

First and Last Adam

1Co 15:45 And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening spirit.

"The first man Adam was made a living soul;"

- Made means: *to cause to be, to generate, to become, come into being.*
- Living means: *to live (literally or figuratively), lifetime, alive, quick*
- Soul means: *breath, (by implication) spirit, abstractly or concretely (the animal sentient principle only; thus distinguished on the one hand from 4151, which is the rational and immortal soul; and on the other from 2222, which is mere vitality, even of plants: these terms thus exactly correspond respectively to the Hebrew 5315, 7307 and 2416):--heart (+ -ily), life, mind, soul, + us, + you.*

"the last Adam was made a quickening spirit."

- Made means: *to or into (indicating the point reached or entered), of place, time, or (figuratively) purpose (result, etc.); abundantly, far more exceeding, for (intent, purpose), to the intent that, of one mind, set at one again.*
- Quicken means: *to revitalize (literally or figuratively): make alive, give life, quicken.*
- Spirit means: *a current of air, i.e. breath (blast) or a breeze; by analogy or figuratively, a spirit, i.e. (human) the rational soul, (by implication) vital principle, mental disposition, etc., or (superhuman) an angel, demon, or (divine) God, Christ's spirit, the Holy Spirit:--ghost, life, spirit(-ual, -ually), mind.*

Heb 10:1 For the law having a shadow of good things to come, and not the very image of the things, can never with those sacrifices which they offered year by year continually make the comers thereunto perfect. **2** For then would they not have ceased to be offered? because that the worshippers once purged should have had no more conscience of sins. **3** But in those sacrifices there is a remembrance again made of sins every year. **4** For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins. **5** Wherefore when he cometh into the world, he saith, Sacrifice and offering thou wouldest not, but a body hast thou prepared me: **6** In burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin thou hast had no pleasure. **7** Then said I, Lo, I come (in the volume of the book it is written of me,) to do thy will, O God. **8** Above when he said, Sacrifice and offering and burnt offerings and offering for sin thou wouldest not, neither hadst pleasure therein; which are offered by the law; **9** Then said he, Lo, I come to do thy will, O God. He taketh away the first, that he may establish the second. **10** By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. **11** And every priest standeth daily ministering and offering oftentimes the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins: **12** But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down on the right hand of God; **13** From henceforth expecting till his enemies be made his footstool. **14** For by one offering he hath perfected forever them that are sanctified.

- Body means: *the body (as a sound whole), used in a very wide application, literally or figuratively:--bodily, body, slave.*
- Prepared means: *to complete thoroughly, i.e. repair (literally or figuratively) or adjust:--fit, frame, mend, (make) perfect(-ly join together), prepare, restore.*

The first man Adam was made by God, from the dust of the earth. The second man Adam, who is Jesus Christ, was made by God, and placed in the womb of the virgin Mary. God doesn't tell us of what he was made, except it was a body of flesh, and it was a "prepared body."

We know from scripture that something "**prepared**" does what we term as miraculous, as seen in: ***Jon 1:17 Now the LORD had prepared a great fish to swallow up Jonah. And Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights.*** We know; naturally a man can't live in a fish for three days and nights, yet God "**prepared**" a fish to swallow Jonah. We don't know how, except by the miraculous power of God, Jonah was vomited up alive, after three days and nights.

Think about what Jonah said in: ***Jon 2:7 When my soul fainted within me I remembered the LORD: and my prayer came in unto thee, into thine holy temple.*** Remember that when Jesus was on the cross he said "it is finished" just before he died? And, when he gave up the Ghost, the vail of the temple was rent in twain? Christ carried his pure sinless blood into the holiest of holy place and there was no need for the vail any longer. Do you see the comparison? As he was dying Jonah prayed and God heard his prayer. As Jesus was dying he prayed, and God heard his prayer, and by Christ are we restored to life.

God prepared a fish, to be a tomb, for three days and nights, for Jonah. God not only "**prepared**" a body, but also had a tomb "**prepared**" to receive the body of Jesus for three days and nights. I believe that Jonah died in the fish, and was reborn when vomited up on dry land, after three days and nights. The "**prepared**" body of Jesus was raised after three days and nights in the tomb.

What did Jonah do after his life was restored? He preached repentance and many souls, the whole city of Nineveh, were saved. Christ miraculous birth, life, death, burial, resurrection, and ascension to the eternal heaven, brought to us the gospel message of repent, and preaches, to us today, the message of salvation by the grace of God, through which many are brought to repentance and saved to eternal life, and the whole of those given to Christ are saved.

The first Adam that was "**made**" fell in sin, was put out of the Garden of Eden, and lost the communal relationship he had with God. All, the first Adam's procreation, are born with an inherit sin nature, or as we might say; corrupted flesh, a body with faults. The last Adam "**made**" is placed in time, at the juncture, to begin the age of salvation by grace. As the definition of "**prepared**" states; the last Adam was to mend "**repair**" the first Adam. The definition also states; "*to complete thoroughly*" which is exactly what Christ did. Christ gave himself "**the body prepared**" as the fix for sin, the only acceptable sacrifice for sin, he gave it that all, of God's people, might be saved.

Now, do you see: The reason we are born again is to make us right with God? Without the new birth, we remain in the broken state of sinfulness, and we are lost forever. Being repaired, by the blood of Christ, and the implantation of the last Adam in our minds and souls, we come to understand the perfecting work of Christ. We are thereby made new creatures in Christ. We are "restored" to the state of the first Adam before he became broken with sin.

What a difference in the first and last Adams. Praise the Lord for the last Adam, who hath wrought salvation and eternal life for us. Praise the Lord that Christ has gone to "prepare" a place for us in eternity. Hallelujah! Praise ye the Lord!