

The Word of God – 7

Ro 5: 14*Adam, who is a type of Him who was to come.....*

We had seen last time that Adam is a 'type' of Him who was to come, Christ. Adam then is a depiction of Christ and Christ reflects back on Adam. And this can be easily seen through Adam eating the fruit from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil which his wife gave to him. And Adam's action in this depicts prophetically, Christ becoming sin for us – 2 Co 5:21 *For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.*

As Christ is seen in Adam's actions, so Adam's actions are understood in Christ who is the 'antitype' of the 'type'. Types [Greek word 'tupos'] are common in the Scriptures and both the type and the antitype always shed light on one another. This is very helpful for us to understand.

So then, if Adam is a type of Christ, who would Adam's wife, Eve, be a type of? Well, if Christ became sin for those who would be His wife, then Eve is the type for Christ's wife.

And this explains why it is the Woman and not Adam that the serpent approached in the Garden. Christ cannot be deceived and as the antitype sheds light on the type, therefore Adam could not be deceived. But the Woman was a different matter entirely. Christians, those who have the potential to become Christ's wife can be deceived and are deceived by the wiles of the devil.

This is pretty simple to understand.

As we said last time though, there are things seen in connection with Adam and the Woman that are crucial for us to understand. But those things might very well challenge our Theology, which we will then see not to be Theology at all. The key is to receive what the Scriptures teach, and that alone.

Ge 2:21 And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall on Adam, and he slept; and He took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh in its place. 22 Then the rib which the LORD God had taken from man He made into a woman, and He brought her to the man. 23 And Adam said: "This is now bone of my bones And flesh of my flesh; She shall be called Woman, Because she was taken out of Man." 24 Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.

Remember, Adam is a type of Christ. So, when was Christ put into a deep sleep? Simple answer, at His crucifixion. Sleep is often used in Scripture as a metaphor for death.

Following Adam being put into a deep sleep, his side was opened, a rib was removed, and God then built the rib into Adam's wife.

Jn 19:33 But when they came to Jesus and saw that He was already dead, they did not break His legs. 34 But one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and immediately blood and water came out.

What do we see here? Once in a deep sleep Christ's side is opened and blood and water came out. If we follow the type as given in Genesis, then we will realize that God will use that which came from Christ's side, blood, and water, to build Christ's wife.

Now, watch this carefully, our eternal salvation was received when we put faith in God's provision for our sin, Christ's death and shed blood on the cross. Following the timing for the piercing of the Lord's side, death and shed blood had already taken place. Therefore, the opening of the Lord's side with the blood and water coming out, pictures a work of God to build a wife for Christ that begins after eternal salvation has been received.

Immediately we will note then, that being eternally saved does NOT automatically result in us being Christ's wife. There is a Divine work, after eternal salvation that will determine this.

Again, as we follow the type, the Woman is a part of Adam's body but not all of his body and there is a separate work of God to build the Woman.

Every Christian is a part of the body of Christ, but not every Christian is going to become Christ's wife – Eph 5:25 *Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her, 26 that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word, 27 that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish. 28 So husbands ought to love their own wives as their own bodies; he who loves his wife loves himself. 29 For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as the Lord does the church. 30 For we are members of His body, of His flesh and of His bones. 31 "For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." 32 This is a great mystery, but I speak concerning Christ and the church.*

The work, following eternal salvation, is seen in v26. There is sanctification and cleansing to be brought about by the washing of water by the word, remember what came from the Lord's side, so that the 'church' should be holy and without blemish. And that which works in conjunction with the washing of water by the word, is the blood – 1 Jn 1:7 *But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin. 8 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*

We will continue next time.