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SEED:

"Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; **let them have dominion over** the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."" Genesis 1:26 NKJV

"Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; **fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth.**"" Genesis 1:28 NKJV

"So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, **she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate.**" Genesis 3:6 NKJV

"Then the Lord God said, "Behold, the man has become like one of Us, to know good and evil. And **now, lest he put out his hand and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live forever**"—therefore the Lord God **sent him out of the garden of Eden** to till the ground from which he was taken. So He drove out the man; and He placed cherubim at the east of the garden of Eden, **and a flaming sword which turned every way, to guard the way to the tree of life.**" Genesis 3:22-24 NKJV

FRUIT:

"For if **by the one man's offense death reigned** through the one, **much more** those who receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness **will reign in life** through the One, Jesus Christ.)"Romans 5:17 NKJV

"Therefore, as **through one man's offense judgment came** to all men, resulting in condemnation, even so **through one Man's righteous act the free gift came to all men, resulting in justification of life.** For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, **so also by one Man's obedience many will be made righteous.**"

Romans 5:18-19 NKJV

NARRATIVE FOR TODAY'S SCRIPTURES: ROMANS 5:12-21

Last week in [Also...](#) (Romans 5:1-11)... we moved our focus away from Abraham, Sarah, and Isaac, a narrative that ended with Paul aligning the imagery of their testimonies with what it truly means for Christians—righteousness imputed to those who believe in Him who raised Y'shua from the dead. You should notice that the destination of our belief is not Y'shua, but His Father and what His Father did through Y'shua, specifically the resurrection! And His Father is exactly to whom Y'shua pointed throughout His ministry; "Teach us to pray," they asked. And He said, "When you pray, say: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name." Why was Y'shua's focus always on His Father and not on Himself? He taught us this, "He who speaks from himself seeks his own glory; but He who seeks the glory of the One who sent Him is true, and no unrighteousness is in Him. He who believes in Me, believes not in Me but in Him who sent Me. For I have not spoken on My own authority; but the Father who sent Me gave Me a command, what I should say and what I should speak. Therefore, whatever I speak, just as the Father has told Me, so I speak."

Paul, then bridges the gap for us! Now that the path to justification is firmly established, belief as an act of faith, Paul says, "Therefore!" Grace gave us faith; faith fueled belief, but faith also grants us continual access to that grace—God's divine power. For

what reason? It should be patently obvious by now. God's grace is necessary if you want to live a life that is pleasing to Him.

And then through these few verses Paul takes us on a little exploration. You may not instantly recognize what he is revealing, as it hovers just below the surface of deep waters, but when it is pointed out it will suddenly appear in full relief. Elsewhere he made it abundantly clear; "Abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love." So, Paul just went to extraordinary lengths to seal our understanding of faith, and now he begins to unpack the progression from there forward. You might be wondering why; and here we see that the destination is love—always love. It is His divine nature and that is your destiny!

You see, grace fueled faith; and faith grants continuous access to grace, and NOT ONLY THAT. This is leading somewhere. And the journey to our final destination takes a path through the wilderness. It will be a time of testing through which we must endure. If you have chosen the correct path, simply trust in the Lord and stay the course. But, also be humble enough to check yourself. Trials are often a test from God, yet at times they result from your own poor choices. Nevertheless, the proper outcome necessitates a reshaping of your character, the chiseling away of all the flaws in your block of raw marble—all that which God desires to remove from your misshapen form. It is in that outcome in which we have great

promise. Earlier Paul stated about Abraham, "who, contrary to hope, in hope believed." What then is next as we progress from faith?

The next step should be apparent by now, or should I say transparent? Hope will never betray you because the end of the line is your participation in the divine nature—love. Do you see clearly below the surface now? Faith, hope, love! And if the water still remains a bit murky, just step aside for a moment, leave behind the spirit of man—the thoughts of man. You now have access to the Holy Spirit—the mind of God. And this is what He thinks; even when you did not deserve it or want it, and before you could ever conceive you needed it, Christ gave up His life for you! Just marinate in that thought for an instant. Maybe you think there is a good man out there somewhere, who would possibly surrender his life for you, if you were a good person. But then the already infinitesimally small chance of such evaporates, once he discovers you have no goodness in you at all. You are a dead man walking with a blackened heart. However, God's love ignores all of that and at your lowest state of depravity He demonstrates true love. Christ surrendered His life for yours! There is no greater exhibition of love than a willingness to die for another. Remember that; it's your destination as well! There it is, "Abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love."

“Love is the standard by which every thought and action is measured. It is manifested altogether and simultaneously as patience, kindness, admiration, trust, modesty, humility, and meekness. It is gracious, polite, altruistic, peaceful, soothing, virtuous, joyful, righteous, and truthful. It displays fierce loyalty; believes, hopes, and endures all things; and always succeeds and thrives, no matter what. It will never fail you!” And yet there is one more essential lesson here.

To emphasize from where we came, from yet another perspective, think of it like this. God is concerned for more than just your eternity. Yes, if your eternal fate is still in doubt, then that is THE PRIORITY. But do not make the mistake that so many do—believing that God is only concerned about your eternity. It’s much more than that. It’s a supernatural process for sure. You were literally an enemy of God and Y’shua gave up His life for you; and God infused into your heart the need, desire, understanding and acceptance of that fact. But more than just your secured redemption, Y’shua lived a life that is meant to be an example for you! Your very existence on this side of eternity must now be modeled after His life. Yes, be exceedingly joyful that your eternity with God is guaranteed, and use that freedom to live a life, right now, that is utterly pleasing to the Lord.

This week in Romans 5:12-21... Before we proceed, let's quickly review how Paul just encouraged Christians to consider their secure permanent position in eternity from two vantage points. One, it is something to look forward to with immense joy. And two, it should inspire how you live right now. Your debt is cancelled; you've been cleared to live forever in the presence of God. But, how should that affect your lifestyle between now and that moment of your last breath? Peter once wrote, "Rejoice with a joy so intense, so glorious, that it is impossible to describe with words. Live right now as if you have already inherited the ultimate promise that comes from your faith in Christ."

That's the secret; you are a brand new person right now. You don't have to wait until eternity to take advantage of your inheritance. In fact, you are commanded not to wait! Your new beginning started the instant you were encountered by Christ. He reconciled you and you were handed the ministry of reconciliation, in word and deed. You have been assigned to represent Him, to speak for Him, to impart His grace, and to be His righteousness in the earth. That said, now we can move on.

The debt that was cleared, when Christ died for you, stems all the way back to the Garden of Eden. In a state of utter perfection, Adam still chose to ignore what his wife was about to do. There she stood with the forbidden fruit in her hand, and instead of preventing

her from violating God's orders, Adam joined her. The wages of sin is death and that is precisely what came next. Adam and Eve, and thus all mankind, became unplugged from their source of potential eternal life, and the clock began to tick, the minutes and years trickling down to a final breath. And before you hyper-focus on blaming Adam, and get all caught up in a tizzy, know this: you would have done the same thing! Technically, somewhere in that narrative is when sin entered the world. Was it Satan's lie? Was it as Eve entertained the first thought? Was it when Adam watched passively? Or, was it when they took the first bite? Either way, until the law was codified on Mount Sinai 2600 years later, the understanding of all sins was rooted in that moment of transgression in the Garden. Let's call it relational disobedience—it's what happens when you defy what God has revealed to you by way of personal interaction. But, once the law became clear for all to see, then sin became specifically defined by it, and no longer just under the general category of "disobedience to God's orders."

So you see, the death penalty for sin began in the Garden and everyone born since Adam carries the same death sentence as Adam. From the time of Adam, until Moses received the Law, every human was held liable for Adam's sin, even though they had not actually committed Adam's sin and are not personally responsible for Adam's choice. And then, with that sin nature embedded into

the human spirit, once the law came in, it was a forgone conclusion that mankind would be serial offenders. And if this all sounds unfair to you, let me help with a new perspective. It is actually to your advantage that the system worked like this because the purpose of Adam was also to serve as a placeholder for Who would come much later, 1400 years after Mount Sinai. This One has a better offer than even Adam had prior to his transgression. And if you are not part of the problem you can't take part in the solution. And this is where it gets really good.

The story of mankind takes place on two sides of the same coin. Think of redemption as the flip side of the coin—or the polar opposite of the sin and death side. One side reads like this. One man sinned and everyone died because of it. The other side has the remedy. One man died and everyone is released from the death cause by sin. God's grace and the faith it empowers became universally available for all mankind because of this singular rectifying act. Hint: it was not available to Adam!

