

Peoria Young Group Bible Study – July 13, 2007
A Character Study of Adam & Our Beginnings - The Human Race and Reconciliation with God

The account of Adam can be found in Genesis Chapters 1 through 5. Also, in Romans Chapter 5 we can read how man is reconciled to God through Jesus Christ his Son. Read these chapters before going through the outline below.

- I. Man: God's Creation in His Image Gen 1:26 – 31
 - a. What does it mean to be created in God's 'image'?

 - b. Why is it important to remember we are created in God's image?

 - c. How can we portray a Godly image to others?

- II. Beginning of Humanity as part of Creation – Gen 2:4 – 25
 - a. Define Adam's role in the creation (list some his duties)

 - b. What were the boundaries of man's dominion? Gen 2:16, 17. Why? Gen 3:22

 - c. Why was it not good for man to be alone? Gen 2:18. How can we relate to this statement today?

- III. Learning from our Ancestors – Adam's (man's) Character – Gen 3:1 – 24
 - a. List his Strengths – God given

 - b. List his Weaknesses & Mistakes – man's choices

 - c. Briefly review Adam's lineage in Genesis 5, 1 Chronicles 1– 9, and Luke 3:23-38. Then describe how future generations are affected by our actions, decisions, words, etc. See Gen 4:1 - 16 as a reminder of how quickly sin spread to the next generation, but also how the image of God remained.

 - d. More importantly, as Adam's descendants what can we do to avoid the same pitfalls?

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IV. Patterns established by two men: Adam & Christ – Romans 5:14

“Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over them that had not sinned after the similitude of Adam’s transgression, who is the figure of him that was to come.”

- a. Death is the result of Adam’s sin. Our sin nature is described in 1 John 2:16. List below.

- b. ‘Figure’ can be translated as the ‘pattern’ by which future generations are cast (made). Adam is the pattern of _____. Christ is the pattern of _____.

V. Our Choices – Read Romans 5:1 – 21.

See Table below (reference verses are all in Romans except where noted)

What we have...

As Adam’s Children (Human Race)	As God’s Children (Spiritual Race)
Ruin – 5:9	Rescue - 5:8
Sin – 5:12, 15, 21	Righteousness – 5:18
Death – 5:12, 16, 21	Eternal Life – 5:17, 21
Separation from God – 5:18	Relationship with God – 5:11, 19
Disobedience – 5:12, 19	Obedience – 5:19
Judgment – 5:18	Deliverance – 5:10, 11
Law – 5:20	Grace – 5:20
Fear – Gen 3:10	Faith – Heb 11

VI. Conclusion – 1 Corinthians 15:22

“For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.”