

CHAPTER 7

The Creation Of Man

One of life's most basic questions is this: WHERE DID I COME FROM? If a person does not know the correct answer to this question, then he will never be able to answer the other two basic questions of life: WHY AM I HERE? WHERE AM I GOING? In the Bible we find God's answers to all three of these important questions.

Evolutionists believe that man has come from "simple" one-celled organisms which evolved into more and more "complex" organisms (such as fish and reptiles and mammals) from which evolved certain ape-like creatures who after many thousands of years finally evolved into men! Of course, this evolutionary process (from a one-celled animal to modern man) is said to have taken millions and millions of years!

Now let us see what the Bible says. Read Genesis 1:27. Did man evolve from other animals (such as ape-like creatures) or was man specially created by God?

_____ In this brief verse how many times are we told that God **CREATED** man? _____ Can you find another verse in Genesis chapter one which tells of the creation of man? Genesis 1: _____

Genesis chapter two also relates the creation of man. Some people think that Genesis chapter two **contradicts** (says the opposite, disagrees with) Genesis chapter one. Actually both chapters say the same thing! God's Word is _____ from the _____ (Psalm 119:160). Genesis chapter two perfectly agrees with Genesis chapter one. In Genesis chapter two God tells us many things that we were not told in Genesis chapter one. In Genesis chapter one, God gives us a brief description of the six days of creation. Please **MATCH** the following:

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| 1. _____ DAY 1 (Genesis 1:1-5) | A. The creation of plant life (vegetation)--LIFE BEGINS! |
| 2. _____ DAY 2 (Genesis 1:6-8) | B. The creation of land mammals and creeping things (insects & reptiles)--THE CREATION OF MAN!. |
| 3. _____ DAY 3 (Genesis 1:9-13) | C. The creation of the sun, moon and stars |
| 4. _____ DAY 4 (Genesis 1:14-19) | D. The creation of the heavens and the earth--the creation of light. |
| 5. _____ DAY 5 (Genesis 1:20-23) | E. The creation of the firmament (heavenly expanse) |
| 6. _____ DAY 6 (Genesis 1:24-31) | F. The creation of sea life (including sea mammals) and fowl (birds) |

In Genesis chapter two, God gives us more information about what really happened on DAY SIX of creation. There are many things we can learn from Genesis chapter two which we would never learn from Genesis chapter one. Here are some examples:

1. In 1 Timothy 2:13, the Apostle Paul reminds us of the ORDER OF CREATION:

"For Adam was _____ formed, _____ Eve." Did Paul learn this important fact from Genesis chapter one or Genesis chapter two? _____ Does Genesis chapter one give the order of man's creation? _____ Genesis chapter one only tells us that God made man "M _____ and F _____" (Genesis 1:27). Did Paul believe that man evolved from animals? _____ Did Paul believe what God said in Genesis? _____ Did Paul believe Adam and Eve were real people? _____ Was Paul a creationist or an evolutionist?

2. Read 1 Corinthians 11:8-9. Did Paul learn these facts from Genesis 1 or from Genesis 2?

3. In Matthew 19:4 the Lord Jesus said, "Have ye not _____, that He which _____ them at the beginning _____ them _____ and _____." Did the Lord Jesus expect people to read and understand the book of Genesis? _____ Where in Genesis does it say that God made them male and female? Genesis _____. Does Genesis chapter two teach the same thing? _____ Did the Lord Jesus believe Adam and Eve were real persons (real people)? _____ Was the Lord Jesus a Creationist or an evolutionist? _____ Indeed, **HE IS THE CREATOR** (see John 1:3 and Colossians 1:16)!!!

Read Matthew 19:5. Can you find the verse in Genesis chapter two which teaches the same thing? Genesis 2: _____. Does the Lord Jesus expect us to read and believe the first two chapters of the book of Genesis? _____ Genesis is the first book of Moses (the human author). Does the Lord Jesus expect us to believe what Moses wrote (John 5:46-47; Luke 24:27)? _____

_____ Can a person believe in Jesus and also believe that man evolved from animals?

The Creation of Man

Genesis 2:7 says that "the LORD God _____ (as a POTTER would shape the CLAY) man of the _____ (dirt, soil) of the _____, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of _____, and man became a living _____ (PERSON)." Does this verse describe the creation of Adam or the creation of Eve? _____ Did God create Adam from other animals (such as ape-like creatures) or from the dust of the ground? _____ Did God create Adam suddenly in one day, or did God allow Adam to gradually evolve over thousands and thousands of years?