Consider also the sheer magnitude of the exchange. Unlike the death sentence which came upon all of mankind because of a singular act of rebellion, it was a singular sacrifice that covered the cost of an infinite number of transgressions from billions of humans. But wait, it gets even more magnificent when you realize that the sacrifice was offered free of charge to you. And for all those who

accept it, the outcome is unimpeachable. It is a total, unmitigated, and unassailable release from debt—life from death.

Next, Paul means to drive this reality so deep into your soul that you will be thanking Adam by the time we are done! The gift is so far superior to the offense that there should not be a Christian anywhere who doubts they are better off now than had Adam never sinned in the first place.

Think about it. Adam's sin introduced death, but it also made way for the remedy. The remedy is infinitely more abundant than the offense because you are not only redeemed for an eternity in a glorified body, but you have access to God's grace right here, right now. We have the death of Christ which released God's grace over man, the first benefit being that it imparts the faith to believe unto eternal redemption. But more than that, you get to tap that grace for empowered living right now, with Christ's life as the template or blueprint for your lifestyle. Oh, the infinite glorious possibilities!

Again, Paul stresses that it was one man who caused death to come into the world, and it is by One Man that life is restored, and not just eternal life, but a purpose-driven, God-honoring life right now. By one man: selfishness, disobedience, offense, judgment, condemnation, sin, and death. By One Man: selflessness, obedience, reconciliation, redemption, righteousness, justification, and life.

And might we add a few additional slices to understanding the “Adam” pie. Adam never had access to the abundance of grace and the gift of righteousness the way you do. And Adam was always at risk of dying. He was fully human and had he sinned at any time, a death sentence would have been levied. Adam was mortal and only potentially eternal. What would keep Adam alive indefinitely was his access to the tree of life, but once sin blocked his access, his countdown clock began. But you, when you resurrect with Christ, death will have been defeated permanently. In your glorified body you have permanent, unconditional eternal life. You are immortal and guaranteed eternity with God, neither of which were available to Adam. Do you still doubt you are better off now than had Adam never sinned?

Paul then reiterates why the law was formally codified at Mount Sinai. Since then, sin is recognizable to everyone; no longer is plausible deniability an excuse. The law, in essence, magnifies sin, which then has an exponential effect on grace. In other words, the need for grace potentiates its release. Sin demands death, but grace not only promises permanent life, it also empowers abundant living! Had Adam never sinned, mankind would have no glorified inheritance in which to rest!

We will pick this up next time, but don't misconstrue the purpose of, nor abuse God's grace. Shall you sin on purpose because it potentiates God's grace? Don't you dare!

Think in Bible." DJH

INTRODUCTION TO TODAY'S MESSAGE:

It's just your garden-variety love story: man is created by God; he is put in charge of everything; success never fully satisfies him; man becomes lonely; God has a woman for the man; man meets the woman; man loves the woman; they are both naked; man's head spins with desire (he can't think straight); woman makes a really bad choice; man stands by and watches (he's too distracted by her naked body); man participates in the really bad choice; God finds out; man blames the woman; woman blames the devil; they both receive a death sentence (along with all of their future children). The outcome looks bleak.

What would you do if you ran the zoo? What would you do if you had an opportunity to rewrite the story? What if you could just advise Adam before his fateful act of utter neglect? You could warn him that what he was about to do would birth death and destruction into creation. Would you do it? Would you attempt to change the course of history and help mankind sidestep thousands of years of pain, misery, and suffering? I wouldn't! Certainly, we'd

be better off had Adam never shirked his responsibility, no? Surely, if we had the option to rewind and help Adam make a better choice, all of mankind would benefit, right?

The answer is a resounding no! Had sin never come into the world, sure things would have been perfectly pleasant since creation. Unfortunately, one thing is easy to overlook that supersedes the potential benefits of living in a world that never tasted sin—the need for a Savior! And the ultimate inheritance we have with that savior—a perfect, permanent, unalterable, incorruptible eternity with God. You see, Adam and all humans after him, would have forever carried the risk of sinning at some point—resulting in death. Human beings are potentially fallible. But the glorified body we will inherit one day because we have a Savior is permanently infallible, and I would not attempt to prevent all the pain, misery, and suffering experienced throughout human history, if losing that was the price!

A TYPE OF ADAM

1. Think Two Adams

A. A Step Back...

- (1) How did we get here?
 - (a) Before we proceed...

1. "And not only that, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, **through whom we have now received the reconciliation.**" Romans 5:11 NKJV
2. Review how Paul encourages Christians to consider their secure permanent position in eternity from two vantage points. (See [Also...](#))
 - a) One: it is something to look forward to with immense joy.
 - b) Two: it should inspire how you live right now.
- (b) How should that affect your lifestyle between now and that moment of your last breath? Peter's Advice:
 1. "In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, if need be, you have been grieved by various trials, that the genuineness of your faith, being much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ, whom having not seen you love. Though now you do not see Him, yet believing, you **rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory, receiving the end of your faith—the salvation of your souls.** Of this salvation the prophets have inquired and searched carefully, **who**

prophesied of the grace that would come to you, searching what, **or what manner of time,** the Spirit of Christ who was in them was indicating when He testified beforehand the sufferings of **Christ and the glories that would follow.** To them it was revealed that, not to themselves, but to us they were ministering the things which now have been reported to you through those who have preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven—things which angels desire to look into.” I Peter 1:6-12 NKJV

2. Your debt is cancelled; you’ve been cleared to live forever in the presence of God, so...
 - a) Look forward to the grace that is coming and the glories that come with it!
 - b) Rejoice with a joy so intense, so glorious, that it is impossible to describe with words.
 - c) Live right now as if you have already inherited the ultimate promise that comes from your faith in Christ.

(2) That’s the secret; you are a brand new person **ALREADY!**

- (a) You don’t have to wait until eternity to take advantage of your inheritance. In fact, you are commanded not to wait; the time is **NOW!**

1. "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, **he is a new creation**; old things have passed away; behold, **all things have become new**. Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and **has given us the ministry of reconciliation**, that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation. **Now** then, **we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us**: we implore you on Christ's behalf, **be reconciled to God**. For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become **the righteousness of God in Him**." II Corinthians 5:17-21 NKJV
2. "as **His divine power has given** to us **all things that pertain to life and godliness**, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue," II Peter 1:3 NKJV
3. "Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary edification, that it may **impart grace to the hearers**." Ephesians 4:29 NKJV
4. Your new beginning started the instant you were encountered by Christ.

- a) He reconciled you and you were handed the ministry of reconciliation, in word and deed.
- b) You have been assigned to represent Him, to speak for Him, to impart His grace, and to be His righteousness in the earth.
- c) You have everything you need ALREADY!
- d) That said, now we can move on.

B. Liable Anyway

(1) From Adam to Moses

(a) Death reigned from Adam to Moses

1. "Therefore, just as **through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned— (For until the law sin was in the world, but sin is not imputed when there is no law. Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those who had not sinned according to the likeness of the transgression of Adam, who is a type of Him who was to come.**"

Romans 5:12-14 NKJV

2. The debt that was cleared, when Christ died for you, stems all the way back to the Garden of Eden.
 - a) In a state of utter perfection, Adam still chose to ignore what his wife was about to do.

(b) The Fall of Man: The narrative verse-by-verse as sin enters creation... Genesis 3

1. "Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made. And he said to the woman, "**Has God indeed said, 'You shall not eat of every tree of the garden'?**"
2. And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat the fruit of the trees of the garden; *[TRUE!]*
3. but of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, **God has said, 'You shall not eat it *[TRUE!]*, nor shall you touch it *[NOT TRUE!]*, lest you die.'**"
4. Then the serpent said to the woman, "**You will not surely die.** *[NOT TRUE!]*
5. For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God *[NOT TRUE!]*, knowing good and evil *[TRUE!]*."
6. So when the woman **saw that the tree was good** for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree **desirable to make one wise**, she **took of its fruit and ate**. She **also gave to her husband with her, and he ate**.
7. Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and **they knew that they were naked** *[Became aware of what*

they had done!]; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves coverings [to cover up what they had done!].

