

The following pages will provide a close ‘look back’ at what the Bible reveals regarding **The Two Adams** of our spiritual history as believers in the Lord Jesus Christ. Every person who has not yet placed their faith in Jesus – is right now – whether they understand this or not ... they are “**in Adam.**” They are totally impacted right now by all of the seven tragic consequences that came out of Adam’s initial rebellion against God in Genesis 3:6. What these seven tragic consequences are will be unfolded below.

What we are about to discover is that when Jesus as “**the Second Adam – the Last Adam**” came into the world in His incarnation as the Son of God into flesh – He actually set about to “**walk the same path**” of events that **the First Adam had walked** – but this time **Jesus as the Second Adam** would do it with **perfect obedience** to God the Father!

**The First Adam:**



Birthed by the Spirit → Tempted → Separated from God → Death



**The Second Adam:**



Birthed by the Spirit → Tempted → Separated from God → Death



Those who are given to the Son by the Father are saved and transformed by faith in that very Son of God whose life-work defeated death in **a step-by-step march** that **began when He was birthed** by God’s creative work of **the Spirit** in a virgin – just as Adam was uniquely brought to life by the creative working of **the Spirit** in bringing humanity into existence from the dust of the ground.

It is a profound revelation that we are given when the Bible presents this amazing connection of the working of the Spirit *first* in **the creation account** of Adam in **Genesis chapter 2** – and then *second* in the announcement of **the coming birth** of Jesus – the **Second Person** of the Trinity – by the angel to Mary in **Luke chapter 1**.

**THE FIRST ADAM**



**Genesis 2:7**  
(Created by God’s Breath= Spirit)

Genesis 2:7  
<sup>7</sup> then the LORD God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils **the breath of life**, and the man became a living creature.

**THE “SECOND ADAM”**



**Luke 1:35**  
(Conceived by God’s Spirit)

Luke 1:35  
<sup>35</sup> And the angel answered her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of **the Most High will overshadow you**; therefore the Child to be born will be called holy —the Son of God.”

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**THE FIRST ADAM**



**THE “SECOND ADAM”**



Then the Son of God began to fulfill “all righteousness” until He completed His faithful work by dying as a curse before the Holy God in the place of His sheep on the Cross --- even though in His own life He had been completely sinless.

**TEMPTATION**

**Genesis 2:15-17**

Genesis 2:15-17  
<sup>15</sup> The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it. <sup>16</sup> And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, “You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, <sup>17</sup> but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, **for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.**”

**Matthew 3:13-15**

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<sup>13</sup> Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. <sup>14</sup> John would have prevented Him, saying, “I need to be baptized by You, and do You come to me?” <sup>15</sup> But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now, **for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.**” Then he consented.

## THE FIRST ADAM



### Genesis 3:1-6

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<sup>1</sup> Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, “***Did God actually say, ‘You shall not eat of any tree in the garden?’***” <sup>2</sup> And the woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, <sup>3</sup> but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, ***lest you die.***” <sup>4</sup> But the serpent said to the woman, “***You will not surely die.***” <sup>5</sup> For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” <sup>6</sup> So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, ***she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate.***

## THE “SECOND ADAM”



### Luke 4:1-12

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<sup>1</sup> And Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness <sup>2</sup> for forty days, being tempted by the devil. And He ate nothing during those days. And when they were ended, He was hungry. <sup>3</sup> The devil said to Him, “If You are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread.” <sup>4</sup> And ***Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘Man shall not live by bread alone.’***” <sup>5</sup> And the devil took Him up and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time, <sup>6</sup> and said to Him, “To You I will give all this authority and their glory, for it has been delivered to me, and I give it to whom I will.” <sup>7</sup> If You, then, will worship me, it will all be Yours.” <sup>8</sup> And ***Jesus answered him, “It is written, “You shall worship the Lord your God, and Him only shall you serve.”***

<sup>9</sup> And he took Him to Jerusalem and set Him on the pinnacle of the temple and said to Him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, <sup>10</sup> for it is written, “He will command His angels concerning you, to guard you,” <sup>11</sup> and “On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.”