Read Genesis 3:19 carefully. Man was taken out of the G_____ ; man is nothing but D_____ (see Psalm 103:14), and someday when man dies his body will return unto D_____ (see Psalm 104:29 and Ecclesiastes 12:7). If a man and his horse both die in the middle of a desert, what would be left of the man and the beast a year later (Ecclesiastes 3:19-20)? _____ Yes, man is a frail creature of the dust (Psalm 39:4)!

The Creation of Woman

After God created Adam, He said, "It is _____ that the man should be _____" (Genesis 2:18). Even though God had created all the animals, Adam was still very much ALONE, and God said, "NOT GOOD!" After Eve was created, God saw everything that He had made and it was " _____" (Genesis 1:31). WITHOUT EVE, Adam's situation was N_____ G_____. WITH EVE, Adam's situation was V_____ G_____.

Read Genesis 2:19-20. Why did God have Adam give names to all the animals? What did God want to teach Adam through this animal naming experience? Consider three important lessons which God taught Adam as he named the animals:

1. The King (Adam) is Introduced To His Subjects!

Adam was able to personally get acquainted with all of God's creatures, as the Lord brought them to him! God gave Adam a systematic course in **zoology** (the study of living creatures). Instead of going to the zoo, God made the zoo come to him, and Adam was able to meet and get to know all the land animals and birds which God had made!

According to Genesis 1:26 and 1:28, God gave man D_____ over all the animals, which means that man was to **rule** the animal kingdom as their master and king! Many people think of the LION as the "KING OF BEASTS," but according to Genesis 1:26,28 who was really told to be the king of beasts? _____ Thus, God gave King Adam a wonderful opportunity to get to know his subjects--by NAMING them!

Genesis 2:20 says that Adam _____ to all these animals. What does this mean? Did Adam just make up whatever name came to his mind? How did he know what to call each animal?

In the Bible, names were very meaningful. A name meant something! Today we sometimes give names to people or things without really thinking about what the name means. Do you know what your name means? What is your first name? _____ What does that name mean? _____

Names were very important in the Bible. Use your Bible to find the meaning of these names:

1. JESUS (Matthew 1:21) means _____
2. MESSIAH (John 1:41) means _____
3. EMMANUEL (Matthew 1:23) means _____
4. RABBI (John 1:38) means _____ (teacher)
5. CEPHAS or PETER (John 1:42) means _____
6. MELCHISEDEC (Hebrews 7:1-2) means _____
7. SALEM (Hebrews 7:2) means _____
8. BOANERGES (Mark 3:17) means _____
9. BETHEL (Genesis 28:17,19) means _____
10. ADAM (Genesis 2:23) means _____

In Isaiah 7:14 and 9:6 we find several names which were given to Christ the Messiah. When Jesus lived on earth, did people call Him by these names? _____ By what Name was He called (Matthew 1:25)? _____ But all of the Names in Isaiah 7:14 and 9:6 perfectly describe WHO JESUS WAS!

Read Revelation 12:9 and write down four names which describe our great enemy and which tell us what he is like:

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| 1. _____ | 3. _____ |
| 2. _____ | 4. _____ |

So when Adam gave names to the animals, he very carefully gave to each animal that name which would perfectly describe it! He studied each animal and carefully classified it and gave each animal the appropriate name: "and whatsoever Adam called every living creature, that was the _____ thereof" (Genesis 2:19).

Some animals today have very descriptive names (names which describe the animals and tell what they are like). Here are some examples: 1) ANTEATER (describes what it eats); 2) HAMMERHEAD SHARK (describes the shape of its head); 3) PAINTED TURTLE (describes the colors on the backside of its shell); 4) TREE FROG (describes where it can be found); 5) BULLFROG (describes what animal it sounds like when it talks); 6) WOODPECKER (describes what the animal does to get food); 7) PRAYING MANTIS (describes what it looks like when it clasps its prey in its forelimbs); 8) RED WINGED BLACKBIRD (describes its appearance)

Can you think of other names which accurately describe the animals they represent?

Adam described and classified and gave just the right names to these animals. Do you think Adam was a brilliant and intelligent man, or was he a stupid, savage, "caveman" type of a person? _____

2. What a Difference!

The second important lesson Adam learned was that he was totally unique and different from all the animals! He learned that there was a great difference between a PERSON and an animal! Read Genesis 2:20. As Adam gave names to all the animals which God brought to him, was he able to find for himself a helper and companion? _____ Adam soon discovered that there was a great chasm and gulf between himself and the animal kingdom!