8. And they heard the sound 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 among the trees of the garden.
9. Then the Lord God called to Adam and said to him, **“Where are you?”**
10. So he said, “I heard Your voice in the garden, and **I was afraid** because **I was naked**; and I hid myself.”
11. And He said, **“Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten** from the tree of which I commanded you that you should not eat?”
12. Then the man said, **“The woman whom You gave to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I ate.”**
[Tragic strategic error: humility, personal responsibility, and repentance would have been the right choice!]
13. And the Lord God said to the woman, “What is this you have done?” **The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”** *[Tragic strategic error:*

*humility, personal responsibility, and repentance
would have been the right choice!]*

14. So the Lord God said to the serpent: **“Because you have done this** *[sinned AND attempted to cover it up]*, You are cursed more than all cattle, And more than every beast of the field; On your belly you shall go, And you shall eat dust All the days of your life.
15. And I will put enmity Between you and the woman, And between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, And you shall bruise His heel.”
16. To the woman He said: “I will greatly multiply your sorrow and your conception; In pain you shall bring forth children; Your desire shall be for your husband, And he shall rule over you.”
17. **Then to Adam He said,** **“Because you have heeded the voice of your wife** *[you were passive and did not protect her]*, and have eaten from the tree of which I commanded you, saying, ‘You shall not eat of it’: “Cursed is the ground for your sake; In toil you shall eat of it All the days of your life.
18. Both thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you, And you shall eat the herb of the field.

19. In the sweat of your face you shall eat bread Till you return to the ground, For out of it you were taken; **For dust you are, And to dust you shall return.** *[You will now die!]*
20. And Adam called his wife's name Eve, because she was the mother of all living.
21. Also for Adam and his wife the Lord God made tunics of skin, and clothed them.
22. Then the Lord God said, "Behold, the man has become like one of Us, to know good and evil. **And now, lest he put out his hand and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live forever**"— *[Had you chosen humility, personal responsibility, and repentance you would have not lost access, but...]*
23. **therefore the Lord God sent him out of the garden** of Eden to till the ground from which he was taken.
24. So He drove out the man; and He placed cherubim at the east of the garden of Eden, and a flaming sword **which turned every way, to guard the way to the tree of life.** Genesis 3:1-24 NKJV *[... instead, you chose to compound your error with more lies, a cover-up and finger-pointing.]*
25. Overview (Genesis 3)

- a) There she stood with the forbidden fruit in her hand, and instead of preventing her from violating God's orders, Adam joined her.
 - 1) *"So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, **she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate.**"* Genesis 3:6 NKJV
- b) *The cover-up is worse than the crime! (More on this in a moment.)
 - 1) *"Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and **they knew that they were naked**; and they sewed fig leaves together and **made themselves coverings.**"* Genesis 3:7 NKJV
- c) The wages of sin is death and that is precisely what came next.
 - 1) *"And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, "Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; 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.**"*" Genesis 2:16-17 NKJV

2) *"For dust you are, **And to dust you shall return.**"* Genesis 2:19 NKJV

3) *"Then the Lord God said, "Behold, the man has become like one of Us, to know good and evil. And now, **lest he put out his hand and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live forever—**"*
Genesis 3:22 NKJV

4) *"For **the wages of sin is death**, but the **gift of God** is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."*
Romans 6:23 NKJV

d) How was the death sentence instituted? Adam and Eve, and thus all mankind, became unplugged from their source of potential eternal life, and the clock began to tick, the minutes and years trickling down to a final breath.

1) *"So He drove out the man; and He placed cherubim at the east of the garden of Eden, and a flaming sword which turned every way, **to guard the way to the tree of life.**"* Genesis 3:24 NKJV

e) And before you hyper-focus on blaming Adam, and get all caught up in a tizzy, know this: you would have done the same thing!

- f) Technically, somewhere in that narrative is when sin entered the world.
 - 1) Was it Satan's lie? (Genesis 3:1)
 - 2) Was it as Eve entertained the first thought and added something to God's instructions? (Genesis 3:2-3)
 - 3) Was it when Adam watched passively? Or, was it when they took the first bite? (Genesis 3:6)
- g) Irregardless, until the law was codified on Mount Sinai 2600 years later, the understanding of all sins was rooted in that moment of transgression in the Garden.
 - 1) *"For I know that in me (**that is, in my flesh**) **nothing good dwells**; for to will is present with me, but how to perform what is good I do not find."* Romans 7:18 NKJV
- h) Let's call it relational disobedience—it's what happens when you defy what God has revealed to you by way of personal interaction.
 - 1) *"For as many as have sinned without law will also **perish without law**, and as many as have sinned in the law will be **judged by the law**"* Romans 2:12 NKJV

2) *"Therefore, **to him who knows** to do good and does not do it, to him **it is sin.**"* James 4:17
NKJV

i) But, once the law became clear for all to see, then sin became specifically defined by it, and no longer just under the general category of "disobedience to God's orders."

1) *"because the law brings about wrath; for **where there is no law there is no transgression.**"*
Romans 4:15 NKJV

2) *"What shall we say then? Is the law sin? Certainly not! On the contrary, **I would not have known sin except through the law...**"* Romans 7:7 NKJV

j) So you see, the death penalty for sin began in the Garden and everyone born since Adam carries the same death sentence as Adam.

1) *"for **all have sinned** and fall short of the glory of God,"* Romans 3:23 NKJV

k) From the time of Adam, until Moses received the Law, every human was held liable for Adam's sin, even though they had not actually committed

Adam's sin and are not personally responsible for Adam's choice.

- l) And then, with that sin nature embedded into the human spirit, once the law came in, it was a forgone conclusion that mankind would be serial offenders.

- 1) *"I was alive once without the law, but **when the commandment came, sin revived and I died.**"*

Romans 7:9 NKJV

- m) And if this all sounds unfair to you, let me help with a new perspective. **It is actually to your advantage** that the system worked like this because the purpose of Adam was also to serve as a placeholder for Who would come much later, 1400 years after Mount Sinai.

- 1) *"And so it is written, "**The first man Adam** became a living being." **The last Adam** became a life-giving spirit."* 1 Corinthians 15:45 NKJV

- n) This One has a better offer than even Adam had prior to his transgression. And certainly better promises than what was offered when the law was codified.

- 1) *"But now He has obtained a more excellent ministry, inasmuch as He is also Mediator of a **better covenant**, which was **established on better promises**."* Hebrews 8:6 NKJV
- o) And if you are not part of the problem you can't take part in the solution. And this is where it gets really good.
 - 1) *"For **the wages of sin is death**, but the **gift of God is eternal life** in Christ Jesus our Lord."*
Romans 6:23 NKJV
- p) *Yes, the cover-up is worse than the crime,
 - 1) *"Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and **they knew that they were naked**; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves coverings."* Genesis 3:7 NKJV
 - 2) *"Also for Adam and his wife the Lord God made **tunics of skin, and clothed them**."* Genesis 3:21 NKJV
 - 3) Adam and Eve were originally clothed in the image of God, but once their skin was exposed and they attempted to cover it up, they were downgraded to being clothed in the skin of an animal!

q) but... the remedy is greater than the cover-up!

- 1) The remedy! *"For in this we groan, **earnestly desiring to be clothed with our habitation which is from heaven, if indeed, having been clothed, we shall not be found naked.**"* II

Corinthians 5:2-3 NKJV

- 2) The upgrade: from human skin to heavenly skin!
*"For **the wages of sin is death**, but **the gift of God is eternal life** in Christ Jesus our Lord."*

Romans 6:23

(2) Question

- (a) Are we better off because Adam sinned or would we better off had he not sinned?

1. "Of this salvation the prophets have inquired and searched carefully, **who prophesied of the grace that would come to you, searching what, or what manner of time, the Spirit of Christ** who was in them was indicating when He testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ and **the glories that would follow.** **To them it was revealed that, not to themselves, but to us they were ministering the things which now have been reported to you through those who have preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent**

from heaven—things which angels desire to look into.” I Peter 1:10-12 NKJV

2. Has Adam not sinned...
 - a) Of what need would there be for a promise of grace?
 - b) No sin, no grace, no Holy Spirit, no salvation, no glorification!
 - c) Had Adam never sinned, mankind would have no glorified inheritance in which to rest!
 - d) Do you still doubt you are better off now than had Adam never sinned?

THE GIFT

2. Polar Opposites

A. The Offense and The Gift

(1) Two Men

(a) Adam and his Offense; Y’shua and His Free Gift

1. “But **the free gift is not like the offense**. For if by the **one man’s offense many died**, much more **the grace of God and the gift by the grace of the one Man**, Jesus Christ, **abounded to many.**” Romans 5:15 NKJV
2. The story of mankind takes place on two sides of the same coin.