<sup>12</sup> And ***Jesus answered him, “It is said, ‘You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.’***”

## THE FIRST ADAM



Separation is immediate:

- between **Adam and Eve**

**Genesis 3:7**

<sup>7</sup> Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And **they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.**

- between **Adam/Eve and God**

**Genesis 3:8**

<sup>8</sup> And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and **the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God** among the trees of the garden.

Separation also soon occurred between **Adam and Eve's** first two sons as **Cain** actually killed his brother **Abel** (Genesis 4:8)!

## THE "SECOND ADAM"



Separation had to be experienced therefore also by **the Second Adam Jesus:**

**Matthew 27:46**

<sup>46</sup> "My God, my God, **why have You forsaken Me?**"

We now – because of the separation on the Cross that the Second Adam was willing to experience on behalf of His people, His Bride, now we forevermore have free access to God the Father!

**Matthew 27:51**

<sup>51</sup> And behold, **the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom.**

**Hebrews 10:19-22**

<sup>19</sup> Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, <sup>20</sup> **by the new and living way that He opened for us through the curtain, that is, through His flesh,** <sup>21</sup> and since we have a great priest over the house of God, <sup>22</sup> **let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith,** with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

When Adam sinned, the dominion of the earth transferred from Adam to Satan. Satan leads a vast, organized, powerful force of demons opposed to God and committed to destroying God's people. He accuses and tempts humans (see Job 1; 1 Chronicles 21:1; Zechariah 3). The title Satan means "adversary." He is also called the Devil (which means "slanderer"), the Evil One, the accuser, the tempter, Belial (which means "worthlessness"), Beelzebub (a name given to the fly-god in Ekron), the prince of the devils, the prince of the power of the air, the prince of this world, the god of this age, the great dragon, and that old Serpent. He is the god of this world, blinding the minds of unbelievers until God shines the liberating light of Christ into their hearts (2 Corinthians 4:1-6). "The whole world lies in the power of the evil one" (1 John 5:19).

All of this unfolded in the Fall.

But – even in this setting the Gospel begins to come to light – one step at a time.

The “Second Adam” is subtly introduced: Genesis 3:15 – 1 Peter 1:18-20

### THE FIRST ADAM



#### Genesis 3:15

<sup>15</sup> “I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and *her Offspring*; *He shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel.*”

#### 1 Peter 1:18-20

<sup>18</sup> knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, <sup>19</sup> but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of *a Lamb without blemish or spot.* <sup>20</sup> *He was foreknown before the foundation of the world* but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you  
....

### THE “SECOND ADAM”



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### Matthew 16:21-23

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<sup>21</sup> From that time ***Jesus began to show His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things*** from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and ***be killed***, and on the third day ***be raised***. <sup>22</sup> And Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him, saying, "Far be it from You, Lord! This shall never happen to You." <sup>23</sup> But He turned and said to Peter, "***Get behind Me, Satan!*** You are a hindrance to Me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man."

### Hebrews 4:15

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<sup>15</sup> For we do not have a High Priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one ***who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin.***

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## DEATH

### Ephesians 2:1-5a

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<sup>1</sup> And ***you were dead in the trespasses and sins*** <sup>2</sup> in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in ***the sons of disobedience***— <sup>3</sup> ***among whom we all once lived*** in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and ***were by nature children of wrath***, like the rest of mankind. <sup>4</sup> But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which He loved us, <sup>5</sup> ***even when we were dead in our trespasses*** ....

### Ephesians 2:5b-7

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<sup>5</sup> [But God] ... made us alive together with Christ—by grace ***you have been saved***— <sup>6</sup> ***and raised us up with Him*** and seated us with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, <sup>7</sup> so that in the coming ages He might show the immeasurable riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

## THE FIRST ADAM



### Colossians 2:13a

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<sup>13</sup> And you, **who were dead in your trespasses** and the uncircumcision of your flesh ...