He was unable to communicate with any of the animals. If friendly Adam would say, "How are you, Mr. Gorilla?" he would get no vocal response, except perhaps for some unintelligible grunts! Mr. Gorilla would not even respond with a smile! An animal may make a good pet, but it will never make a close companion. Even with all the animals around, Adam was still basically ALONE (Gen. 2:18,20). It is sometimes said that the dog is man's best friend. That is false! The dog may be man's best pet, but man's best friend and companion on earth is the woman that God has especially created for him. You may love playing with your pet animals, but it is much more fun to spend time with brothers and sisters and friends. Just think what it would be like if there were no people around, only animals! You would soon cry out, "IT IS N_____ G_____ THAT MAN SHOULD BE ALONE!"

Adam knew that none of the animals could qualify as the Helper and Companion which he knew he needed. Even the monkeys and the apes would not make good companions! Who would want to marry an ape? So before Adam was one day old, he knew that there was a great difference between man and animals! It is sad that many men today (even scientists) have not yet learned this basic lesson that God taught Adam on Day Six of Creation.

3. Something is Missing!

The third important lesson that Adam learned was that there was something missing! He soon discovered that there was a missing factor! As Mr. Rabbit hopped by, Mrs. Rabbit was with him! Mrs. Skunk was sweetly escorted by Mr. Skunk. Mr. and Mrs. Chimpanzee may have swung down together from the nearest tree! As all the other animals came along two by two, Adam discerned a definite male-female pattern! It was not long before Adam probably asked, "Where is my Mrs.? Where is another PERSON like me who will be an appropriate mate and partner, my counterpart and companion, one that I can speak with and laugh with and fellowship with and truly love?" Yes, Adam was now fully prepared for what God was going to do next!

The Creation of Eve

Read carefully Genesis 2:21-25. The Lord was not only the Great Creator, but He was the Great Surgeon as well! He performed the first operation! Before He operated, He gave Adam a

supernatural anesthetic: "And the LORD God caused a _____ to fall upon Adam and he _____" (Genesis 2:21). In this operation, what did the Lord remove from Adam (Genesis 2:21)? _____ From this, what did He make (Genesis 2:22)? _____

PLEASE NOTICE: Eve was not taken from Adam's head (she was not to be SUPERIOR). Eve was not taken from Adam's foot (she was not to be INFERIOR). Eve was taken from Adam's rib--the place closest to his heart--to be his helper, lover and companion.

Did God make Eve from an ape? _____ Genesis 2:22 says that she came not from the animal kingdom, but F _____ M _____. All people who have ever lived have come FROM ADAM! Even Eve came directly from Adam! Where did Adam come from (Genesis 2:7)? _____ Who is the only Person who did not come from Adam (1 Corinthians 15:45,47)? _____ Where did He come from (1 Corinthians 15:47-48)? _____

Genesis 2:23 says that the WOMAN was _____ of MAN. A woman was taken out of a man (see 1 Corinthians 11:8,12 where the word "of" means "out of")! Today it is impossible for medical doctors or nurses or anyone to see a woman coming out of a man! They can take a man out of a woman but they can never take a woman out of a man! In the beginning, God did something that has never happened since! He made a woman out of a man! Of course, this took place not by a birth process, but by a unique operation performed by the Divine Surgeon, God Himself.

Who brought Eve to Adam (Genesis 2:22)? _____ Who performed the first marriage ceremony? _____ Who joined together the husband and the wife (Genesis 2:24 and Matthew 19:6)? _____ Read what the Lord Jesus said in Matthew 19:3-6. Does it please the Lord when a husband and wife leave each other and get a divorce? _____ How long should a husband and wife remain married? Circle the correct answer:

- Until the husband finds another woman that he loves
- Until all the children are grown up and leave the home
- Until the husband and the wife get tired of each other
- Until God breaks the marriage by **death** (marriage is meant to be a life-long relationship)

The Image of God

Why was man created? Why are we here? What is our purpose? What are we to be doing?

To answer such questions we must understand Genesis 1:26-27: "And God said, Let Us make man in Our _____, after our _____... So God created man in His own _____ in the _____ of God created He him. See also Genesis 9:6 and James 3:9.

