

THE FIRST MAN VERSUS THE SECOND MAN

INTRODUCTION

There is a nomenclature that we shall be using in this literature as captured in the title thereof that many believers are not so conversant with. But it is biblical and taken from the first Epistle of Paul to the Corinthians. We shall be examining the differences between them in order to enlighten us more of where we as unbelievers came from and who we as Believers have become currently and where we shall end up ultimately whether as a Believer or an Unbeliever.

This literature is a sequel of one of our earliest publications titled “The First and Last Adam”. You will do well to familiarize yourself with that previous literature for background knowledge of this present one. We hereby reference our biblical source verses for the title of this literature identifying them as below:

I Cor 15:45 And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening spirit. **Vr.47** The first man is of the earth, earthy: the second man is the Lord from heaven.

The question stands - Why is it that Adam having being called the first man at his creation did not have his first man child Cain earn the status of the second man in succession nor any other man following thereafter for that matter until Christ? And Christ is then said to be the second man. How come?

Why is it that Christ is the second man after the first man Adam and not Cain, the first male child of Adam as it were?

Gen 4:1 And Adam knew Eve his wife; and she conceived, and bare Cain, and said, I have gotten a man from the LORD.

This is the million dollar question that we shall venture to give an answer to under the next subheading of our literature.

THEIR COMING FORTH AND NATURE AT THE BEGINNING

Adam was the first man created of God in Christ as a son of God in the spiritual realms, but was made a son of man for the suffering of death in the natural world of humans as a result of falling short of the glory of God, while Christ followed suit as the second man made as the Son of man in the world of humans, though created as the Son of God in heaven from his beginning as the Word.

Christ was made the Son of man in the world for the redemption of the offspring of the first man Adam that were condemned to sin in the world.

Cain was born of Eve as the very first man born as a son of man through a woman by the will of the flesh, not one made so by the will of God as was the case with Adam and Christ, the first and second man as it were. Cain was never a son of God from birth in this world. The sons of God are not of this natural fallen world, but the sons of men are. The sons of God are born of the Spirit, while the sons of men are humans born of the flesh instead. **Gen 4:1; Jn 3:6; Jn 1:12-13**

Jn 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. **Vr.2** The same was in the beginning with God [*as the Son of God*]. **Vr.3** All things were made by him [*even the first man Adam*]; and without him was not any thing made that was made. **Vr.14** And the Word was made flesh [*as the Son of man*], and dwelt among us,

Hebr 1:2 Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds; **Vr.3** Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins [*as the Son of man crucified*], sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high [*as the Son of God glorified*]; **Vr.4** Being made so much better than the angels, as he hath by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they. **Vr.5** For unto which of the angels said he at any time, Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee? And again, I will be to him a Father, and he shall be to me a Son [*the Son of God*]? **Vr.6** And again, when he bringeth in the firstbegotten into the world [*as the Son of man*], he saith, And let all the angels of God worship him.

Hebr 2:6 But one in a certain place testified, saying, What is man, that thou art mindful of him? or the son of man, that thou visitest him? **Vr.7** Thou madest him a little lower than the angels [*as a son of man not as a son of God as in the initial*]; **Vr.9** But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of [*mortal*] death, crowned with glory and honour; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man. **Vr.10** For it became him, for whom are all things, and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the captain of their

salvation perfect through sufferings. **Vr.14** Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same;

Hebr 5:6 As he saith also in another place, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec [*as the Son of God*]. **Vr.7** Who in the days of his flesh [*as the Son of man*], when he had offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears unto him that was able to save him from death, and was heard in that he feared; **Vr.8** Though he were a Son [*the Son of God*], yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered [*as the Son of man*]; **Vr.9** And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him [*as the only begotten Son of God in heaven*];

The 1st man Adam was created as a son of God through Christ even as the 2nd man the last Adam was and still is the only begotten Son of God in heaven. **Hebr 1:2-5**

Lk 1:31 And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS. **Vr.35** And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God.

Lk 3:23 And Jesus himself began to be about thirty years of age, being (as was supposed) the son of Joseph, which was the son of Heli, **Vr.38** Which was the son of Enos, which was the son of Seth, which was the son of Adam, which was the son of God.

The sons of God from onset were not human beings, but rather angelic beings as we know them. Adam was created as a son of God in that very same nature from the initial as it were. **Job 2:1; Job 38:7; Hebr 2:16; Gen 6:1-2,4**

Job 1:6 Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan came also among them.

