

“WORD OF LIFE”

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CHRIST IN HIS PERSON - In Incarnation

6 – The Second Man

7 – The Last Adam

Hymn: 1088 / 8239 / 8043

✚ IN THE BEGINNING WAS THE WORD (John 1:1)

1Cor. 15:45 - So also it is written, “The first man, Adam, became a living soul”; the last Adam became a life-giving Spirit.

1Cor. 15:47 - The first man is out of the earth, earthy; the second man is out of heaven.

✚ LET US OFFER UP A SACRIFICE OF PRAISE CONTINUALLY TO GOD (Heb. 13:15)

❖ Christ in His incarnation is the second Man (1 Cor. 15:47).

- Concerning Christ as the second Man, 1 Corinthians 15:47 says,
“The first man is out of the earth, earthy; the second Man is out of heaven.”
 - “Out of the earth” denotes the first man Adam’s origin, and “earthy” denotes His nature.
 - As the first man, Adam is the head of the old creation,
 - representing it in creation,
 - including all his descendants
 - As a part of the first man, our origin is the earth and our nature is earthy
 - We believers were included in the first man by birth
 - “Out of heaven” denotes both the second Man Christ’s divine origin and His heavenly nature.
 - As the second Man, Christ is the head of the new creation,
 - representing it in resurrection
 - comprising all His believers
 - As part of the second man, our origin is God and our nature is heavenly
 - We became part of the second Man by regeneration
- Our believing has transferred us out of the first man and into the second.

❖ In the incarnation Christ is also the last Adam.

- Concerning Christ as the last Adam, 1 Corinthians 15:45 says,
“So also it is written, The first man, Adam, became a living soul; the last Adam became a life-giving Spirit.”
 - “first man” Adam became a living soul
 - “last Adam” Christ became in resurrection a life-giving spirit
- Christ being the last Adam implies a termination and conclusion of the old creation
 - The old creation was created by God.
 - the old creation with man as a living soul to be its center,
 - the old creation ends with a man, the last Adam
 - The new creation, comes into being not by creation but by resurrection.
 - the new creation in resurrection with the life-giving Spirit as its center
 - now this Spirit is the center and lifeline of the new creation

✚ WITH ONE ACCORD ... WITH ONE MOUTH GLORIFY THE GOD (Rom. 15:6)

- ✚ Through the incarnation of Christ, God in the Son became a man... God Himself came to be the second Man. God came to be the second Man not in the Father nor in the Spirit but in the Son.
- ✚ Through incarnation Christ became the last Adam to die on the cross for the termination of the old creation, and through resurrection He as the last Adam became the life-giving Spirit to germinate the new creation