- a) Think of redemption as the flip side of the coin—or the polar opposite of the sin and death side.
 - 1) One side reads like this. One man sinned and everyone died because of it.
 - 2) The other side has the remedy. One man died and everyone is released from the death cause by sin.
 - 3) How? Why? Because grace would come and the glories that follow! (Again see I Peter 1:10-12)
- b) God's grace and the faith it empowers became universally available for all mankind because of this singular rectifying act.
 - 1) Hint: it was not available to Adam but it is available to us because Adam sinned and every man has fallen short since then!

(2) One Sin vs. Many Sins

(a) One Sin: Judgment & Condemnation; Many Sins: Gift & Justification

- 1. "And **the gift is not like** that which came through the one who sinned. For the **judgment** which came from one offense **resulted in condemnation**, but the **free gift** which came from many offenses **resulted in justification.**" Romans 5:16 NKJV

2. Consider also the sheer magnitude of the exchange.
 - a) Unlike the death sentence which came upon all of mankind because of a singular act of rebellion, it was a singular sacrifice that covered the cost of an infinite number of transgressions from billions of humans.
 - b) It is even more magnificent when you realize that the sacrifice was offered free of charge to you.
 - c) And for all those who accept it, the outcome is unimpeachable.
 - 1) It is a total, unmitigated, and unassailable release from debt—from death to life.

THE EXCHANGE

3. **It's an unfair exchange; Praise Yahweh for that!**

A. **Death and Life**

(1) Justification for Condemnation

- (a) Paul drives this reality so deep into your soul that you will be thanking Adam by the time we are done!

1. "For if by the one man's offense death reigned through the one, **much more those who receive abundance of grace** and of the gift of righteousness **will reign in life** through the One, Jesus Christ.)

*Therefore, as through **one man's offense judgment came to all men**, resulting in **condemnation**, even so through **one Man's righteous act the free gift** came to all men, **resulting in justification** of life. *For as by **one man's disobedience** many were made **sinners**, so also by **one Man's obedience** many will be made **righteous.**" Romans 5:17-19 NKJV

2. The gift is so far superior to the offense that there should be no Christian who doubts they are better off now than had Adam never sinned in the first place.
 - a) One man's offense and disobedience and all men became sinners.
 - 1) Results: judgement, condemnation and death to all men.
 - b) One Man's righteous act and obedience and all men have the opportunity to become righteous.
 - 1) Results: justification and the gift of life to all who believe (all by grace!).
 - c) Adam's sin introduced death, but it also made way for the remedy.
 - d) The remedy is infinitely more abundant than the offense because you are not only redeemed for an

eternity in a glorified body, but you have access to God's grace right here, right now. (See [Also...](#))

- 1) We have the death of Christ which released God's grace over man, the first benefit being that it imparts the faith to believe unto eternal redemption. *"Therefore, having been **justified by faith**, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,"* Romans 5:1 NKJV
- 2) But more than that, you get to tap that grace for empowered living right now, with Christ's life as the template or blueprint for your lifestyle. Oh, the infinite glorious possibilities! *"through whom **also** we **have access by faith into this grace** in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God."* Romans 5:2 NKJV
- e) Again, Paul stresses that it was one man who caused death to come into the world, and it is by One Man that life is restored, and not just eternal life, but a purpose-driven, God-honoring life right now.
 - 1) By one man: selfishness, disobedience, offense, judgment, condemnation, sin, and death.

- 2) By One Man: selflessness, obedience, reconciliation, redemption, righteousness, justification, and life.
- f) Adam never had access to the abundance of grace and the gift of righteousness the way you do.
- g) Adam was always at risk of dying. He was fully human and had he sinned at any time, a death sentence would have been levied.
- h) Adam was mortal and only potentially eternal. What would keep Adam alive indefinitely was his access to the tree of life, but once sin blocked his access, his countdown clock began.

1) *"therefore the Lord God **sent him out of the garden** of Eden to till the ground from which he was taken. So He drove out the man; and He placed cherubim at the east of the garden of Eden, and a flaming sword which turned every way, **to guard the way to the tree of life.**"*

Genesis 3:23-24 NKJV

- i) But when you resurrect with Christ, death will have been defeated permanently.
- a) *"So when this **corruptible has put on incorruption**, and this **mortal has put on***

*immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: “Death is swallowed up in victory.” [Isaiah 25:8] “O Death, where is your sting? O Hades, where is your victory?” [Hosea 13:14] The sting of death is sin, and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, **who gives us the victory** through our Lord Jesus Christ.” I Corinthians 15:54-57 NKJV*

- j) In your glorified body you have permanent, unconditional eternal life.
- k) You are immortal and guaranteed eternity with God, neither of which were available to Adam.
- l) Do you still doubt you are better off now than had Adam never sinned?

(2) Grace for Sin

(a) Let's seal the deal!

1. "Moreover **the law entered that the offense might abound**. But **where sin abounded, grace abounded much more**, so that as **sin reigned in death**, even so **grace might reign through righteousness** to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." Romans 5:20-21 NKJV

2. Paul then reiterates why the law was formally codified at Mount Sinai.
 - a) Since then, sin is recognizable to everyone; no longer is plausible deniability an excuse.
 - 1) *"...for by the law is **the knowledge of sin.**"*
Romans 3:20 NKJV
 - 2) *"...I would not have known sin **except through the law.**"* Romans 7:7 NKJV
 - b) The law, in essence, magnifies sin, which then has an exponential effect on grace.
 - 1) *"But sin, taking opportunity by the commandment, **produced in me all manner of evil desire.** For apart from the law sin was dead. ***I was alive once without the law, but when the commandment came, sin revived and I died.***"*
Romans 7:8-9 NKJV
 - 2) *"Has then what is good become death to me? Certainly not! But sin, that it might appear sin, was producing death in me through what is good, **so that sin through the commandment might become exceedingly sinful.**"* Romans 7:13 NKJV
 - c) The need for grace potentiates its release.

- d) Sin demands death, but grace not only promises permanent life, it also empowers abundant living!
- e) Had Adam never sinned, mankind would have no glorified inheritance in which to rest!
- f) Had sin never entered, we'd never have needed a Savior nor His grace!
- 1) *"For sin, taking occasion by the commandment, deceived me, and by it killed me. **Therefore the law is holy, and the commandment holy and just and good.**"* Romans 7:11-12 NKJV

(b) A Look Ahead...

- 1. "What shall we say then? **Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound?** Certainly not! How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it?" Romans 6:1-2 NKJV
- 2. Don't misconstrue the purpose of, nor abuse God's grace.
 - a) Shall you sin on purpose because it potentiates God's grace? Don't you dare!

B. Adam's Body (human) vs. a Glorified Body (heavenly)

- (1) The Glorified Body: your inheritance because Adam sinned!
 - (a) Let's go step by step here...

1. "For **our citizenship is in heaven**, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will **transform our lowly body that it may be conformed to His glorious body**, according to the working by which He is able even to subdue all things to Himself." Philippians 3:20-21 NKJV
2. Adam was human and had he not sinned, he would have maintained access to the tree of life and stayed alive in his human body.
 - a) If we extrapolate that to the rest of humanity since Adam, we would all forever inherit lowly human bodies.
 - b) However, because Adam sinned and death came into the world, which then necessitated a Savior, our new potential inheritance (should we believe) is the same body in which Y'shua resurrected.
 - 1) *"Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, **we shall be like Him**, for we shall see Him as He is."* I John 3:2 NKJV
 - c) And what is "like Him?" A glorified flesh and bone body, not a flesh and blood body.

- 1) *"Behold My hands and My feet, that it is I Myself. **Handle Me and see, for a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see I have.**"* Luke 24:39 NKJV
- d) That is literally a body filled with light, which at one time had its life in the blood. Now life in the light!
 - 1) Life in the Blood which was then shed in order that we would have a new life: *"For **the life of the flesh is in the blood**, and I have given it to you upon the altar **to make atonement for your souls**; for it is the **blood that makes atonement for the soul.**"* Leviticus 17:11 NKJV
 - 2) He is the Light of the world; those who come to Him are filled with that light and become that light: *"And this is the condemnation, that **the light has come into the world**, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. For everyone practicing evil **hates the light** and **does not come to the light**, lest his deeds should be exposed. But he who does the truth **comes to the light**, that his deeds may be clearly seen, that they have been done in God."*

“ (John 3:19-21 NKJV) *“Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, **“I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life.”**”* (John 8:12 NKJV) *“**You are the light of the world.** A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden.”* Matthew 5:14 NKJV

3) Y’shua gave us a preview of what a light-filled (bloodless) body looks like: *“and He was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and His clothes **became as white as the light.**”* Matthew 17:2 NKJV

e) We must become like Him if we are to become His bride because marriage is not permitted unless the two are of the same species!

