



# The Great Mystery of Adam, Christ, Eve, and the Church

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**Genesis 2:15-3:19**

1 Corinthians 15:45-49

Ephesians 5:22-33

**Pressing Forward in 2022**

## Is God and His Gospel Glorious/Mysterious?

- GOD is ETERNAL GOD is INFINITE. (Isaiah 57:15; Psalm 90:2)
- The GODHEAD entered an EVERLASTING/ETERNAL COVENANT.
- GOD's purposed EVERYTHING and Christ would be the One to fulfill this purpose of God. (Ephesians 3:10-11)

## Creation/History Is God's Stage

- Through creation and all of history God unfolds His ETERNAL PURPOSE.

## In the Beginning - Pictures

- All of His creation is a DISPLAY of God's power and glory.
- It is so obvious that all men are without excuse (Romans 1:20) and only a fool says, "There is no God." (Psalm 14:1)
  - God begins revealing Himself and His ways through "pictures" or "types".
  - What is a "picture"?
  - Warning about types and pictures. (David, Solomon, Joshua, etc)

## God CREATED Adam (Genesis 2)

- God created man in His own image. Man was/is to "image" God. We are commanded to imitate God to the world! (Ephesians 5:1)
- God created man for many reasons:
  - ① God purposed to have a people for Himself.
  - ② It would be through His interaction with man that He would make Himself and His ways known. (Exodus 8:22; 9:14, 29; 10:2; 11:7; Isaiah 45:3, 6; Daniel 4:17; Ezekiel 20:20, 26, 38, 40; 22:16; etc.)
  - ③ GOD CREATED MAN AS A "PICTURE" TO TEACH US ABOUT HIS ETERNAL PLAN/PURPOSE including His Messiah. (Romans 5:14)
- Adam was created as the FEDERAL HEAD of all mankind. He was created as our REPRESENTATIVE.

- In 1 Corinthians 15:45-50, Adam, the first Adam, and Christ, the second Adam, are contrasted. As well as in Romans 5:15-21.
- BUT in Romans 5:14, God created Adam as a picture of Christ.

## The Building of Eve - A Picture of the Church (Genesis 2:18-25)

- Eve was created as a picture of the Church, the Bride of Christ. (Eph 5:30-33)
- God is the Initiator of ALL things. God made Eve for Adam.
- God put Adam to "sleep" just as God put His Son to death. (Isaiah 53:10)
- Eve was created after and differently than Adam - she was a "new" creation.
  - As the Church is a new creation in 2 Corinthians 5:17
- Eve was NOT born - she was supernaturally made! She was the "workmanship" of God - as the Church is God's "workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works . . ." (Ephesians 2:10)
- Eve was "made" by Adam's side being pierced as the Church was made as a result of Christ's death - His side being pierced. (John 19:31-37)
- Eve was "in Adam" before sin came into the world.
- The word "formed" is the Hebrew word "bana" "to build" and not "bara" "to create" as the Church is "built" by God. (Ephesians 2:19-22; 1 Peter 2:5)
- God presented Eve to Adam as a BRIDE
  - This was an "arranged" marriage by God. God decided who would be Adam's bride. God chose a bride for Adam. (Ephesians 1:3-4)
  - Read Adam's word's carefully in Genesis 2:23-24.
  - The Church is "chosen in Christ" by God to be Christ's Bride.

## Eve's Sin (Genesis 3:1-6)

- ✗ Eve listened to someone challenge the Word of God. (Matthew 16:23)
  - ✗ Eve failed to go to her "head" for help. (1 Cor 11:3; Eph 5:23)
  - ✗ Eve tampered with the Word of God by adding to it. (Deut 4:2; Prov 30:6)
  - ✗ Eve altered the Word of God by omitting God's warning.
  - ✗ Eve obeyed another's word over the Word of God.
  - ✗ Eve first looked. (v. 6; Matt 5:28; 1 John 2:16)
  - ✗ Eve then desired. (v. 6; Eph 2:2-3)
  - ✗ Eve sinned. (v. 6; 1 John 3:4)
  - What was Eve's sin? **She did not love God supremely.** (Matthew 22:36-38)
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| Disobedience      | Blasphemy   | Greed               | Pride     | Covetousness     |
| False Worship     | Unbelief    | Discontentment      | Rebellion | Tempting Another |
| Failure to Submit | Treason     | Corrupting the Word |           | Ingratitude      |
| Enemy of God      | Self-Willed | Self-Centeredness   |           | Stealing         |
- All sin is sin against God Himself. (Psalm 51:4)
  - All sin is an abomination to God because all sin is against His grace.

