



## Further in the Spirit

### Session Three: The Spirit of Life: Adam vs. Christ

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#### I. REVIEW

##### A. Thoughts From Previous Sessions:

1. We are born-again people.

###### John 3:1-6

**NKJV** “There was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. This man came to Jesus by night and said to Him, ‘Rabbi, we know that You are a teacher come from God; for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him.’ Jesus answered and said to him, ‘Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.’ Nicodemus said to Him, ‘How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born?’ Jesus answered, ‘Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.’”

**TPT** “Jesus answered, ‘Nicodemus, listen to this eternal truth: Before a person can even perceive God’s kingdom, **they must first experience a rebirth.**’ Nicodemus said, ‘Rebirth? How can a gray-headed man be reborn? It’s impossible for anyone to go back into the womb a second time and be reborn!’ Jesus answered, ‘I speak an eternal truth: Unless you are born of water and the Spirit, you will never enter God’s kingdom. **For the natural realm only gives birth to things that are natural, but the spiritual realm gives birth to supernatural life!**’”

**PASTOR’S NOTE:** *When we get saved / receive Christ, we are not just turning over a new leaf / making a fresh go of things. WE EXPERIENCE A NEW BIRTH. We are born AGAIN—our SPIRIT is BORN NEW.*

- a. “Turning over a new leaf”: making a fresh start by changing habits or behavior.
- b. “Born again”: a complete transformation; a spiritual rebirth.
- c. The key difference:
  - Turning over a new leaf focuses on a **behavioral change**.
  - Born again focuses on an **identity transformation**.



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2. I am no longer who I used to be. Old things have passed away. All things have become new.

a. **2 Corinthians 5:17**

**NKJV** “Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.”

**AMP** “Therefore if anyone is in Christ [that is, grafted in, joined to Him by faith in Him as Savior], *he is* a new creature [reborn and renewed by the Holy Spirit]; the old things [the previous moral and spiritual condition] have passed away. Behold, new things have come [because spiritual awakening brings a new life].”

**GOD'S WORD Translation** “Whoever is a believer in Christ is a new creation. The old way of living has disappeared. A new way of living has come into existence.”

**Good News Translation** “Anyone who is joined to Christ is a new being; the old is gone, the new has come.”

b. **Ephesians 2:10**

**NKJV** “For we are His workmanship, created in Christ for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.”

**AMP** “For we are His workmanship [His own master work, a work of art], created in Christ Jesus [reborn from above—spiritually transformed, renewed, ready to be used] for good works, which God prepared [for us] beforehand [taking paths which He set], so that we would walk in them [living the good life which He prearranged and made ready for us].”

c. **James 1:18**

**AMP** “It was of His own will that He gave us birth [as His children] by the word of truth, so that we would be a kind of first fruits of His creatures [a prime example of what He created to be set apart to Himself—sanctified, made holy for His divine purposes]”



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#### 3. We have been given a “new spirit.”

##### a. **Ephesians 2:1-7** (*We were born dead.*)

**NKJV** “And **you He made alive, who were dead** in trespasses and sins, in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, **the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience**, among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others.”

**AMPC** “And you [He made alive], when you were dead (slain) by [your] trespasses and sins in which at one time you walked [habitually]. You were following the course *and* fashion of this world [**were under the sway of the tendency of this present age**], following the prince of the power of the air. [**You were obedient to and under the control of**] the [**demon**] **spirit that still constantly works in the sons of disobedience** [the careless, the rebellious, and the unbelieving, who go against the purposes of God].”

**PASTOR’S NOTE:** *You were under the control of another spirit! The demonic spirit that controls this world and its system. This demonic force that operates in the human nature of every person is the spirit that came to dominate as a result of Adam’s sin.*

## II. ADAM VS. CHRIST

### A. Scriptures

#### 1. Romans 5:12

**NKJV** “Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and **death through sin, and thus death spread to all men**, because all sinned.”

#### 2. Romans 5:17

**NKJV** “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.**”)”



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#### B. Death: Physical Death / Spiritual Death

1. This death that “reigned” is not limited to one act of physical death or spiritual death. It also includes the continued results of spiritual death.
  - a. It includes everything associated with sin and death that resulted at the sin of Adam, including poverty, lack, sickness, disease, depression, premature death, and weakness.
  - b. Everything that DID NOT EXIST in god’s creation PRIOR TO THE FALL now became the norm for a fallen world.

#### C. The Spirit of Adam: The Human Nature, the Fallen Nature, the Sin Nature

1. “Reign”: to be king or exercise kingly power; to exercise the highest level of control.
  - a. **Prior to the new birth**, my flesh / human nature / the spirit associated with the fall of Adam exercised the highest level of control over my life (spirit, soul, and body).
  - b. **Once saved**, my new spirit is to take dominion and exercise the highest level of control over my soul and body.
2. Notice **Romans 5:17** uses the past tense form “reigned”, indicating the spirit of death associated with Adam *did* reign BUT it reigns no more.