1) *“When Christ who is our life appears, **then you also will appear with Him in glory.**”* Colossians 3:4 NKJV

(2) The Glorified Species

(a) No mixed marriages allowed! (See [Interspecies Marriage](#) — especially pages 40-50)

1. “Therefore take careful heed to yourselves, that you love the Lord your God. Or else, **if indeed you do go**

back, and cling to the remnant of these nations— these that remain among you—and **make marriages** with them, and **go in to them** and they to you, **know for certain** that the Lord your God will no longer drive out these nations from before you. But they **shall be snares and traps to you, and scourges on your sides and thorns in your eyes, until you perish** from this good land which the Lord your God has given you.” Joshua 23:11-13 NKJV

(b) No permission to yoke with a different species!

1. **“Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers. For what fellowship has righteousness with lawlessness? And what communion has light with darkness? And what accord has Christ with Belial? Or what part has a believer with an unbeliever? And what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For you are the temple of the living God. As God has said: “I will dwell in them And walk among them. I will be their God, And they shall be My people.” Therefore “Come out from among them and be separate, says the Lord. Do not touch what is unclean, And I will receive you.””** II Corinthians 6:14-17 NKJV

(c) Y'shua sealed His permanent position as a glorified being in The Garden of Gethsemane.

1. "Father, if it is Your will, take this cup away from Me; nevertheless **not My will, but Yours, be done.**" Luke 22:42 NKJV

2. This is the moment Y'shua chose to stay, to remain a bondservant to His Father, and to never return to His Spirit form. "***for a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see I have.***" Luke 24:39

a) He would resurrect with a glorified body and we too must do that same if we are to be His bride.

1) "***Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, who, being in the form of God [a Spirit], did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and **coming in the likeness of men** [a human] . And being found in appearance as a man, He **humbled Himself** and became **obedient to the point of death** [who resurrected in a glorified body], even the death of the cross.***" Philippians 2:5-8 NKJV

b) He was not immediately recognizable in His new glorified form...

- 1) *"Now when she had said this, **she [Mary]** turned around and saw Jesus standing there, and **did not know that it was Jesus**. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?" **She, supposing Him to be the gardener**, said to Him, "Sir, if You have carried Him away, tell me where You have laid Him, and I will take Him away.""* John 20:14-15 NKJV
- 2) See also Luke 24, the resurrection; the encounter on the Road to Emmaus; at the table in the village; His sudden appearance before His disciples and at His ascension. All point to His appearing in His new glorified body!
- 3) **And that is exactly how He comes again for His bride, in His glorified body.** *"who also said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, **will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven.**"* Acts 1:11 NKJV

(d) The Law of the Hebrew servant demanded He make a choice!

1. "If you buy a Hebrew servant, he shall serve six years; and in the seventh he shall go out free and pay nothing. **If he comes in by himself, he shall go out by himself;** if he comes in married, then his wife shall go out with him. **If his master has given him a wife,** and she has borne him sons or daughters, **the wife and her children shall be her master's, and he shall go out by himself.** But if the servant plainly says, '**I love my master, my wife,** and my children; I will not go out free,' then his master shall bring him to the judges. He shall also bring him to the door, or to the doorpost, and **his master shall pierce** his ear with an awl; and **he shall serve him forever.**" Exodus 21:2-6 NKJV

2. This is the Law to which Y'shua adhered as He made His final choice in the Garden.

a) He was a bondservant! We see that clearly in Philippians 2:5-8.

b) He came without a wife and was given one by His Father. The Church is His bride.

1) *““For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be **joined to his wife**, and the two shall become one flesh.” This is a great mystery, but I speak concerning **Christ and the church**.” Ephesians 5:31-32 NKJV*

- c) He could leave the garden, go back to His Spirit form, but He'd be required to abandon His wife.
- d) Instead, He loved His Father (to do His will) and He loved His bride (that's us), so He chose to stay FOREVER.
- e) As a seal of His choice He was pierced!
- f) He was resurrected in a glorified body and His bride must also inherit a glorified body if we are to consummate the marriage!

(3) Incorruptible for Corruptible

(a) And with what kind body will you resurrect?

1. "But someone will say, "How are the dead raised up? **And with what body do they come?**" Foolish one, what you sow is not made alive unless it dies. **And what you sow, you do not sow that body that shall be**, but mere grain—perhaps wheat or some other grain. But God gives it a body as He pleases, and to each seed its own body. All flesh is not the same

flesh, but there is one kind of flesh of men, another flesh of animals, another of fish, and another of birds. There are also celestial bodies and terrestrial bodies; but **the glory of the celestial is one, and the glory of the terrestrial is another.** There is one glory of the sun, another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; for one star differs from another star in glory. **So also is the resurrection of the dead. The body is sown in corruption, it is raised in incorruption.** It is **sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory.** It is **sown in weakness, it is raised in power.** It is sown a **natural body, it is raised a spiritual body.** There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body. And so it is written, “**The first man Adam became a living being.**” **The last Adam became a life-giving spirit.** However, the spiritual is not first, but the natural, and afterward the spiritual. **The first man was of the earth, made of dust; the second Man is the Lord from heaven.** As was the man of dust, so also are those who are made of dust; and as is the heavenly Man, so also are those who are heavenly. And **as we have borne the image of the man of dust,**

we shall also bear the image of the heavenly Man." I

Corinthians 15:35-49 NKJV

2. It's better than what Adam had...
 - a) The type of body that goes into the ground is not what you wish to come out of the ground, just like when you plant a seed.
 - b) You are not hoping to grow a seed, but the plant (the new creature) from that seed.
 - c) And each type of body is specific to its nature.
 - 1) Earthly and Heavenly
 - 2) Corruptible and Incorruptible
 - 3) Dishonorable and Glorious
 - 4) Weak and Powerful
 - 5) Natural and Spiritual
 - 6) The first Adam became a living being.
 - 7) The last Adam became a life-giving spirit.
 - d) You have to sow the natural to harvest the spiritual
 - a) The first man (adam) was of the earth, made of dust.
 - b) The second Man (Adam) is the Lord from heaven.
 - c) If you are of adam only, you will remain dust!

- d) If you are of the heavenly Man (Adam/Y'shua) you will become heavenly.
 - e) If you have borne the image of the man of dust, when you resurrect you will bear the image of the heavenly Man.
- (b) Flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God
1. "Now this I say, brethren, that **flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does corruption inherit incorruption.** Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but **we shall all be changed**— in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the **dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.** For this **corruptible must put on incorruption**, and this **mortal must put on immortality.** So when this corruptible has put on incorruption, and this mortal has put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: "**Death is swallowed up in victory.**" "**O Death, where is your sting? O Hades, where is your victory?**" The sting of death is sin, and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore,

my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable,
always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing
that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.” I

Corinthians 15:50-58 NKJV

2. Corruption cannot inherit incorruption...

- a) You shall all be changed.
- b) The dead will be raised incorruptible.
- c) The corruptible must put on incorruption.
- d) The mortal must put on immortality.
- e) Death is swallowed up in victory!
 - 1) The sting of death is sin, and the strength of sin is the law.
 - 2) *“for **where there is no law there is no transgression.**”* Romans 4:15
 - 3) *“**I would not have known sin except through the law...**”* Romans 7:7
 - 4) But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

C. Something that would have never happened had Adam not sinned:

- (1) *“Death is swallowed up in victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.”*

(a) If I Ran the Zoo: a word of advice for all would be zoo-keepers!

1. "Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; **let them have dominion** over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; **fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion** over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth."" Genesis 1:26-28 NKJV

2. Zoo-Keepers: Dominion over all the animals (creation).

- a) What would you do if you ran the zoo?
- b) What would you do if you had an opportunity to rewrite the story?
- c) What if you could just advise Adam before his fateful act of utter neglect?