Adam was created in the **image** and **likeness** of God! What is an image?

We know that an image can be found on most coins. Read Matthew 22:18-21. Whose IMAGE was on this Roman coin? _____ When they looked at this coin, whose face did they see? _____

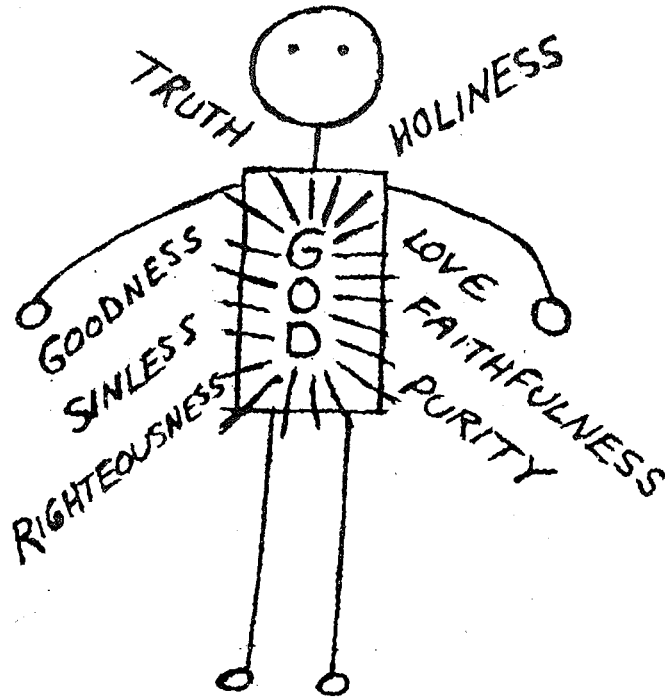
Whose IMAGE is found on our penny? _____ On our nickel? _____ On our dime? _____

When you look at a quarter, whom do you see? _____ Whose LIKENESS is on a half-dollar? _____ Whose IMAGE is on a dollar bill? _____

When you look into a mirror in the morning, whose IMAGE do you see? _____ Does the mirror accurately reflect you? _____ Your IMAGE is in that mirror! According to Genesis 1:26-27, God's IMAGE was in man!

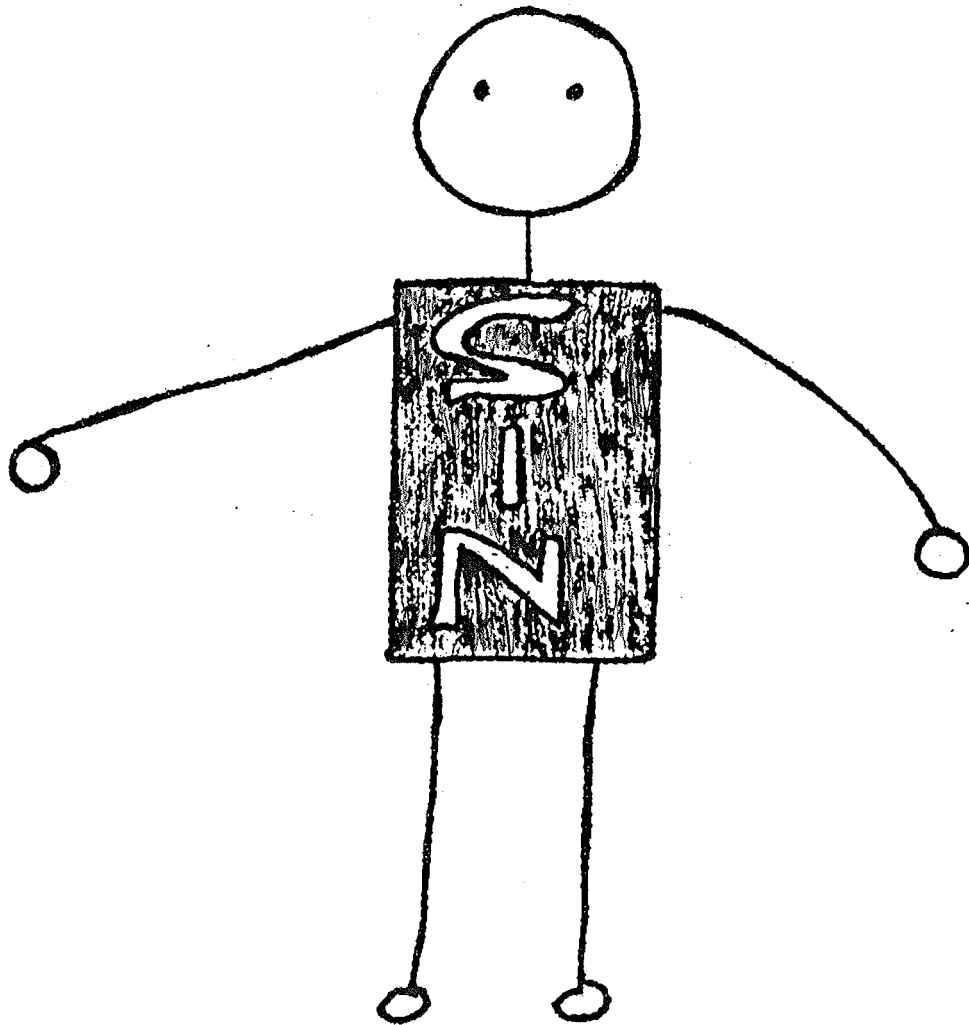
Man was created to reflect God and to mirror God! If you were to look at Adam, whom would you see? _____

