

## Adam and Christ

A study of typology is both fascinating and faith building. A *type* is a prophetic picture that foreshadows something called the *antitype*. The antitype is always greater than the type. This article will be limited to a study of Adam as a prophetic picture or type of Christ. There are a good number of points of comparison between Adam and Christ.

There is a point of comparison between Adam and Christ which is quite prominent, that is, the way they both came into the world. Adam and Christ both came into the world as a result of biological miracles. Adam was created from the dust of the ground and God breathed the breath of life into him. “And the Lord God formed man *of* the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul” (Gen. 2:7). Adam became a human being because of a miracle and Christ Jesus came into the world because of a miracle. Isaiah prophesied about the unique way the Messiah was to come into the world. “Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel” (Isa. 7:14). Jesus’ birth was a miracle and Adam’s creation was a type, a shadow cast on the pages of the Old Testament, with the antitype being fulfilled in Christ.

When living in the garden, Adam had access to the “tree of life” (Gen. 2:9). He could have lived forever and never faced death, but because of sin, Adam brought death into the world. God told Adam that he would die and return to the ground. “In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou *art*, and unto dust shalt thou return” (3:19). Adam’s bringing death into the world was a type, a prophetic shadow, to the antitype of Christ bringing life to man through His death and resurrection. The apostle Paul said, “For since by man *came* death, by man *came* also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive” (1 Cor. 15:21-22). One man, Adam, sinned and brought physical death upon all men. One man, Christ, lived and did not sin. It is through His death that all men can live forever with God. Adam’s sin and physical death was the type. Christ’s life without sin and death for all who sinned is the antitype.

In Genesis 2, God opened Adam’s side and removed a rib so Adam could have a wife (Gen. 2:18-23). While on the cross Jesus’ blood was shed and His side was opened to purchase the church, the bride of Christ (John 19:16-34; Acts 20:28; Eph. 5:23-27). The side of Adam being opened, to have a bride, was a type to the antitype of Christ’s side being opened, to have a bride, on the cross.

There are a great number of type and antitype comparisons in the Scriptures between Adam and Christ. Because of the lack of space, it is not possible to cover them at this time. Perhaps this study will whet your appetite for further study of Adam and Christ.

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### MY LORD AND MY GOD

Recorded in John 20, we read of the historical event in which the disciples told Thomas, also one of the original 12 disciples, the good news that Jesus had risen from the dead. Unfortunately, their eyewitness account – “We have seen the Lord” (John 20:25) – was not enough to convince Thomas. Thomas responded, “Except I shall see in His hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and thrust my hand into His side, I will not believe.” Later, Thomas and other disciples were “upbraided” or scolded by Jesus because of the disciples’ “unbelief and hardness of heart, because they believed not them which had seen Him after He was risen” (Mark 16:14). Jesus offered Thomas the opportunity to “reach hither thy finger, and behold My hands; and reach hither thy hand, and thrust it into My side: and be not faithless, but believing” (John 20:27). Thomas, seeing the evidence, proclaimed, “My Lord and my God” (John 20:28).

Unlike Thomas, we do not have the opportunity to see, with our eyes, the physical evidence of the pierced hands and side of the risen Savior. Jesus expects us to believe the credible and trustworthy eyewitness accounts of the inspired writers of the New Testament just as He expected Thomas to do the same. Thomas was chided by the Lord for being “faithless” because he refused to acknowledge the words of those hand-picked apostles of Christ. John 20 ends with these words, “And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book: But **these are written, that ye might believe** that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through His name” (20:30-31, emphasis B.G.). The apostle Peter states, “for we have not followed cunningly devised fables, when we made known unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were **eyewitnesses** of His majesty” (2 Pet. 1:16, emphasis B.G.). Again, John records, “that which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, of the Word of life...That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you” (1 John 1:1, 3). The evidence has been recorded by inspired men of God in God’s Holy Book. The evidence is clear, powerful, and undeniable. The evidence, being so overwhelming, should lead us to exclaim, “my Lord and my God.” Those who deny the written evidence which has been providentially preserved unto this day, as well as the “invisible things of Him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead” will be “without excuse” (Rom. 1:20).

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**THE SUPER BOWL AND ABORTION**

What's the connection between the Super Bowl and Abortion? If you have kept up with the news this past week, you may have heard about this connection.

