brought into God’s family, we leave being ‘in-Adam’ to being ‘in-Christ’. These sessions will be refreshing and renewing to believers’ intent to grow and deepen in faith and love of God and each other. A great way to start and grow in 2025!”***

The disobedience of Adam in the Garden of Eden had repercussions that affected not only him but all his descendants, as a result of our solidarity with him.

In Romans and 1 Corinthians Paul explains the damage caused by the fact that we are “In Adam”. However, he also reveals the Christian’s new identity “In Christ”, by which we are delivered from the consequences of Adam’s failure.

Over these 3 sessions, we plan to explore Paul’s teaching on this subject, which is fundamental to our understanding of our faith and the security that we have “in Christ.”

We plan to preach the message in the evening services noted above, then get into the discussion of the themes from 8:10 in Room 2. Sessions will conclude at 9:15pm.



# Session 1 - Read Romans 8:1-17

## The operation of the Law of Sin and Death

### Overview

#### The effects of the Fall on humanity and creation

- Adam's Disobedience
- The curse on Adam and Eve's descendants: Hardship and death
- The curse on the earth: Thorns and thistles; corruption and decay

#### Individualism and solidarity in Scripture

- Our involvement in something bigger
- The wider impact of individuals' actions
- Old Testament examples of the principle of solidarity

#### The Law of Sin and Death: Romans 5 and 8

- Our identification with Adam in the curse
- The reign of Death over those who did not sin by breaking a specific command
- The Law of Sin and Death in relation to humanity: Innocents suffer (Luke 13)
- The Law of Sin and Death in relation to creation: Alienation; futility

### Discussion Questions

1. What do you see as the effects of Adam's fall on humanity and on the creation?

2. To what extent do you view yourself as an individual and to what extent as part of "something bigger"?

3. Turn to John 11:34-37. Why do you think Jesus wept at the tomb of Lazarus? What thoughts might have been going through His mind?



# Session 2 - Read Romans 5:12-21

## The operation of the Law of the Spirit of Life

### Overview

#### A glimmer of hope

- For humanity: Genesis 3:15
- For creation: Romans 8

#### A comparison between Adam and Christ: Romans 5

- A type of the One to come
- Christ's Superiority to Adam: "How much more!" "Just as... so..."
- God's grace wipes out the effect of Adam's sin

#### The effect of the Mosaic Law:

- The Israelites were identified with Moses and the Law
- The Law crystallises sin but.....
- "Sin reigned in death... grace reigns through righteousness"

### Discussion Questions

1. Look at Romans 8:19-23. What is the connection between the redemption of humanity and the redemption of creation?

2. In Romans 5:14-21, in what ways does the merit of Christ's work completely overcome the damage caused by Adam's failure? Look out for "how much more?" and "as...so"

3. What did Paul mean by saying that the Israelites were "baptised into Moses in the cloud and in the sea" (1 Corinthians 10:2). See also Romans 6:3-4. What does it mean for us to be "baptised into Christ's death?"





# Session 3 - Read 1 Corinthians 15:20-28; 44b-49

## No condemnation!

### Overview

No condemnation for those in Christ: Romans 8

- The Law could not deliver us from sin
- Christ was made a sin offering and “condemned sin in the flesh”
- We can now serve in the way of the Spirit

·The first Adam and the last Adam: 1 Corinthians 15

- The contrast between the first Adam and the last Adam
- Christ’s redemption of Adam and Eve’s descendants from the curse
- Christ’s redemption of Creation from the curse: Romans 8

Focus on “In Christ”: How is the phrase used and what does it mean?

- What does “in Christ” actually mean?
- Representative Headship and Genetic Headship
- Scriptural illustrations of our union with Christ

### Discussion Questions

1.What is the place of the Law of Moses in Paul’s argument in Romans 5:20-21; 7:7-11 and 8:1-4?

2.How many contrasts between the “first Adam” and the “last Adam” can you find in 1 Corinthians 15?

3.In what ways do the Scriptures tell us that we are “in Christ”? How does this truth strengthen your feelings of security in Him?