**ADAM
(Before he
sinned)**



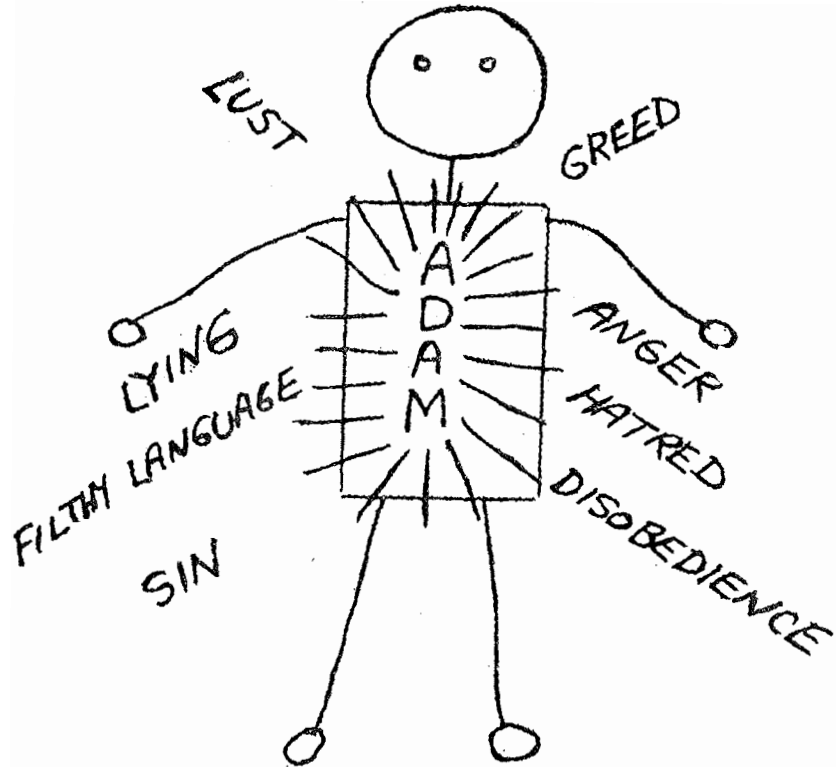
In Genesis chapter three a terrible change took place. Adam sinned, and the image of God was marred and spoiled and ruined. Have you ever found a coin that was so scratched and worn that the image on the coin could not be seen? Or, have you ever looked into a mirror that was so dirty you could not even see your face? This is what sin did to God's image in man! Adam, instead of reflecting God, began reflecting SIN, SELF and SATAN!

ADAM
(After he
sinned)



After his fall into sin, Adam gave birth to several children. Whom did Adam's children reflect? The answer is found in Genesis 5:3: "And Adam lived 130 years and begat a son in his own _____ (in Adam's LIKENESS), after his _____ (after Adam's IMAGE); and called his name Seth." Whom did Seth reflect? _____ If you were to look at Seth, whose **image** and likeness would you see? _____

