

# Genesis Chapter 5: Christ Esteem; Knowing and Being Who We Really Are & the Genealogical Gospel

Genesis Chapter 4 Review: The Way of Cain/Accepting Gods Grace through Instruction

- Importance of our Correct response to God's instruction and/or Discipline
- **God's discipline is Grace**

## Genesis Chapter 5

5:1 This is the book of the **generations** of Adam.

- **Generations:** A family register, or **history of Adam [man]**

5:1b In the day when God created man, He made him in the **likeness of God.**

- **Likeness of God...**

**Genesis 1:26** Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our **image**, according to Our **likeness**; 27 God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

- **Image** is more precise than **Likeness**
- **Image and Likeness of God is seen in our...**
  1. Freedom to Choose
  2. Sovereignty over other creation
  3. Ability to acquire Wisdom and Knowledge
  4. Ability to Love and have Compassion
  5. Understanding of what is moral; acknowledged or not
- After sin tainted the image and likeness of God in us, we as New Creations in Christ now put on the "**likeness**" of God

**Ephesians 4:22** ...lay aside the old self, which is being corrupted in accordance with the lusts of deceit, 23 and ... be renewed in the spirit of your mind, and **put on the new self, which in the likeness of God** has been created in **righteousness and holiness of the truth.**[Separated unto Truth]

- **Lay aside** corrupt *old*, **Put on the Righteous** and **Holy new**

**Colossians 3:1-10** (Read) 1 Therefore if you have been raised up with Christ, **keep seeking the things above**, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. 2 **Set your mind on the things above**, not on the things that are on earth.

- How, if I have all these problems? **Seek first the Kingdom...**

**Colossians 3:3** For you have died and your life is hidden with Christ in God. 4 When Christ, who is our life, is revealed, then you also will be revealed with Him in glory. [Complete]

- **Christ Revealed:** Rapture, 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming, or at our Death

**Colossians 3:5** Therefore **consider the members of your earthly body as dead** to immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed, which amounts to idolatry. 6For it is because of these things that the wrath of God will come upon the sons of disobedience, 7and in them you also once walked, when you were living in them. 8 But now you also, **put them all aside:** anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive speech from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, **since you laid aside the old self** with its evil practices 10 and have **put on the new self who is being renewed to a true knowledge according to the image of the One who created him**

- **Since you laid aside and have...? Why past tense?**

**Romans 8:30** ...and these whom He predestined, He also **called**; and these whom He called, He also **justified**; and these whom He justified, He also **glorified**. 31 What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who is against us?

**Ephesians 2:5** ...even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), 6and raised us up with Him, and **seated us with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,**

- God sees us as a **finished product "Positionally"**
- **Jesus knew who He was, where He came from, where He was going and that the Father loved Him**

**John 13:3** Jesus, knowing that the **Father had given** all things into His hands, and that He had **come forth from God** and was **going back to God,** 4got up from supper, and laid aside His garments; and taking a towel, He girded Himself.

- Knowing who we are in Christ frees us up to obey: **"Practical Righteousness"**
- **Sanctification:** becoming more and more like Jesus as we **yield our lives to His Holy Spirit...Practically**
- **Correlation between laying aside and being renewed**
  1. **Lay aside** old corrupted and corrupting self (lusts, deceit)
  2. Be renewed in the Spirit of your mind
  3. Put on the "new self": Righteousness and Holiness
  4. Seek and set our minds on the things above
  5. Consider our body dead to sin; putting away anger, wrath, malice, slander, & abusive speech, and lying
- **God gets the Glory!** We would not even think of changing apart from the Spirit of God (men love darkness)

**John 15:5** "I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit, for **apart from Me you can do nothing.**

- Even Paul was inadequate without God

**2 Corinthians 3:5** (Read) Not that we are adequate in ourselves to consider anything as coming from ourselves, but our adequacy is from God, 6who also made us adequate as servants of a new covenant, not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the **Spirit gives life...** 17 Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. 18But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror **the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as from the Lord, the Spirit.**

5:2 He created **them male and female**, and He blessed them and named **them Man** [Lit. Adam] in the day when they were created.

- Named **them** "man"? No Distinction; ...**One flesh...**

**Matthew 19:4** ...He who created them from the beginning MADE THEM MALE AND FEMALE, 5 and said, 'FOR THIS REASON A MAN SHALL LEAVE HIS FATHER AND MOTHER AND BE JOINED TO HIS WIFE, AND THE TWO SHALL BECOME **ONE FLESH**'?

5:3 When Adam had lived one hundred and thirty years, he became [Lit. begot] the father of a son **in his own likeness**, according to **his image**, and named him Seth. 4Then the days of Adam after he became the father of Seth were eight hundred years, and he had other sons and daughters.