It involves an advertisement that is scheduled to be aired during this year's Super Bowl from Miami. This advertisement, produced by the group "Focus on The Family," features the star quarterback from the University of Florida, Tim Tebow along with his mother. It tells the story of his mother having a "high-risk pregnancy" and the advise that she had received from her doctor to have abort the unborn child. Against her doctor's wishes she carried the child to term and delivered her son who would grow up to be among college football's greatest. The Tebows, as people of conviction, participated in the advertisement in order to share their story with the huge television audience that would be watching the game.

Immediately, it was known that CBS had agreed to run the ad, there was a backlash from liberal "pro-choice" groups including Planned Parenthood saying that the advertisement was "divisive." Some were demanding that CBS pull the advertisement from being shown during the game. Clearly, these so-called "pro-choice" groups did not like the idea of that the choice of life was to be aired on national media. Some in the sports area questioned Tim Tebow's decision to take such a public stand on an issue such as this before being drafted into the NFL. He was even asked whether he was concerned that teams would shy away from drafting him as a result. His response was, "That's always going to be a part of who I am, and I won't try to hide it. A team that doesn't want that shouldn't take me. Pro-life is very important to me." We commend Tim for his decision to put principle above possible financial gain.

Planned Parenthood produced a counter advertisement featuring another football player and an Olympic athlete. Although this advertisement was not accepted for airing it has been seen over the internet and been featured on some shows, which we are sure was Planned Parenthood's intention. This advertisement emphasized choice and the two spokesmen predictably saying that their mothers, and all mothers should have the choice as it was "her body." No mention was made of the unborn child that had been conceived that was inside the body of the mother, but, nevertheless, a separate body and a separate life. No mention was made of any choice being given to the unborn child. However, such is typical of those who designate themselves as being "pro-choice," there is no choice for the unborn child. Nor is there any mention of the fact that when an abortion occurs the life of another human being is taken. The reason being that, in spite of the scientific evidence that is available, they refuse to accept that the unborn child is another human being residing in the mother, hence the continued reference to it being the mother's body and she should be able to choose what happens with her body.

We find it interesting that this all broke just a few days after the 37<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Roe-Wade decision of the United States Supreme Court that legalized abortion on demand in this country that has resulted in millions of unborn children being murdered. Murdered by doctors and other medical practitioners, who are supposed to uphold life, because the "mother" (how can she be a mother if she chooses to have her child murdered?) decides that she does not want, for whatever reason, the child (that is another body temporarily residing in her body) and thus agrees to take away the life of the unborn without the unborn having any choice in the matter. Such a travesty of justice needs to be overturned!

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**NEWS AND NOTES**

Keep in your prayers the following: Helen Culpepper, Pam Gossett, Lavonne McClish, Linda Chumbley, Maomi Aaron's sister, Leann Rogers, who is having health problems, and Lanny Niver together with his daughter and son, and Tim Smith.

Lanny Niver had surgery on his neck Monday and was in the hospital until Wednesday. He is now to rest up before having back surgery in a few weeks to alleviate pain.

Keep Helen Culpepper in prayer as she is to have more tests done this week.

Pam Gossett responded to the invitation on Sunday night asking for the prayers of the brethren as she had not been faithful.

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To many, claiming Jesus as Lord is nothing more than a ritualistic act. They make the claim, but do nothing else. Jesus asks, "why call ye Me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say" (Luke 6:46)? Those who love Jesus, will keep His commandments (John 14:15). So what does it mean to say, "my Lord and my God?" It means that I have no other Lord but Him (Exo. 20:3-5). To call Jesus, *Lord*, is to submit to His supreme authority and rule over our lives (Mat.28:18). It means that we only teach and practice such things as are authorized by Jesus and His Word (Col. 3:17). It means that we crucify our selfish desires and will and live for Christ (Gal. 2:20). It means that we worship God according to His will and not our own (Col. 2:23). It means that I will conform or mold my life around the example of Jesus and not that of the world around me, "for I [*Jesus*] have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you" (John 13:15; cf. Rom. 12:1-2). It means that we will follow God and not man (Acts 5:29).

Have you acknowledged, based upon the facts and evidence, that Jesus is Lord and God? Or have you simply made the claim without doing the things which He says? Let us follow after Christ and teach and practice only the things which He authorizes. Let us submit wholly to the power and authority of Jesus, our Lord and our God.

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