As it is with the 2nd man, the last Adam, so it was with the first man Adam, from the beginning. Both came forth from the spiritual realms being of God at the initial; for God is a Spirit. Christ came from the Father and Adam came from Christ who is the original true image of God the first begotten. God created the first man Adam in and through Christ Jesus from the beginning. **Hebr 1:2-3,6; Rev 3:14**

Colo 1:15 Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature: **Vr.16** For by him were all things created [*Adam inclusive*], that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or

principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him: **Vr.17** And he is before all things, and by him all things consist.

The former was made a son of man as flesh and blood at his fall and cast out into the terrestrial world for the suffering of deaths due to his trespass. The latter was also made flesh and blood as the Son of man and sent into the world by God for the redemption of the offspring of Adam in due time having been slain as the Lamb of God from the foundation of the world for that very purpose. **Gen 1:26-27; Rev 13:8; I Pet 1:19-20**

Jn 6:38 For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me. **Vr.40** And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day. **Vr.44** No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day.

The first man and the second man as sons of God were made a little lower than the angels as sons of men in the natural world for the suffering of death for their respective purposes according to the will of God. **Hebr 2:6-10,14**

THE END DESTINATIONS OF THE FIRST AND SECOND MAN

Both did not and shall not return to the same God as Father at their respective ends, Adam specifically to another destination and another father as it were. How?

Christ the last Adam as the 1stfruit from the dead to life eternal at his resurrection, while the 1st man Adam as the 1stfruit from the dead to everlasting damnation at his own resurrection event instead from the last day.

I Cor 15:20 But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept. **Vr.21** For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. **Vr.22** For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. **Vr.23** But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming.

Jn 17:5 And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was.

The last Adam was able to obey and please the Father unto returning back to Him glorified in life, but not the first man Adam, who hid his transgression in his bosom and shall have an inglorious return in death to damnation even the 2nd death as it were. **Job 31:33; Prov 28:13**

Christ, the last Adam, returned to the Father as the only begotten Son of God with whom He was well pleased, but Adam shall return as a rejected and forsaken servant of sin, no longer as a beloved son of God and not to our heavenly Father as he was at the beginning, but rather to everlasting damnation instead. **Jn 8:34-35; Rom 6:16**

The 1st man Adam sets out a pathway of return that is to damnation for all his offspring that are condemned and not saved till their demise on earth. While, the 2nd man the last Adam opened up a redemptive way of salvation to life eternal for all the offspring of Adam that become his brethren on earth having been delivered and saved. The last Adam leads the way of life to the Father which art in heaven. **Prov 15:24; Jer 21:8**

Jn 6:67 Then said Jesus unto the twelve, "Will ye also go away? " **Vr.68** Then Simon Peter answered him, Lord, to whom shall we go? thou hast the words of eternal life.

Jn 14:2 In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. **Vr.3** And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also. **Vr.6** Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

Acts 2:26 Therefore did my heart rejoice, and my tongue was glad; moreover also my flesh shall rest in hope: **Vr.27** Because thou wilt not leave my soul in hell, neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption. **Vr.28** Thou hast made known to me the ways of life; thou shalt make me full of joy with thy countenance.

Rom 5:17 For if by one man's offence death reigned by one; **Vr.18** Therefore as by the offence of one judgment came upon all men to condemnation; **Vr.19** For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners,

The offspring of Adam that Christ redeems and saves in the world shall follow the same return pathway established by Christ to heaven to be with him glorified from the last day as sons of God too. Such as children of the resurrection shall take on the same nature that Adam had as a son of God at his creation before his disgraceful fall, but more-so the glorious nature of the resurrected Christ. **Phil 3:20-21**

Mtt 25:34 Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: **Vr.41** Then shall He say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels:

Lk 22:29 And I appoint unto you a kingdom, as my Father hath appointed unto me;

Lk 20:35 But they which shall be accounted worthy to obtain that world, and the resurrection from the dead, neither marry, nor are given in marriage: **Vr.36** Neither

can they die any more: for they are equal unto the angels; and are the children of God, being the children of the resurrection.

Rom 5:17 ; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ.) **Vr.18** ; even so by the righteousness of one the free gift came upon all men unto justification of life. **Vr.19** , so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous.

The cry of Christ was heard by his Father from the heart of the earth after three days and He raised him from the dead to life to a glorious heavenly return. But Adam shall hear the voice of the Son of man at the last day and resurrect unto damnation instead.