- 1) What if you could warn him that what he was about to do would bring birth, death and destruction into creation? Would you do it?
 - 2) Would you attempt to change the course of history and help mankind sidestep thousands of years of pain, misery and suffering?
- d) I wouldn't!
- 1) Certainly, we'd be better off had Adam never shirked his responsibility, no?
 - 2) Surely, if we had the option to rewind and help Adam make a better choice, all of mankind would benefit, right?
- e) The answer is a resounding no!
- a) Had sin never come into the world, sure things would have been perfectly pleasant since creation.
 - b) Unfortunately, one thing is easy to overlook that supersedes the potential benefits of living in a world that never tasted sin—the need for a Savior!
 - c) And the ultimate inheritance we have with that savior—a perfect, permanent, unalterable, incorruptible eternity with God.

- d) You see, Adam and all humans after him, would have forever carried the risk of sinning at some point—resulting in death.
- e) Human beings are potentially fallible.
- f) But the glorified body we will inherit one day because we have a Savior is permanently infallible. *“Death is swallowed up in victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.”*
- g) I would not attempt to prevent all the pain, misery, and suffering experienced throughout human history, if losing that was the price!

(b) Coming Soon!

1. *“For the earnest expectation of the **creation** eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God.”* Romans 8:19 NKJV
2. *“For the **creation was subjected to futility**, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it in hope; because the creation itself also **will be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God.**”* Romans 8:20-21 NKJV
3. Creation is waiting! Waiting for what?

- a) Creation is waiting to be restored to its former glory as in the Garden of Eden.
 - b) This is the restoration of all things!
 - c) The sons of God (those like the second Adam) do the restoring, so that the sons of man (those like the first Adam) can repopulate and take dominion over the new earth!
 - d) Details to follow when we get to Romans 8.
- (c) Special Consideration!
1. *"Now I saw **a new heaven and a new earth**, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also there was no more sea."* Revelation 21:1 NKJV
 2. *"In the middle of its street, and on either side of the river, was **the tree of life**, which bore twelve fruits, each tree yielding its fruit every month. **The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.**"*
 " Revelation 22:2 NKJV
 3. The prophetic story of mankind ends with the revelation that the New Earth will be populated by a race of First Adams (Fully Human Beings).
 - a) They too must have access to **the Tree of Life** to live forever.

EXTRA SUPPORT MATERIALS

4. Excerpt from Romans Commentary (DJH)

A. Death and Life

- (1) Adam, a man, a human man, lost the title deed to the earth, and humans must redeem it.
- (2) Y'shua must remain in heaven until the RESTORATION OF ALL THINGS.
- (3) Adam had a mortal body which had eternal potential. He needed to eat from the tree of life to live forever.
- (4) Y'shua resurrected with a glorified body. It was immortal (incorruptible) and eternal.
- (5) We, who rule and reign with Messiah, the Church, will receive the same resurrected body that Y'shua has.
- (6) Citizens of the earth, those who in the end have faith but miss the window to be covered by the blood of Y'shua, will be mortal and potentially eternal (like Adam). They need to eat from the tree of life to live forever.
- (7) Rebels will experience the first death (physical death) and inherit the second death (eternal death).
 - (a) Here in Chapter 5, Paul introduces the two Adams. One named Adam, the first man in Genesis. And the second, a type and shadow of the first, who inscribed the

backside of the coin. Death reigned on one side, life is the inscription on the other, Adam and Y'shua.

- (b) Let's break it down in some detail, but first let me proffer a prophetic idea that, once considered, will guide you to a better understanding of the rest of Paul's Romans theological masterpiece.
- (c) Adam, a man, a human man, lost the title deed to the earth. He forfeited it to Satan (Matthew 4:8-10; proof that Satan owns it).
- (d) This assumes something important, Adam owned it and had the rights to keep it or lose it. (He was given Dominion in Genesis 1:26-28) That's important to know. So, Adam, a human, owned it and lost it, and Y'shua, divine who became human, paved the way for redemption and the restoration of the garden (the restoration of all things).
- (e) Y'shua paved the way, but He does not restore it for us. He does, however, give us the right to take it back for ourselves?
- (f) If you catch the nuance here, you will start to recognize the importance of human initiative, in other words, what our responsibility is on this side of eternity, as we partner with Yahweh (empowered by Him) to bring

restoration of the Kingdom on Earth. This will help you begin to understand the prophetic model God has for the future of mankind. Y'shua must remain in heaven until we do our part.

1. *“Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, so that **times of refreshing** may come from the presence of the Lord, and that He may send Jesus Christ, who was preached to you before, WHOM HEAVEN MUST RECEIVE **UNTIL THE TIMES OF RESTORATION OF ALL THINGS**, which God has spoken by the mouth of all His holy prophets since the world began.” (Acts 3:19-21)*
- (g) A “man” lost the title deed and a “man” must redeem it! So the technical part, or the legalese:
 - 1) Adam committed one sin, call it “my will, not Your will be done,” and he did this before the Torah was ratified (codified) on Mt. Sinai. All it took was one transgression to lose the title and go from life to death.
- (h) Tune in with your prophetic brain for a moment. Adam was created as a mortal, but potentially eternal being. He could die, but he did not have to.

1. *“And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, “Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; 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.**”” (Genesis 2:16-17)*
- (i) But he chose his own will, to eat from the forbidden tree, and because of that He lost the right to eat from the tree of life, which he needed to live forever.
1. *“And the LORD God said, “The man has now become like one of us, knowing good and evil. He must not be allowed to reach out his hand and take also from the tree of life and eat, and live forever.”” (Genesis 3:22 NIV)*
- (j) Conversely, Y’shua was an immortal and eternal being who, in the single greatest act of love in history, surrendered that position and became like Adam (read Philippians 2:5-7).
1. *“And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross” (Philippians 2:8), let’s call it “not My will, but Your will be done” (Luke 22:42).*

(k) In one final heroic act of obedience, He blotted out an infinite number of our transgressions, past, present, and future. It redeemed all of us “Adams” and put us back into right standing with Yahweh.

1. *“But whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. But the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life.”” (John 4:14)*

(l) And at the same time, Y’shua resurrected as a new type of immortal and eternal being, a type that we too could inherit (read 1 Corinthians 15:35-58).

1. NOW we have the ability to regain the title deed to the earth.
2. That is coming in the future “RESTORATION OF ALL THINGS”, which Y’shua waits for in heaven.
3. Sin had its reign in us, but now it’s righteousness’s turn.

(m) [Prophetic Notes:]

1. Adam had a mortal body which had eternal potential (Genesis 2:16-17). He had to meet certain conditions to live forever. He was required to eat from the tree of life (Genesis 3:22).

2. Y'shua resurrected with a glorified body (I Corinthians 15:35-58). It was immortal (incorruptible) and eternal. It needs to meet no further conditions to live forever.
3. Three Eternal People Groups: (See [Passover: What are Legitimate Sons?](#) teaching for details.)
 - a) **First People Group:** Faithful body of believers (Rulers: inherit heaven, the Church, faith-filled people who are covered by the blood of Y'shua). We receive the same resurrected body that Y'shua has (Philippians 3:21). We are immortal and eternal. We rule and reign with Messiah forever (Revelation 20:4-6; 2 Timothy 2:12).
 - b) **Second People Group:** Faithful body of "unbelievers" (Citizens: inherit the earth, those who in the end have faith in Yahweh but miss the window to be covered by the blood of Y'shua). Mortal and potentially eternal (like Adam). Must eat from the tree of life to live forever.
 - 1) *"In the middle of its street, and on either side of the river, was **the tree of life**, which bore twelve fruits, each tree yielding its fruit every month.*

The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.“ Revelation 22:2 NKJV

- c) **Third People Group:** Unfaithful unbelievers.
(Rebels: those who experience the first death (physical death, Hebrews 9:27) and inherit the second death, eternal death, Revelation 2:11; 20:6, 14; 21:8; Jude 1:12-13).
- 1) Can you recognize that there are three permanent classes of people, just like there were three crosses? Three eternal destinies (Ruler-Citizen-Rebel). Which one is your ultimate inheritance?

Summary: A TYPE OF ADAM

1. Think Two Adams

A. A Step Back...

- (1) How did we get here?
 - (a) Before we proceed...
 - 1. Review how Paul encourages Christians to consider their secure permanent position in eternity from two vantage points. (See [Also...](#))
 - a) One: it is something to look forward to with immense joy.