- Adam's "own likeness and image" uh-oh

*"We are not sinners because we sin; we sin because we are sinners"*

- **Adam had other Sons and Daughters:** Genetic pool was "**relatively pure and unpolluted**" [Cain's wife?]
- **Incest Law** instituted later in **Leviticus 17**

5:5 So all the days that Adam lived were nine hundred and thirty years, **and he died.**

- **Sad...**and he died; Result of sin. First spiritual death now physical
- Those Adam after would be born dead

**Romans 5:12** Therefore, just as through **one man sin entered** into the world, and death through sin, and so **death spread to all men**, because all sinned--

- **Through one man:** Didn't Eve eat first?...**One flesh**
- **Death entered** into creation in a Garden **by one man's choice**

**1 Corinthians 15:22** For as in **Adam all die**, so also **in Christ** all will be made alive.

- **Another choice in another Garden** was made for life...

**Matthew 26:38** Then He said to them, "My soul is deeply grieved, to the point of death; remain here and keep watch with Me." 39And He went a little beyond them, and fell on His face and prayed, saying, "My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; **yet not as I will, but as You will.**"

- Those **"in Christ"** will be **"made alive"**
- **Godly line of Seth;** names paralleled w/ Cain's ungodly line

5:6Seth lived one hundred and five years, and became the father of Enosh. 7Then Seth lived eight hundred and seven years after he became the father of Enosh, and he had other sons and daughters. 8So all the days of Seth were nine hundred and twelve years, and he died. 9Enosh lived ninety years, and became the father of Kenan. 10Then Enosh lived eight hundred and fifteen years after he became the father of Kenan, and he had other sons and daughters. 11So all the days of Enosh were nine hundred and five years, and he died. 12Kenan lived seventy years, and became the father of Mahalalel. 13Then Kenan lived eight hundred and forty years after he became the father of Mahalalel, and he had other sons and daughters. 14So all the days of Kenan were nine hundred and ten years, and he died. 15Mahalalel lived sixty-five years, and became the father of Jared. 16Then Mahalalel lived eight hundred and thirty years after he became the father of Jared, and he had other sons and daughters. 17So all the days of Mahalalel were eight hundred and ninety-five years, and he died. 18Jared lived one hundred and sixty-two years, and became the father of Enoch. 19Then Jared lived eight hundred years after he became the father of Enoch, and he had other sons and daughters. 20So all the days of Jared were nine hundred and sixty-two years, and he died.

- **Long life:** Gene pool unpolluted; water canopy filtering dangerous u/v rays?
- **Incomplete list:** Compare to Matthew 1 Genealogy
- Pattern: # years before son, # years after, # years combined
- Purpose of record: Indication of the major "players" **AND A record of the truth begging to be checked out!**

5:21Enoch lived sixty-five years, and became the father of Methuselah. 22Then Enoch **walked with God** three hundred years after he became the father of Methuselah, and he had other sons and daughters.

- **Walked with God:** Replaces "lived"
- As **Noah** will; a life of **fellowship with God**

**Genesis 6:9** These are the records of the generations of Noah. Noah was a righteous man, blameless in his time; **Noah walked with God.**

- Also **Abram**

**Genesis 17:1** Now when Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram and said to him, "I am God Almighty; **Walk before Me, and be blameless.**

- General admonition to believers from God to walk with Him

**Micah 6:8** He has told you, O man, what is good; And what does the LORD require of you But to do justice, to love kindness, **And to walk humbly with your God?**

- Walking with God: **The Enoch Walk, a life of:**
  1. Righteousness
  2. Humility
  3. Knowing and speaking the Word of God
  4. No unrighteous words

**James 3:2** For we all stumble in many ways If anyone does not stumble in what he says, **he is a perfect man**, able to bridle the whole body as well.

#### 5. Turning from sin...**repentance**

**1 Thessalonians 2:10** You are witnesses, and so is God, how **devoutly and uprightly and blamelessly** we behaved toward you believers; 11 just as you know how we were exhorting and encouraging and imploring each one of you as a father would his own children, 12 so that you would **walk in a manner worthy of the God** who calls you into His own kingdom and glory.

- **Worthy:** Scales w/ **Equal measures of Belief and Works**

5:23 So all the days of Enoch were three hundred and sixty-five years.  
24 Enoch walked with God; **and he was not, for God took him.**

- "And he was not, for God took him" [a] **Rapture**

**1 Thessalonians 4:16** For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. **17 Then we who are alive and remain will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air**, and so we shall always be with the Lord. ... 18 Therefore comfort one another with these words.

- Only Enoch and **Elijah "raptured"** [John in Revelation; come on up]

**2 Kings 2:11** ...And **Elijah went up by a whirlwind to heaven.**

5:25 Methuselah lived one hundred and eighty-seven years, and became the father of Lamech. 26 Then Methuselah lived seven hundred and eighty-two years after he became the father of Lamech,

and he had other sons and daughters. 27So all the **days of Methuselah were nine hundred and sixty-nine years**, and he died.