### Romans 6:6a and c

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<sup>6</sup> We know that **our old self was ... enslaved to sin.**



## THE RESULT

With this profound teaching as our backdrop, let's allow the Bible itself to clarify and define our understanding of sin – and therefore of **the pervasiveness of our need** – and then our **awareness of** and our **embracing of the complete solution** that has been provided to us by God the Father, God the Son, and God the Spirit.

Why is this so important? It is vital for our lives because a deficient understanding of the implications of sin will always result (usually without us even being aware of it) in devaluing **the glory** of God in our mind and heart.

In other words, this is a very serious issue.

## THE “SECOND ADAM”



### Colossians 2:13b-14

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<sup>13</sup> ... **God made alive together with Him**, having forgiven us all our trespasses, <sup>14</sup> by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This He set aside, nailing it to the cross.

### Romans 6:6

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<sup>6</sup> We know that our old [enslaved] self **was crucified with Him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing**, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin.

In His **RESURRECTION** this “**Second Adam**” triumphed victoriously over death with life.



The principle that we must always keep in mind is:

**In both physical and spiritual realities (and especially in the issues of sin and salvation) diagnosing the disease accurately is the most important step toward obtaining its proper cure.**

After the initial Fall of Adam and Eve into sin – all humans (because they are born “in Adam”) will always continue to resist God – which is exactly what they want to do – **until** God changes their mind and heart – and sets their will free – so that they actually ... for the first time ... actually *want to submit to God*.

(1) The unregenerate person’s **NATURE** is under God’s wrath

**Ephesians 2:3**

<sup>3</sup> among whom ***we all*** once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and ***were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind***.

(2) The unregenerate person’s **SPIRIT** is dead to God

**Ephesians 2:1-2**

<sup>1</sup> And you were ***dead in the trespasses and sins*** <sup>2</sup> in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience—

(3) The unregenerate person’s **HEART** is evil in all its ways

**Genesis 6:5**

<sup>5</sup> The LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that ***every intention of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually***.

**Genesis 8:21**

<sup>21</sup> And when the LORD smelled the pleasing aroma, the LORD said in His heart, “I will never again curse the ground because of man, for ***the intention of man’s heart is evil from his youth***. Neither will I ever again strike down every living creature as I have done.”

**Matthew 15:19**

<sup>19</sup> “For ***out of the heart*** come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false witness, slander.”

**Ephesians 4:18**

<sup>18</sup> They are darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them, due to ***their hardness of heart***.

**Ezekiel 11:19-20**

<sup>19</sup> “And I will give them one heart, and a new spirit I will put within them. ***I will remove the heart of stone*** from their flesh and give them a heart of flesh, <sup>20</sup> that they may walk in My statutes and keep My rules and obey them. And they shall be My people, and I will be their God.”

### **Ezekiel 36:22, 25-26**

<sup>22</sup> “Therefore say to the house of Israel, Thus says the Lord GOD: It is not for your sake, O house of Israel, that I am about to act, but **for the sake of My holy name**, which you have profaned among the nations to which you came. <sup>25</sup> I will sprinkle **clean water** on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. <sup>26</sup> And I will give you **a new heart**, and **a new spirit** I will put within you. And **I will remove the heart of stone** from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.”

### **Jeremiah 31:31-34**

<sup>31</sup> “Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, <sup>32</sup> not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, My covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the LORD. <sup>33</sup> For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the LORD: **I will put My law within them, and I will write it on their hearts.** And I will be their God, and they shall be My people. <sup>34</sup> And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, ‘Know the LORD,’ for **they shall all know Me**, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD. For **I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.**”

(4) The unregenerate person’s **MIND** is darkened to God’s truth

### **Romans 1:18, 21-23**

<sup>18</sup> For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness **suppress the truth.** <sup>21</sup> For although they knew God, **they did not honor Him as God or give thanks to Him**, but they **became futile in their thinking**, and **their foolish hearts were darkened.** <sup>22</sup> Claiming to be wise, **they became fools**, <sup>23</sup> and exchanged **the glory** of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals and creeping things.