- b) Two: it should inspire how you live right now.
- (b) How should that affect your lifestyle between now and that moment of your last breath? Peter's Advice:
 - 1. Your debt is cancelled; you've been cleared to live forever in the presence of God, so...
 - a) Look forward to the grace that is coming and the glories that come with it!
 - b) Rejoice with a joy so intense, so glorious, that it is impossible to describe with words.
 - c) Live right now as if you have already inherited the ultimate promise that comes from your faith in Christ.
- (2) That's the secret; you are a brand new person **ALREADY!**
 - (a) You don't have to wait until eternity to take advantage of your inheritance. In fact, you are commanded not to wait; the time is **NOW!**
 - 1. Your new beginning started the instant you were encountered by Christ.
 - a) He reconciled you and you were handed the ministry of reconciliation, in word and deed.
 - b) You have been assigned to represent Him, to speak for Him, to impart His grace, and to be His righteousness in the earth.

- c) You have everything you need ALREADY!
- d) That said, now we can move on.

B. Liable Anyway

(1) From Adam to Moses

(a) Death reigned from Adam to Moses

1. The debt that was cleared, when Christ died for you, stems all the way back to the Garden of Eden.

- a) In a state of utter perfection, Adam still chose to ignore what his wife was about to do.

(b) The Fall of Man: The narrative verse-by-verse as sin enters creation...

1. Overview (Genesis 3)

- a) There she stood with the forbidden fruit in her hand, and instead of preventing her from violating God's orders, Adam joined her.
- b) *The cover-up is worse than the crime! (More on this in a moment.)
- c) The wages of sin is death and that is precisely what came next.
- d) How was the death sentence instituted? Adam and Eve, and thus all mankind, became unplugged from their source of potential eternal life, and the

clock began to tick, the minutes and years trickling down to a final breath.

- e) And before you hyper-focus on blaming Adam, and get all caught up in a tizzy, know this: you would have done the same thing!
- f) Technically, somewhere in that narrative is when sin entered the world.
 - 1) Was it Satan's lie? (Genesis 3:1)
 - 2) Was it as Eve entertained the first thought and added something to God's instructions? (Genesis 3:2-3)
 - 3) Was it when Adam watched passively? Or, was it when they took the first bite? (Genesis 3:6)
- g) Irregardless, until the law was codified on Mount Sinai 2600 years later, the understanding of all sins was rooted in that moment of transgression in the Garden.
- h) Let's call it relational disobedience—it's what happens when you defy what God has revealed to you by way of personal interaction.
- i) But, once the law became clear for all to see, then sin became specifically defined by it, and no

longer just under the general category of
“disobedience to God’s orders.”

- j) So you see, the death penalty for sin began in the Garden and everyone born since Adam carries the same death sentence as Adam.
- k) From the time of Adam, until Moses received the Law, every human was held liable for Adam’s sin, even though they had not actually committed Adam’s sin and are not personally responsible for Adam’s choice.
- l) And then, with that sin nature embedded into the human spirit, once the law came in, it was a forgone conclusion that mankind would be serial offenders.
- m) And if this all sounds unfair to you, let me help with a new perspective. **It is actually to your advantage** that the system worked like this because the purpose of Adam was also to serve as a placeholder for Who would come much later, 1400 years after Mount Sinai.
- n) This One has a better offer than even Adam had prior to his transgression. And certainly better

promises than what was offered when the law was codified.

o) And if you are not part of the problem you can't take part in the solution. And this is where it gets really good.

p) *Yes, the cover-up is worse than the crime,

1) Adam and Eve were originally clothed in the image of God, but once their skin was exposed and they attempted to cover it up, they were downgraded to being clothed in the skin of an animal!

q) but... the remedy is greater than the cover-up!

1) The upgrade: from human skin to heavenly skin!

(2) Question

(a) Are we better off because Adam sinned or would we better off had he not sinned?

1. Has Adam not sinned...

a) Of what need would there be for a promise of grace?

b) No sin, no grace, no Holy Spirit, no salvation, no glorification!

c) Had Adam never sinned, mankind would have no glorified inheritance in which to rest!

- d) Do you still doubt you are better off now than had Adam never sinned?

Summary: THE GIFT

2. Polar Opposites

A. The Offense and The Gift

(1) Two Men

(a) Adam and his Offense; Y'shua and His Free Gift

1. The story of mankind takes place on two sides of the same coin.

- a) Think of redemption as the flip side of the coin—or the polar opposite of the sin and death side.

- 1) One side reads like this. One man sinned and everyone died because of it.

- 2) The other side has the remedy. One man died and everyone is released from the death cause by sin.

- 3) How? Why? Because grace would come and the glories that follow! (Again see I Peter 1:10-12)

- b) God's grace and the faith it empowers became universally available for all mankind because of this singular rectifying act.

- 1) Hint: it was not available to Adam but it is available to us because Adam sinned and every man has fallen short since then!

(2) One Sin vs. Many Sins

- (a) One Sin: Judgment & Condemnation; Many Sins: Gift & Justification

1. Consider also the sheer magnitude of the exchange.

- a) Unlike the death sentence which came upon all of mankind because of a singular act of rebellion, it was a singular sacrifice that covered the cost of an infinite number of transgressions from billions of humans.
- b) It is even more magnificent when you realize that the sacrifice was offered free of charge to you.
- c) And for all those who accept it, the outcome is unimpeachable.
 - 1) It is a total, unmitigated, and unassailable release from debt—from death to life.

Summary: THE EXCHANGE

3. It's an unfair exchange; Praise Yahweh for that!

A. Death and Life

(1) Justification for Condemnation

- (a) Paul drives this reality so deep into your soul that you will be thanking Adam by the time we are done!
- 1. The gift is so far superior to the offense that there should be no Christian who doubts they are better off now than had Adam never sinned in the first place.
 - a) One man's offense and disobedience and all men became sinners.
 - 1) Results: judgement, condemnation and death to all men.
 - b) One Man's righteous act and obedience and all men have the opportunity to become righteous.
 - 1) Results: justification and the gift of life to all who believe (all by grace!).
 - c) Adam's sin introduced death, but it also made way for the remedy.
 - d) The remedy is infinitely more abundant than the offense because you are not only redeemed for an eternity in a glorified body, but you have access to God's grace right here, right now. (See [Also...](#))
 - 1) We have the death of Christ which released God's grace over man, the first benefit being that it imparts the faith to believe unto eternal redemption.

- 2) But more than that, you get to tap that grace for empowered living right now, with Christ's life as the template or blueprint for your lifestyle. Oh, the infinite glorious possibilities!
- e) Again, Paul stresses that it was one man who caused death to come into the world, and it is by One Man that life is restored, and not just eternal life, but a purpose-driven, God-honoring life right now.
 - 1) By one man: selfishness, disobedience, offense, judgment, condemnation, sin, and death.
 - 2) By One Man: selflessness, obedience, reconciliation, redemption, righteousness, justification, and life.
- f) Adam never had access to the abundance of grace and the gift of righteousness the way you do.
- g) Adam was always at risk of dying. He was fully human and had he sinned at any time, a death sentence would have been levied.
- h) Adam was mortal and only potentially eternal. What would keep Adam alive indefinitely was his access to the tree of life, but once sin blocked his access, his countdown clock began.

- i) But when you resurrect with Christ, death will have been defeated permanently.
- j) In your glorified body you have permanent, unconditional eternal life.
- k) You are immortal and guaranteed eternity with God, neither of which were available to Adam.
- l) Do you still doubt you are better off now than had Adam never sinned?

(2) Grace for Sin

(a) Let's seal the deal!

1. Paul then reiterates why the law was formally codified at Mount Sinai.
 - a) Since then, sin is recognizable to everyone; no longer is plausible deniability an excuse.
 - b) The law, in essence, magnifies sin, which then has an exponential effect on grace.
 - c) The need for grace potentiates its release.
 - d) Sin demands death, but grace not only promises permanent life, it also empowers abundant living!
 - e) Had Adam never sinned, mankind would have no glorified inheritance in which to rest!
 - f) Had sin never entered, we'd never have needed a Savior nor His grace!

(b) A Look Ahead...

1. Don't misconstrue the purpose of, nor abuse God's grace.

a) Shall you sin on purpose because it potentiates God's grace? Don't you dare!

B. Adam's Body (human) vs. a Glorified Body (heavenly)

(1) The Glorified Body: your inheritance because Adam sinned!

(a) Let's go step by step here...

1. Adam was human and had he not sinned, he would have maintained access to the tree of life and stayed alive in his human body.

a) If we extrapolate that to the rest of humanity since Adam, we would all forever inherit lowly human bodies.

b) However, because Adam sinned and death came into the world, which then necessitated a Savior, our new potential inheritance (should we believe) is the same body in which Y'shua resurrected.

c) And what is "like Him?" A glorified flesh and bone body, not a flesh and blood body.