**SETH
(Adam's
Child)**



**Are you
a child of
Adam?**

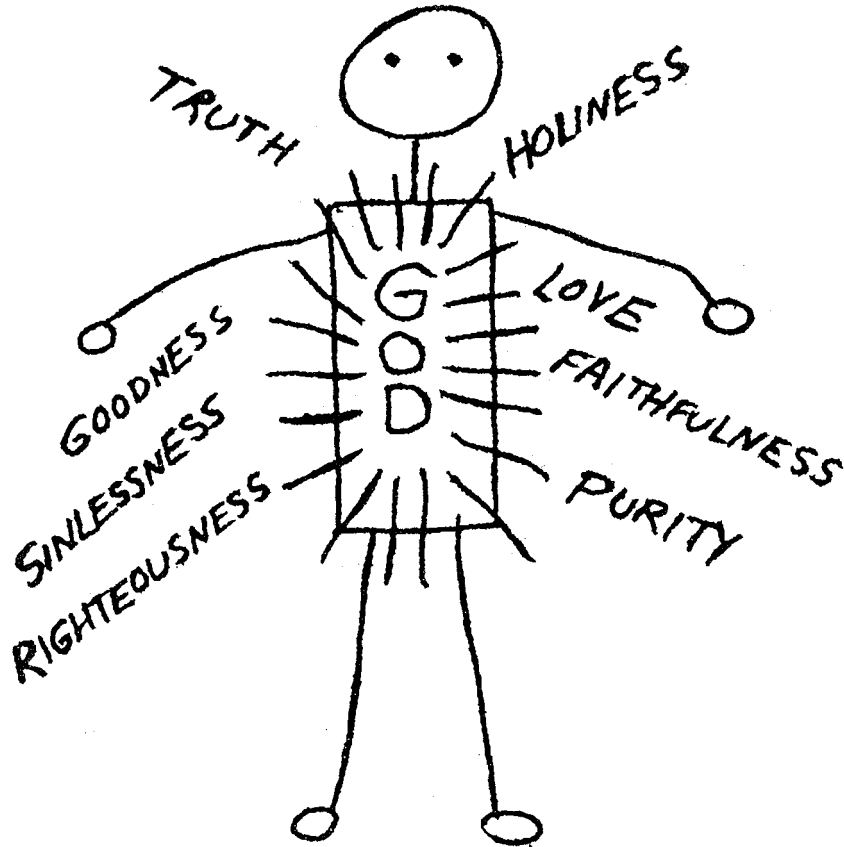
Every child that has ever been born, was born in the image and likeness of Adam (Psalm 51:5)! The one exception to this was the Lord Jesus Christ who was born of a virgin. The Bible says that the Lord Jesus was the "L_____ A_____" (1 Corinthians 15:45). Complete the following chart:

ADAM	CHRIST
1. The F_____ A_____ (1 Corinthians 15:45)	1. The L_____ A_____ (1 Corinthians 15:45)
2. The F_____ M_____ (1 Corinthians 15:47)	2. The S_____ M_____ (1 Corinthians 15:47)
3. Of the E_____ (1 Cor. 15:47) See Genesis 2:7	3. From H_____ (1 Cor. 15:47) See John 6:33,38,41,51
4. E_____ (1 Cor. 15:48)	4. H_____ (1 Cor. 15:48)
5. Head of the OLD CREATION "IN ADAM" (1 Cor. 15:22a)	5. Head of the NEW CREATION "IN CHRIST" (1 Cor. 15:22b) See also 2 Cor. 5:17.