- Methuselah 969: **Longest life**

5:28 Lamech lived one hundred and eighty-two years, and became the father of a son. 29 Now he called his name Noah, saying, "**This one will give us rest from our work and from the toil of our hands arising from the ground which the LORD has cursed.**"

- **Noah: "to Rest"** associated with comfort; referencing the reversal of the curse, ultimately Jesus as Our Rest; **Arc a picture of Salvation**
- Lamech prophesied **Jesus: One way, One door, One rest...**though he never saw it this side of heaven

**1 Peter 1:10** As to this salvation, the prophets who prophesied of the grace that would come to you made careful searches and inquiries, 11seeking to know **what person or time the Spirit of Christ within them was indicating** as He predicted the sufferings of Christ and the glories to follow. 12 It was revealed to them that they **were not serving themselves, but you**, in these things which now have been announced to you through those who preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven--things into which angels long to look.

- Lamech died before seeing the "rest" [flood] by 5 years!

5:30 Then Lamech lived five hundred and ninety-five years after he became the **father of Noah**, and he had other sons and daughters. 31So all the days of Lamech were seven hundred and seventy-seven years, and he died. 32Noah was five hundred years old, and Noah became the father of Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

- He lived 595 years after Noah's birth; Noah was 600 at flood

**Genesis 7: 6** Now Noah was six hundred years old **when the flood of water came upon the earth.**

**The Flood Judgment** Methuselah comes from *muth*, a root that means "**death**"; and from *shalach*, which means to bring, or to send forth. The name Methuselah means, "his death shall bring". Methuselah's father was given a prophecy of the coming Great Flood, and was apparently told that as long as his son was alive, the judgment of the flood would be withheld; but as soon as he died, the flood would be brought or sent forth. (Can you imagine raising a kid like that? Every time the boy caught a cold, the entire neighborhood must have panicked!)And, indeed, the year that Methuselah died, the flood came.It is interesting that Methuselah's life, in effect, was a symbol of God's mercy in forestalling the coming judgment of the flood. Therefore, it is fitting that his lifetime is the oldest in the Bible, speaking of the extensiveness of God's mercy.

**Adam** means **man**. As the first man, that seems straight forward enough.

**Seth** Adam's son was named Seth, which means **appointed**. Eve said, "*For God hath appointed me another seed instead of Abel, whom Cain slew.*"

**Enosh** Seth's son was called Enosh, which means **mortal, frail, or miserable**. It is from the root *anash*, to be incurable, used of a wound, grief, woe, sickness, or wickedness. It was in the days of Enosh that men began to defile the name of the Living God.

**Kenan** Enosh's son was named Kenan, which can mean **sorrow, dirge, or elegy**. (The precise denotation is somewhat elusive; some study aids unfortunately presume that Kenan is synonymous with Cainan.) Balaam, looking down from the heights of Moab, uses a pun upon the name of the Kenites when he prophesies their destruction. We have no real idea as to why these names were chosen for their children. Often they may have referred to circumstances at birth, and so on.

**Mahalalel** Kenan's son was Mahalalel, from Mahalal which means *blessed or praise*; and El, the name for *God*. Thus, Mahalalel means the **Blessed God**. Often Hebrew names include El, the name of God, as Dan-i-el, "God is my Judge", etc.

**Jared** Mahalalel's son was named Jared, from the verb *yaradh*, meaning **shall come down**.

**Enoch** Jared's son was named Enoch, which means **teaching, or commencement**. He was the first of four generations of preachers. In fact, the earliest recorded prophecy was by Enoch, which amazingly enough deals with the Second Coming of Christ (although it is quoted in the Book of Jude in the New Testament):

Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, "Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints, *To execute judgment upon all, and to convince all that are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have ungodly committed, and of all their hard speeches which ungodly sinners have spoken against.*"

**Methuselah** Enoch was the father of Methuselah: Methuselah comes from *muth*, a root that means "death"; and from *shalach*, which means to bring, or to send forth. The name Methuselah means, **"his death shall bring"**. Methuselah's father was given a prophecy of the coming Great Flood, and was apparently told that as long as his son was alive, the judgment of the flood would be withheld; but as soon as he died, the flood would be brought or sent forth.

Enoch walked with God after he begat Methuselah. Apparently, Enoch received the prophecy of the Great Flood, and was told that as long as his son was alive, the judgment of the flood would be withheld. The year that Methuselah died, the flood came. Enoch, of course, never died: he was translated (or, if you'll excuse the expression, raptured ). That's how Methuselah can be the oldest man in the Bible, yet he died before his father!

**Lamech** Methuselah's son was named Lamech, a root still evident today in our own English word, lament or lamentation. Lamech suggests **despairing**. (This name is also linked to the Lamech in Cain's line who inadvertently killed his son Tubal-Cain in a hunting incident.)

Noah Lamech, of course, is the father of Noah, which is derived from *nacham*, **to bring relief or comfort**, as Lamech himself explains in Genesis 5:29.

### The Composite List

Hebrew	English
Adam	Man
Seth	Appointed
Enosh	Mortal
Kenan	Sorrow;
Mahalalel	The Blessed God
Jared	Shall come down
Enoch	Teaching
Methuselah	His death shall bring
Lamech	The Despairing
Noah	Rest, or comfort.

**Man (is) appointed mortal sorrow; (but) the Blessed God shall come down teaching (that) His death shall bring (the) despairing rest.**