### **2 Corinthians 4:4a**

<sup>4</sup> In their case the god of this world has **blinded the minds of the unbelievers** ....

### **1 Corinthians 2:14**

<sup>14</sup> The natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for **they are folly to him**, and **he is not able to understand them** because they are spiritually discerned.

### **John 12:46**

<sup>46</sup> “I have come into the world as light, so that whoever believes in me may not **remain in darkness.**”

### **Romans 8:7-8**

<sup>7</sup> For **the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God**, for it does not submit to God’s law; indeed, **it cannot.** <sup>8</sup> **Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.**

### **Titus 1:15**

<sup>15</sup> To the pure, all things are pure, but **to the defiled and unbelieving, nothing is pure**; but **both their minds and their consciences are defiled.**

## Ephesians 4:17-18

<sup>17</sup> Now this I say and testify in the Lord, that you must no longer walk as the Gentiles do, in **the futility of their minds**. <sup>18</sup> They are **darkened in their understanding**, alienated from the life of God because of **the ignorance** that is in them, due to **their hardness of heart**.

(5) The unregenerate person's **WILL** is a slave to sin and unable to obey

## Romans 3:9-12

<sup>9</sup> What then? Are we Jews any better off? No, not at all. For we have already charged that all, both Jews and Greeks, are **under sin**, <sup>10</sup> as it is written: "None is righteous, no, not one; <sup>11</sup> **no one understands; no one seeks for God**. <sup>12</sup> All have turned aside; together they have become worthless; **no one does good, not even one.**"

## 2 Timothy 2:24-26

<sup>24</sup> And the Lord's servant must not be quarrelsome but kind to everyone, able to teach, patiently enduring evil, <sup>25</sup> correcting his opponents with gentleness. **God may perhaps grant them repentance leading to a knowledge of the truth**, <sup>26</sup> and they may come to their senses and **escape from the snare of the devil, after being captured by him to do his will**.

## John 8:34

<sup>34</sup> Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who practices sin is a **slave to sin**."

## John 8:42-44

<sup>42</sup> Jesus said to them, "If God were your Father, you would love Me, for I came from God and I am here. I came not of My own accord, but He sent Me. <sup>43</sup> Why do you not understand what I say? It is because **you cannot bear to hear My word**. <sup>44</sup> You are of your father the devil, and **your will is to do your father's desires**. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks out of his own character, for he is a liar and the father of lies."

## John 3:3

<sup>3</sup> Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, **unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God**."

## John 3:5-8

<sup>5</sup> Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, **unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God**. <sup>6</sup> That which is **born of the flesh is flesh**, and that which is **born of the Spirit is spirit**. <sup>7</sup> Do not marvel that I said to you, **'You must be born again.'** <sup>8</sup> The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is **born of the Spirit**." [See **Ezekiel 36:22, 25-27 above on page 78** for the prediction of this being **"born again of water and the Spirit"**]

## John 6:44

<sup>44</sup> **"No one can come to Me** unless the Father who sent Me **draws him**. And I will raise him up on the last day."

### John 6:63

<sup>63</sup> ***“It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh is no help at all. The Words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life.”***

### John 6:65

<sup>65</sup> And He said, “This is why I told you that ***no one can come to Me*** unless it is ***granted him by the Father.***”

### Matthew 11:27

<sup>27</sup> “All things have been handed over to Me by My Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and ***no one knows the Father*** except the Son and ***anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.***”

### John 5:24

<sup>24</sup> “Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever ***hears*** My Word and ***believes*** Him who sent Me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but ***has passed from death to life.***”

(6) The unregenerate person’s **SPIRITUAL EYES** are blinded to ***the glory*** of the beauty of God and of Christ

### 2 Corinthians 4:4b

<sup>4</sup> In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, ***to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ***, who is the image of God.