Jn 5:21 For as the Father raiseth up the dead, and quickeneth them; even so the Son quickeneth whom He will. **Vr.22** For the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the Son: **Vr.28** Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, **Vr.29** And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation.

Hebr 5:7 Who in the days of his flesh, when He had offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears unto him that was able to save him from death, and was heard in that He feared;

Acts 2:25 For David speaketh concerning him, I foresaw the Lord always before my face, for He is on my right hand, that I should not be moved: **Vr.26** Therefore did my heart rejoice, and my tongue was glad; moreover also my flesh shall rest in hope: **Vr.27** Because thou wilt not leave my soul in hell, neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption. **Vr.28** Thou hast made known to me the ways of life; thou shalt make me full of joy with thy countenance. **Vr.31** He seeing this before spoke of the resurrection of Christ, that his soul was not left in hell, neither his flesh did see corruption. **Vr.32** This Jesus hath God raised up, whereof we all are witnesses. **Vr.33** Therefore being by the right hand of God exalted, and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost, He hath shed forth this, which ye now see and hear.

Rev 5:11 And I beheld, and I heard the voice of many angels round about the throne and the beasts and the elders: and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands; **Vr.12** Saying with a loud voice, Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing.

THE END DESTINATION OF THE FIRST MAN ADAM

As it is with Satan so it shall be with Adam instead in their returns to everlasting habitations in the lake that burneth with fire and brimstone forever being without God unlike with Christ that returned glorified in heaven. **Rev 20:10,12-15**

Jn 8:34 Jesus answered them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin. **Vr.35** And the servant abideth not in the house for ever: but the Son abideth ever.

Mtt 16:23 But he turned, and said unto Peter, Get thee behind me, Satan: thou art an offence unto me: for thou savourest not the things that be of God, but those that be of men.

Jn 16:27 For the Father himself loveth you, because ye have loved me, and have believed that I came out from God. **Vr.28** I came forth from the Father, and am come into the world: again, I leave the world, and go to the Father.

Jn 17:4 I have glorified thee on the earth: I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do. **Vr.5** And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was.

Christ is he which is, and which was and which is to come, while Satan even with fallen Adam can be said to be they that was, and is not, and yet is.

Rev 1:8 I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty. **Vr.18** I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen;

Rev 17:8 The beast that thou sawest was, and is not; and shall ascend out of the bottomless pit, and go into perdition: and they that dwell on the earth shall wonder, whose names were not written in the book of life from the foundation of the world, when they behold the beast that was, and is not, and yet is.

THE WORLD AS A DWELLING PLACE FOR THE FALLEN ADAM AND HIS OFFSPRING

We opine that the first man Adam being a son of God used to be in the presence of God in the beginning before ever before the world was. He was put in the garden of Eden before the foundation of the world. **Lk 3:38; Gen 3:22**

Gen 1:26 And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: **Vr.27** So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.

Gen 2:5 And every plant of the field before it was in the earth, and every herb of the field before it grew: for the LORD God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was not a man to till the ground. **Vr.7** And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul. **Vr.8** And the LORD God planted a garden eastward in Eden; and there He put the man whom He had formed.

Gen 3:8 And they heard the voice of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God amongst the trees of the garden. **Vr.9** And the LORD God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where art thou?

The world began as a terrestrial realm made specifically to house the fallen Adam and Eve that were made lower than the angels (human) as a result of their trespass in Eden and their human offspring after them. Without the Fall, this present natural world would never have come into existence as it were; for God is a Spirit. The kingdom of heaven inheritance of eternal life was the reward that awaited Adam if only he had remained obedient to God's commandment till the end and if he had eaten of the tree of life instead. **Mtt 25:34; Tit 1:2**

But by reason of having eaten the forbidden fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil in defiance to the commandment of God, Adam fell short of the glory of God. And he was consequently cast out of the celestial Eden into the terrestrial world as punishment to experience death instead, for God was displeased and wrath with him as it were. **Rom 5:12**

Gen 3:17 And unto Adam he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life; **Vr.19** In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return. **Vr.20** And Adam called his wife's name Eve; because she was the mother of all living. **Vr.21** Unto Adam also and to his wife did the LORD God make coats of skins, and clothed them. **Vr.22** And the LORD God said, Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil: and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever: **Vr.23** Therefore the LORD God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from whence he was taken.

The 1st man Adam was cast out from the spiritual garden of Eden into the world because he was forever rejected of the Father; for that is the manner in which he came into the world. But Christ the last Adam from heaven was sent into the world by the Father for reconciliation purposes instead.