- d) That is literally a body filled with light, which at one time had its life in the blood. Now life in the light!
 - 1) Life in the Blood which was then shed in order that we would have a new life:
 - 2) He is the Light of the world; those who come to Him are filled with that light and become that light:
 - 3) Y'shua gave us a preview of what a light-filled (bloodless) body looks like:
- e) We must become like Him if we are to become His bride because marriage is not permitted unless the two are of the same species!

(2) The Glorified Species

- (a) No mixed marriages allowed! (See [Interspecies Marriage](#) — especially pages 40-50)
- (b) No permission to yoke with a different species!
- (c) Y'shua sealed His permanent position as a glorified being in The Garden of Gethsemane.
 - 1. This is the moment Y'shua chose to stay, to remain a bondservant to His Father, and to never return to His Spirit form.

- a) He would resurrect with a glorified body and we too must do that same if we are to be His bride.
- b) He was not immediately recognizable in His new glorified form...
 - 1) See also Luke 24, the resurrection; the encounter on the Road to Emmaus; at the table in the village; His sudden appearance before His disciples and at His ascension. All point to His appearing in His new glorified body!
 - 2) And that is exactly how He comes again for His bride, in His glorified body.
- (d) The Law of the Hebrew servant demanded He make a choice!
 - 1. This is the Law to which Y'shua adhered as He made His final choice in the Garden.
 - a) He was a bondservant! We see that clearly in Philippians 2:5-8.
 - b) He came without a wife and was given one by His Father. The Church is His bride.
 - c) He could leave the garden, go back to His Spirit form, but He'd be required to abandon His wife.

- d) Instead, He loved His Father (to do His will) and He loved His bride (that's us), so He chose to stay FOREVER.
- e) As a seal of His choice He was pierced!
- f) He was resurrected in a glorified body and His bride must also inherit a glorified body if we are to consummate the marriage!

(3) Incorruptible for Corruptible

(a) And with what kind body will you resurrect?

1. It's better than what Adam had...

- a) The type of body that goes into the ground is not what you wish to come out of the ground, just like when you plant a seed.
- b) You are not hoping to grow a seed, but the plant (the new creature) from that seed.
- c) And each type of body is specific to its nature.
 - 1) Earthly and Heavenly
 - 2) Corruptible and Incorruptible
 - 3) Dishonorable and Glorious
 - 4) Weak and Powerful
 - 5) Natural and Spiritual
 - 6) The first Adam became a living being.
 - 7) The last Adam became a life-giving spirit.

- d) You have to sow the natural to harvest the spiritual
 - a) The first man (adam) was of the earth, made of dust.
 - b) The second Man (Adam) is the Lord from heaven.
 - c) If you are of adam only, you will remain dust!
 - d) If you are of the heavenly Man (Adam/Y'shua) you will become heavenly.
 - e) If you have borne the image of the man of dust, when you resurrect you will bear the image of the heavenly Man.
- (b) Flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God
 - 1. Corruption cannot inherit incorruption...
 - a) You shall all be changed.
 - b) The dead will be raised incorruptible.
 - c) The corruptible must put on incorruption.
 - d) The mortal must put on immortality.
 - e) Death is swallowed up in victory!
 - 1) The sting of death is sin, and the strength of sin is the law.
 - 2) But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

C. Something that would have never happened had Adam not sinned:

(1) *“Death is swallowed up in victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.”*

(a) If I Ran the Zoo: a word of advice for all would be zoo-keepers!

1. Zoo-Keepers: Dominion over all the animals (creation).

a) What would you do if you ran the zoo?

b) What would you do if you had an opportunity to rewrite the story?

c) What if you could just advise Adam before his fateful act of utter neglect?

1) What if you could warn him that what he was about to do would birth death and destruction into creation? Would you do it?

2) Would you attempt to change the course of history and help mankind sidestep thousands of years of pain, misery and suffering?

d) I wouldn't!

1) Certainly, we'd be better off had Adam never shirked his responsibility, no?

- 2) Surely, if we had the option to rewind and help Adam make a better choice, all of mankind would benefit, right?
- e) The answer is a resounding no!
 - a) Had sin never come into the world, sure things would have been perfectly pleasant since creation.
 - b) Unfortunately, one thing is easy to overlook that supersedes the potential benefits of living in a world that never tasted sin—the need for a Savior!
 - c) And the ultimate inheritance we have with that savior—a perfect, permanent, unalterable, incorruptible eternity with God.
 - d) You see, Adam and all humans after him, would have forever carried the risk of sinning at some point—resulting in death.
 - e) Human beings are potentially fallible.
 - f) But the glorified body we will inherit one day because we have a Savior is permanently infallible. *“Death is swallowed up in victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.”*

- g) I would not attempt to prevent all the pain, misery, and suffering experienced throughout human history, if losing that was the price!

(b) Coming Soon!

1. Creation is waiting! Waiting for what?
 - a) Creation is waiting to be restored to its former glory as in the Garden of Eden.
 - b) This is the restoration of all things!
 - c) The sons of God (those like the second Adam) do the restoring, so that the sons of man (those like the first Adam) can repopulate and take dominion over the new earth!
 - d) Details to follow when we get to Romans 8.

(c) Special Consideration!

1. The prophetic story of mankind ends with the revelation that the New Earth will be populated by a race of First Adams (Fully Human Beings).
 - a) They too must have access to **the Tree of Life** to live forever.

QUESTIONS & DISCUSSION

1. How does the debt that was cleared when Christ died for you stem all the way back to the Garden of Eden? (See Romans 5:12-14)

- A. In a state of utter perfection, how did Adam still choose to ignore what his wife was about to do. (See Genesis 3)
- B. Identify all the lies in Genesis 3.
- C. Similar to what we see today, the coverup is worse than the crime. How so?
- D. How exactly was the death sentence instituted? (Note verses 16-24 and Romans 6:23)
- E. What four instances could be thought to be the original sin? (See Genesis 3:1-6)

2. Back to Romans 5:12-14...

- A. Until the law was codified on Mount Sinai 2600 years later, the understanding of all sins was rooted in the transgression(s) in the Garden. How so? (Use Romans 2:12; 3:23; 4:15; 7:7, 9, 18; and James 4:17)

3. Adam and Y'shua are connected in a very special way? (See I Corinthians 15:45)

- A. Note: Adam and Eve were originally clothed in the image of God, but once their skin was exposed and they attempted to

cover it up, they were downgraded to being clothed in the skin of an animal!

- B. Use Genesis 3:7, 21 and II Corinthians 5:2-3 to explain the remedy for the cover-up?

4. Begin to imagine that mankind is better off because Adam sinned than had he not.

- A. How might I Peter 1:10-12 support this statement?
- B. Use Romans 5:15-16 to contrast the offense from the gift.
- C. Use Romans 5:17-19 to solidly the idea that the remedy for Adam's sin is greater than the sin itself (the gift is superior to the offense), yielding a better outcome for mankind than had he not sinned.

5. Adam was mortal and potentially eternal...

- A. Use the following passages to support that statement. (See: Genesis 2:16-19; 3:22-24; Romans 6:23)

6. When you resurrect with Christ, death will have been defeated permanently (you will be immortal and eternal).

- A. Use the following passages to support that statement. (See I Corinthians 15:54-57)

7. Integrate the following passages into one congruent doctrine.

- A. Romans 5:20-21 + Romans 3:20 + Romans 7:7
- B. Explain how the law magnifies sin, which then has an exponential effect on grace. (Use Romans 5:20-21; 7:8-9, 13)

8. The Glorified Body: your inheritance because Adam sinned!

- A. Write a detailed essay describing the attributes of a glorified body using all the following scriptures. (Philippians 3:20-21; I John 3:2; Luke 24:39; I Corinthians 15:35-58)

9. Explain how life in the glorified body comes from light, whereas life from the human body comes from blood.

- A. Use Leviticus 17:11; John 3:19-21; 8:12; Matthew 5:14; 17:2

10. Our eternal inheritance because Adam sinned is clearly superior than it would have been had he not transgressed.

- A. Y'shua resurrected as glorified being and in order to be His bride, we must be like Him (See I John 3:2).
- B. Use the following passages to reason why we cannot be the bride if we are not the same species! (See: Joshua 23:11-13; II Corinthians 6:14-17)
- C. Use the following passages to describe what choice Y'shua made so we could be His bride. (See: Philippians 2:5-8; Exodus 21:2-6; Luke 22:42)