#### D. The Reign of Life

1. Where the spirit of Adam (death) once reigned, now that we are saved the Spirit of Christ (life) reigns in and through us.
2. From death to life:
  - a. **John 5:24**  
**NKJV** “Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life.”

**TPT** “I speak to you an eternal truth: if you embrace my message and believe in the One who sent me, you will never face condemnation. In me, you have already passed from **the realm** of death into eternal life.”

**MSG** “It’s urgent that you listen carefully to this: Anyone here who believes what I am saying right now and aligns himself with the Father,



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who has in fact put me in charge, has at this very moment the real, lasting life and is no longer condemned to be an outsider. This person has taken a giant step from the world of the dead to the world of living.”

**PASTOR’S NOTE:** *We are no longer of the dead. We are of the living! We are no longer of the spirit of Adam, but of the Spirit of life in Christ.*

b. **Romans 8:2**

**NKJV** “For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death.”

c. **Colossians 2:13**

**NKJV** “And you, being dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He has made alive together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses...”

**NLT** “You **were dead** because of your sins and because your sinful nature was not yet cut away. Then God **made you alive** with Christ, for he forgave all our sins.”

d. IF we are truly alive, we must stop living like the dead.

- In Christ—but still living as though we are in Adam.
- Born again—but living as we are still dead.
- Arisen—but living as we are still in the tomb.

### III. ROOMS OF THE SPIRIT

A. **John 14:1-3**

**NKJV** “Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. **In My Father’s house are many mansions**; if *it were* not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, *there* you may be also.”

**ESV** “Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. **In my Father's house are many rooms**. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also.”



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**PASTOR'S NOTE:** *While this passage may speak of the literal place "heaven", it also speaks of a spiritual place that God is providing for His people in Christ.*

1. Notice Jesus says that in His Father's house are many "mansions" / "rooms".
  - a. Comparison:
    - A house has many rooms.
    - The tour begins with the entry.
    - Foyer / entryway / lobby / entrance hall / vestibule.
  - b. **Don't stay in the foyer.** Explore the other rooms.
  
- B. The "Room" of Pentecostalism**
  1. The modern Pentecostal era began during the Pentecostal renewal of 1896-1906. It was marked by believers receiving the baptism in the Holy Spirit with the initial physical evidence of speaking in other tongues. With this came an emphasis of healing, miracles, and revival.
  
  2. Many moved into another room of the Spirit during this time.
    - a. The issue: They moved into a new room without fully comprehending what occurred in the first room.
    - b. You cannot move further in the things of the Spirit until you first understand and comprehend the first work of the Spirit, which is the new birth—TRANSFORMATION.
  
  3. These "classic" Pentecostals:
    - a. Reacted as though the power of the Spirit was real for healing, tongues, other manifestations. Yet, as soon as they left the building, they were speaking like Adam—doubt, fear, worry, sickness, poverty.
    - b. At church on Sunday: boasting of the power. Back to work on Monday: speaking of how unworthy, weak, and beat down they were.
    - c. They knew the power existed. They did not know who they were based upon the first room (the first work of the Holy Spirit).
  
- C. Further in the Spirit**
  1. Now God is turning the light on in the "foyer".



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#### 2. He is letting us see:

- Who we are.
- What the first transforming work of the Holy Spirit truly means.
- We are a new creature.
- We are raised and seated in a new place.
- We are strong, healthy, richly blessed.
- We are in Christ / Christ is in us.

#### 3. Adam vs. Christ

##### a. Characteristics of the “Spirit of Adam”:

- Earthly and natural.
- Self-centered inclination.
- Subject to sin and death.
- Governed by the flesh.
- Separated from God after the Fall (**Genesis 3**)

##### b. Characteristics of the “Spirit of Christ”:

- Heavenly and spiritual.
- Obedient to the Father.
- Life giving.
- Righteous.
- Restored and reconciled to God.

## IV. CHOOSE LIFE

### A. Deuteronomy 30:19-20

**NKJV** “I call heaven and earth as witnesses today against you, *that* I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore choose life, that both you and your descendants may live; that you may love the Lord your God, that you may obey His voice, and that you may cling to Him, for He *is* your life and the length of your days; and that you may dwell in the land which the Lord swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, to give them.”

#### 1. We choose life by having faith in the new birth!



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**PASTOR'S NOTE:** *The Spirit of Death entered the world and SPREAD to everyone. This is not limited to the act of physical death, but includes everything associated with the Spirit of Death.*

#### B. We Were All Born After the Spirit of Adam

##### 1. Romans 5:12

NLT “When Adam sinned, sin entered the world. Adam’s sin brought death, so death spread to everyone, for everyone sinned.”