(7) The unregenerate person’s **BODY** is destined to die just as their spirit has already suffered death

### Romans 6:23

<sup>23</sup> For ***the wages of sin is death***, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

### Romans 8:19-23

<sup>19</sup> For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. <sup>20</sup> For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it, in hope <sup>21</sup> that ***the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God.*** <sup>22</sup> For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. <sup>23</sup> And not only the creation, but ***we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit***, groan inwardly ***as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies.***

On the fact that all of Christ’s redeemed Bride will at His Second Coming be given ***a new spiritual body – a redeemed body*** – turn now to **1 Corinthians 15 and read verses 44-47, and 49.** Also turn to **Luke 16:19-23** and note that in this parable of Jesus Lazarus and Abraham in heaven have ***bodies that can be seen!***

With this sober understanding of the implications of sin we can now better grasp the importance of the following two texts:

**1 Corinthians 10:31**

<sup>31</sup> So, whether you eat or drink, or *whatever you do*, do all to the glory of God.

**Hebrews 11:6**

<sup>6</sup> And *without faith* it is impossible to please Him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that He exists and that He rewards those who seek Him.

In review, the condition of unbelieving and unregenerate people --- is that:

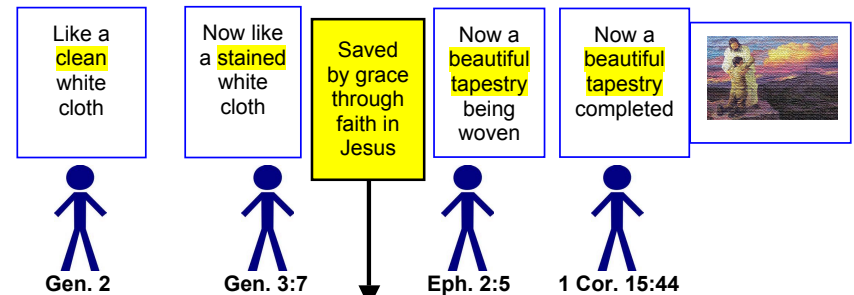


- (1) their NATURE is under God's wrath
- (2) their SPIRIT is dead to God
- (3) their HEART is evil in all its ways
- (4) their MIND is darkened to God's truth
- (5) their WILL is a slave to sin and unable to obey
- (6) their SPIRITUAL EYES are blinded to the glory of God's beauty
- (7) and their BODY is destined to die just as their spirit has already suffered death.

Because of all of these implications of sin upon humanity the following chart describes the plight of humanity:

**The Difference Between Adam in Genesis 2 and The Regenerated Believer with Christ's Righteousness**

2 Cor. 5:17, 21b – Therefore, if anyone is *in Christ*, he is a *new creation* so that *in Him* we might become *the righteousness* of God.



Pre-Fall Man	Post-Fall Man	Reborn Man	Glorified Man
Able to sin	Able to sin	Able to sin	
Able to <u>not</u> sin		Able to <u>not</u> sin	Able to <u>not</u> sin
	Unable to <u>not</u> sin		
			Unable to sin
Created "in the image of God": -- having a spirit, mind, emotions, and will -- but is <i>neither Divine nor infinite</i> -- however <i>is everlasting</i> and <i>innocent</i> -- <i>but not righteous in the way God is</i> -- instead man is <i>able to sin</i> and <i>able to not sin</i>	Continuing "in the image of God": -- having a spirit, mind, emotions, and will -- but is <i>neither Divine nor infinite</i> -- however <i>is everlasting</i> but <i>no longer is innocent</i> but is now <i>evil</i> in all his ways	Continuing "in the image of God": -- having a spirit, mind, emotions, and will -- but is <i>neither Divine nor infinite</i> -- however <i>is everlasting</i> but now is given and credited with the <i>righteousness</i> of Christ	For Eternity "in the image of God": -- having a spirit, mind, emotions, and will -- but is <i>neither Divine nor infinite</i> -- but now has entered into the new <i>everlasting</i> status as the <i>purified and glorified Bride</i> of Christ

It is only when *this pervasive need* has been understood – that *the astounding fullness* of what God the Father, God the Son, and God the Spirit have done to save sinners – and *the grace* of Their Divine Action – will be appreciated and worshiped in the highest manner for its *infinitely glorious value*.