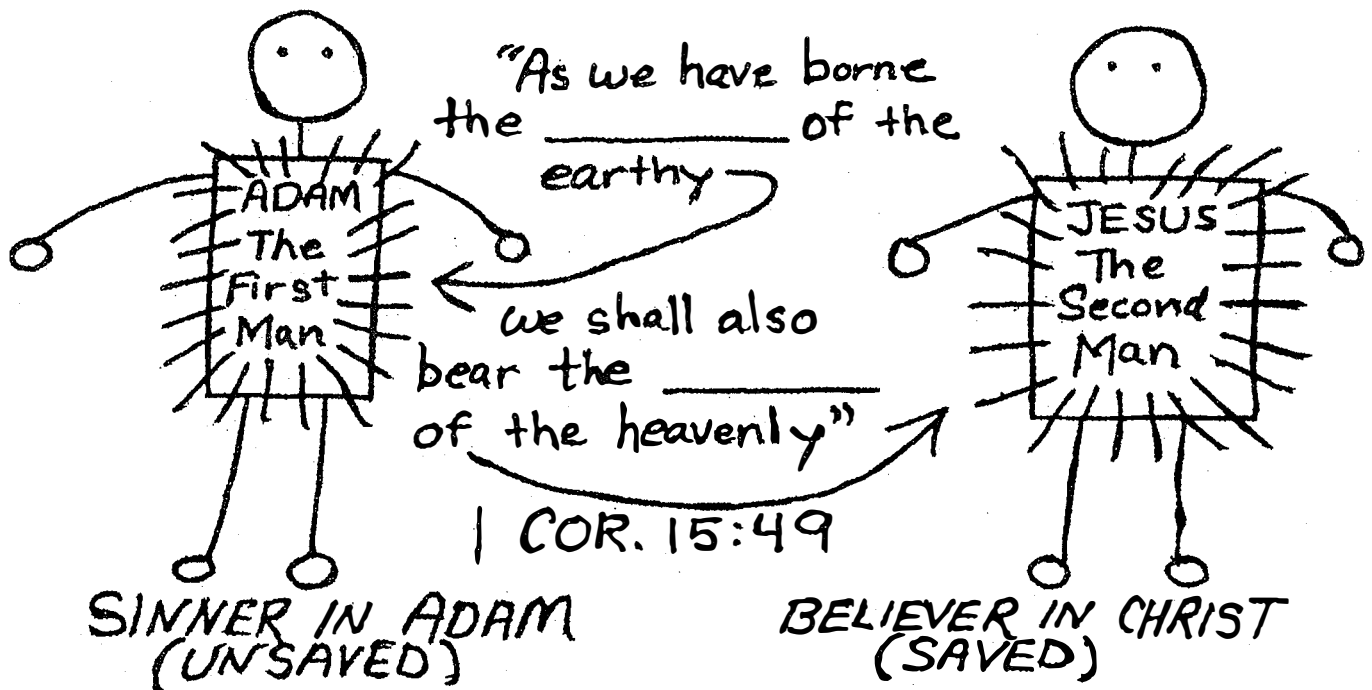
According to Colossians 1:15 and 2 Corinthians 4:4, Christ, the last Adam, is said to be "the _____ of God." Whom did Christ perfectly reflect? _____ If you were to look at Christ, whose image would you see? _____ Which one of the 12 disciples needed to learn a lesson about the image of God (read John 14:7-9)? _____ To see Jesus was to see _____ (John 14:9).

The Lord Jesus

Col.1:15
2 Cor.4:4



Every person is either IN ADAM (related to the OLD CREATION) or IN CHRIST (related to the NEW CREATION). Those who are IN ADAM perfectly reflect their father A _____. Those who are IN CHRIST are able to reflect the Lord Jesus (although they sometimes still reflect Adam). The believer has put on "the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the _____ of him that created him" (Colossians 3:10; see Ephesians 4:24-the **new creation!**). The following diagram may be of some help:



Someday the believer will perfectly reflect the Lord Jesus (see 1 John 3:2 and Romans 8:29). Today, as the believer grows, he learns to reflect Jesus more and more, and to reflect Adam less and less:

"But **we** (the believers) all, with open face beholding as in a **glass** (mirror) the glory of the Lord, are _____ into the same _____ from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord" (2 Corinthians 3:18).

Are you being changed into that IMAGE? Are you reflecting Jesus more and more? Is God's IMAGE being formed in you (Galatians 4:19)? When people see you do they see "Christ in you" (Galatians 2:20)?

Think of yourself as a mirror. Can a mirror reflect something that it does not see? _____ A mirror can only reflect what it sees! That which is to be reflected must come into the mirror's view. If the mirror is looking the other way, it will never reflect the object. Likewise, if the believer is going to reflect Christ (as a faithful mirror), then he must see Christ! The more you see Christ and behold Him (2 Cor. 3:18), the more you will reflect Him!

According to 1 John 3:2, why will we be like Christ? --"because _____." When we are face to face with Jesus we will perfectly see Him as He is. Today as we grow in the Lord, the same thing is true. The more we see Christ as He really is, the more we will reflect Him. How can we see Christ today? The answer is found in the following passages: John 5:39; Luke 24:27; Luke 24:44-45. What is the answer? _____

FILL ALL MY VISION

Fill all my vision, Saviour, I pray
Let me see only Jesus today!
When through the valley Thou leadest me,
Give me Thy glory and beauty to see!

Fill all my vision, Saviour divine,
Till with Thy glory my spirit shall shine!
Fill all my vision, that all may see
Thy holy image reflected in me!

-by Avis B. Christiansen