## How Is the First Adam a Picture of Jesus Christ (before his sin)?

- "... and he ate"
- "Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived and fell into transgression." (1 Timothy 2:14)

## Working Backwards . . . First the Second Adam

- What prompted Christ to leave His Father's house and die on the Cross? (1 John 4:9-10; Galatians 2:20; Ephesians 5:2, 25; Titus 2:14)
- Was Christ deceived in going to the Cross?
- Was He forced to go to the Cross?
  - ♥ Christ went to the Cross voluntarily! (Philippians 2:5-8)
  - ♥ Christ went to the Cross deliberately. (John 10:18; Hebrews 10:5-9)
  - ♥ Christ went to the Cross to fulfill the Father's will. (John 5:30; 6:38-39)
  - ♥ Christ understood the consequences of giving Himself for His Bride. (Matthew 26:39; Luke 18:31-33)
- What was the reason Christ had to go to the Cross?
  - ♥ For the sins of the Church. (Ephesians 5:25; Titus 2:14; Matt 1:21)
  - ♥ That we, the Church, might live. (Romans 6:23; John 10:27-28; 17:2-3)
- For whom did Christ go to the Cross? \_\_\_\_\_ (Eph 5:25; Gal 1:4)
- Did Christ have to go to the Cross for Himself? \_\_\_\_\_ (1 John 3:5; Heb 4:15)
- What does 2 Corinthians 5:21; say to us?
  - ♥ He who knew NO sin became sin for us that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him. (1 John 3:5; Heb 9:28; 1 Peter 2:24)
- What did Christ deliberately and voluntarily take upon Himself?
  - ♥ The CURSE of God! (Galatians 3:13; Deut 21:23; Num 25:4)
  - ♥ DEATH/**Separation from God**. (Isaiah 59:2; Psalm 22:1; Matt 27:46)
  - ♥ The WRATH of God! (Matthew 26:31)
  - ♥ God did not spare His own Son. (Romans 8:32; Isaiah 53:10)
- What would have happened if Christ did not take His Bride's sin and go to the Cross?
  - ♥ His Bride would never live, the Father's eternal plan would have failed, the everlasting covenant would never be fulfilled.

## NOW Looking at the First Adam, a Picture of Christ

- Who sinned first? EVE. (1 Timothy 2:14)
- Eve is a picture of God's chosen ones, His Church, His arranged, appointed, ordained, chosen Bride of Christ.
- Eve was IN ADAM before the foundation of the world. (Ephesians 1:4)
- God took only one rib from Adam's whole body. "For many are called, but few are chosen." (Matthew 22:14; 7:13-14; Matthew 20:16; Luke 13:23-24)
- At the moment Eve sinned, what does 2 Corinthians 6:14-16 say about Adam's relationship with Eve!
- What was Adam's relationship with God before he took the fruit from Eve?

- Adam had NO sin.
- Adam knew:
  - ♥ God's commandment - the Law.
  - ♥ The consequences of Eve's sin - DEATH.
  - ♥ The consequences if he was to take the fruit from Eve.
- YET, Adam took the fruit!
- Was Adam "deceived" in taking the fruit from Eve? \_\_\_\_\_
- Was Adam "forced" to take the fruit from Eve? \_\_\_\_\_
- Then, Adam took the fruit deliberately and voluntarily.
- What prompted Adam to take the fruit? \_\_\_\_\_ (John 15:13)
- What necessitated Adam taking the fruit from Eve?
  - ♥ Eve's salvation - 1 Tim 2:14-15 with God's promise in Genesis 3:15.
  - ♥ MY salvation.
  - ♥ The Bride of Christ's, the Church, the Elect's salvation.
- What did Adam take upon himself when he took the fruit?
  - ✓SIN    ✓The CURSE    ✓DEATH    ✓Separation from God
  - ♥ Adam died for his Bride!
- What would have happened if Adam had not taken the fruit?
  - ♥ Eve, his bride, would never be saved.

## What About Eve's Sin

- Why does the Bible speak of Adam's sin when it really was Eve's sin? (1 Timothy 2:13-14)
  - ♥ Because, like Christ, Adam, her Federal Head, took Eve's sin upon himself and her sin became his sin! (Psalm 65:5; 2 Cor 5:21; 1 Peter 2:24; Hebrews 7:22) This is a picture of SURETY.
- THEREFORE, let us end on meditating on God's forgiveness and mercy:
  - ♥ Psalm 103:10-13 with 1 John 3:1 and 4:10

## Consequences of Adams Actions:

- **MEDITATE** on Romans 8:32
- Adam was cursed by God and he died!

## What Is the ONLY acceptable response to such love?

- ① AWE - mystery (1 Peter 2:24; 1 Peter 3:18; Romans 5:8-10)
- ② AWE - love (Ephesians 5:25; 2:4-5; Galatians 1:4; 2:20)
- ③ AWE - mercy (Ephesians 2:4-5; Psalm 86:15; 145:8)
- ④ Repentance - (Romans 2:4; Luke 13:1-5; Acts 17:30-31)
- ⑤ Total Submission - as a bride to her groom. (Eph 5:22-24; Matthew 7:21-29)

## Where Are We Heading