- a. We were born naturally into the human race with the spirit of death dominating over us in this fallen world.
- b. The Spirit of Death associated with Adam is still very much at work in our world today:
  - The spirit of unrighteousness.
  - The spirit of failure and defeat.
  - The spirit of sickness, disease, and poverty.
  - The spirit of war, murder, theft, adultery.
  - The spirit of perversion.
- c. The spirit that works in the sons of disobedience is still active and energetically working in this world today and will continue to work until the Second Return of Christ.

#### C. God’s Plan Wasn’t to Leave Us Spiritually Dead

##### 1. The only answer was to offer mankind a second birth!

- a. We were naturally born into Adam and his transgression.
- b. The plan of God was to offer a re-birth through another One who would come (Jesus):
  - **1 Corinthians 15:45**  
NKJV “And so it is written, ‘The first man Adam became a living being.’ The last Adam became a life-giving spirit.”
  - **Romans 8:1-2**  
NKJV “There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to



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the Spirit. For the law of the **Spirit of life** in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death.”

**AMPC** “Therefore, [there is] now no condemnation (no adjudging guilty of wrong) for those who are in Christ Jesus, who live [and] walk not after the dictates of the flesh, but after the dictates of the Spirit. For the law of the Spirit of life [which is] in Christ Jesus [the law of our new being] has freed me from the law of sin and of death.”

**NET** “There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the life-giving Spirit in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and death.”

**PASTOR’S NOTE:** *If the Spirit of Life was in Jesus, then the spirit of death was in Adam. God’s plan wasn’t just to forgive our sins! His plan was to give us a NEW BIRTH.*

- *In Adam, we were all born into sin and exposed to the flow of death.*
- *In CHRIST, we were all born into righteousness and given the flow of life!*

2. Sadly, too many in the Church are born into Christ but still live like they are in Adam.
  - a. They...
    - Live like Adam.
    - Talk like Adam.
    - Think like Adam.
    - React like Adam.
  - b. They expect...
    - The sickness of Adam.
    - The hardships of Adam
    - The lack and poverty of Adam.
    - The depression of Adam.
3. Adam represents the spirit of the fallen world.
4. Jesus represents the Spirit of Life in the Kingdom of God.



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#### D. We Are People Who Have Been Made Alive by the Spirit

##### 1. The first act of the Holy Spirit is to give us NEW LIFE!

###### a. **John 20:22**

**NKJV** “And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, ‘Receive the Holy Spirit.’”

##### 2. We must not think of ourselves just as “forgiven”, but as “born again”.

- I am a new creation in Christ!
- I am not merely “saved from sin”.
- I am “saved unto life”.

##### 3. The flow of death (in Adam) has been disrupted.

###### a. **Numbers 16:41-48**

**NKJV** “On the next day all the congregation of the children of Israel complained against Moses and Aaron, saying, ‘You have killed the people of the Lord.’ Now it happened, when the congregation had gathered against Moses and Aaron, that they turned toward the tabernacle of meeting; and suddenly the cloud covered it, and the glory of the Lord appeared. Then Moses and Aaron came before the tabernacle of meeting. And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, ‘Get away from among this congregation, that I may consume them in a moment.’ And they fell on their faces. So Moses said to Aaron, ‘Take a censer and put fire in it from the altar, put incense on it, and take it quickly to the congregation and make atonement for them; for wrath has gone out from the Lord. The plague has begun.’ Then Aaron took it as Moses commanded and ran into the midst of the assembly; and already the plague had begun among the people. **So, he put in the incense and made atonement for the people. And he stood between the dead and the living; so, the plague was stopped.**”

###### b. Jesus—our high priest—stepped in.

- The judgement associated with the sin of Adam was stopped.
- The cross stands between the living and the dead.
- We are on this side of the cross—the side of life.
- The plague has been stopped!



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- **1 John 3:8**

**NKJV** “For this reason, the son of God was manifested to destroy the works of the devil.”

**E. We Must SHIFT Our Attention from the Realm of Adam to the Realm of Christ**

- From the realm of death to the realm of life.
  - Live in the Spirit, by the Spirit.
1. Renewing my mind to the Word of God = renewing my mind to the flow of Christ vs. the flow of Adam.
    - a. Renewing my mind to think life and not death.
    - b. This is the Spirit life!
    - c. We cannot go further in the Spirit as long as we think like Adam.
  2. The way to know where you stand:
    - a. What flow rules your life when trouble comes?
    - b. What voice determines your action: Adam or Christ?
  3. If the flow of Adam is still dominating, you must be strengthened and developed in your new spirit.
    - a. Put ON the NEW man.
    - b. Put OFF the OLD man.
    - c. Stop “wearing old garments”!