Hebr 2:9 But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man. **Vr.10** For it became him, for whom are all things, and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings. **Vr.14** Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil; **Vr.15** And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage. **Vr.16** For verily he took not on him the nature of angels; but he took on him the seed of Abraham. **Vr.17** Wherefore in all things it behoved him to be made like unto his brethren, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people.

2 Cor 5:17 Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. **Vr.18** And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation; **Vr.19** To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation.

THE BLOOD OF THE FIRST AND SECOND MAN

By the blood of one man we entered into this world of sin and die, while by the blood of one man too, we exit this world and enter the Kingdom of righteousness in order to live forever instead. You cannot live forever as flesh and blood, but rather as flesh and bone instead.

Rom 5:12 Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men [*that are flesh and blood*], for that all have sinned:

Acts 17:24 God that made the world and all things therein, **Vr.26** And hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hath determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation;

By the blood of Adam we are bound to sin and by the blood of the Lamb we are made free from sin and bound to righteousness instead.

Colo 1:13 Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son: **Vr.14** In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins:

By the blood of one man we are born as human (flesh and blood) and by the blood of one man we are made free of the bondage of flesh and blood unto the liberty of the new birth as spiritual (flesh and bone) ultimately instead.

Jn 1:14 And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, **Vr.10** He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. **Vr.11** He came unto his own, and his own received him not. **Vr.12** But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: **Vr.13** Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man [*for that is how we were born into this world that he had made*], but of God [*into His heavenly kingdom*].

Sons of God are born of God not in this natural world truly, but in spiritual realms instead. It is rather sons of men that are born of Woman in this world as it were. The first man Adam at the initial was created as a son of God in the spiritual realms, but he died as a son of man in this natural world and shall die again in the spiritual realm too on that day as a son of perdition.

We were brought into the condemnation and bondage of sin and death by the blood of the first man Adam, while we were justified and redeemed from sin by the atonement in the blood of the Lamb, the blood of the Last Adam unto the liberty of the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus instead.

Brother Paul came us his comparison of the first man Adam from the second man, the last Adam in:

Rom 5:9 Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him. **Vr.10** For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life. **Vr.12** Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned: **Vr.17** For if by one man's offence death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ.) **Vr.18** Therefore as by the offence of one judgment came upon all men to condemnation; even so by the righteousness of one the free gift came upon all men unto justification of life. **Vr.19** For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous.

CONCLUSION

It is the sons of men that began the natural world and to populate it with humans, not the sons of God who being angelic were before the world began, dwelling in the spiritual realms as it were. It is through the union of Adam and Eve in the world that the sons and daughters of men came about and began to fill the terrestrial earth.

The last Adam was sent to redeem the offspring of the fallen Adam and make possible the divine way for their eventual translation back to the spiritual realms of heaven as spiritual sons of God, glorified with Christ Jesus in the kingdom of heaven as ought to have been the case, if Adam had not fallen at the initial.

I Cor 15:20 But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept. **Vr.21** For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. **Vr.22** For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. **Vr.23** But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming. **Vr.47** The first man is of the earth, earthy: the second man is the Lord from heaven. **Vr.48** As is the earthy, such are they also that are earthy: and as is the heavenly, such are they also that are heavenly. **Vr.49** And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly. **Vr.50** Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption. **Vr.51** Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, **Vr.52** In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. **Vr.53** For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. **Vr.54** So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. **Vr.57** But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Christ came to show us the way back to the Father and for us to be with him and behold the glory that his Father had given him in the heavens.

Jn 10:10 : I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.

Jn 14:6 Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

Jn 17:24 Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am; that they may behold my glory, which thou hast given me: for thou lovedst me before the foundation of the world.

We therefore opine that the 2nd man, the last Adam came forth from the Father, while the 1st man Adam came forth from Christ at the beginning even as the Woman eventually came forth from the 1st man Adam.

Eph 2:10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

I Cor 3:23 And ye are Christ's; and Christ is God's.

I Cor 11:3 But I would have you know, that the head of every man is Christ; and the head of the woman is the man; and the head of Christ is God.

Through the first man Adam we came into this world of sin, but for all those that shall come to believe in Christ Jesus while in this world, we shall through the second man the last Adam exit this world into the heavenly kingdom of righteousness on the last day. Those that have this hope in them purifieth themselves by the truth even as he is pure. Amen.

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