

The Word of God – 8

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

In our last session we had seen that Adam is a type, or a picture, of Him who was to come. A picture of Christ. And because the Scripture makes this very clear for us, we can understand why Adam ate the fruit from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil when his wife gave it to him – 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.*

In Adam's action is a picture of Christ becoming sin for us for the purpose of providing redemption. And because redemption is in view in Christ's action it must also be in view in Adam's action. Adam took on his wife's sin with a view to the Woman and himself being redeemed from their sin, so as to fulfill the purpose for their creation – Ge 1:26 *Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion.....*

And redemption for Adam and the Woman is exactly what we see. But before we look at the verses that show it to us, let us establish something that will be very helpful – Ge 2:25 *And they were both **naked**, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed.*

Ge 3:7 *Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were **naked**; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves coverings.*

In both these verses we read that the Man and the Woman were 'naked'. However, the English word used here, 'naked' is a translation of 2 completely different Hebrew words. Now this is important, because the Hebrew word translated naked in Gen 2:25, does not mean totally naked, as our English word would suggest. The best way to describe its meaning is to think of ourselves having on our underwear but not wearing the rest of our clothes.

The Hebrew word translated 'naked' in Gen 3:7 though, does mean completely naked, having nothing at all on.

So, what did Adam and the Woman have on in Gen 2:5 that they didn't have on in Gen 3:7 and what had taken place between those 2 points in time?

Well, what had taken place was Satan's deception of the Woman and the introduction of sin. So, this would easily account for something being lost that they had before. What was it though?

If we look at the Scripture, we will find our answer. Let's look one more time - Ge 1:26 *Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness;*

The Man and the Woman as we now know were created to have 'dominion', to rule over the restored earth in the place of Satan and his angels. And in order to accomplish this, the Man and the Woman were made in a particular way, 'in our image, according to our likeness'. This is not just an insignificant detail.

For the Man and the Woman to rule, they had to be in the image and likeness of God. This was and is non-negotiable.

God, as we know is a trinity. God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. Adam and the Woman then, made in God's image and likeness, were also 3-part beings. Spirit, soul, and body.

Ps 102:16 For the LORD shall build up Zion; He shall appear in His glory.

Not only is God a trinity, but He is also described throughout the Scripture as being covered in glory. A light so bright, that when it appeared to Paul on the Damascus Road, Paul fell to the ground. To be in the image and likeness of God would not only make Adam and the Woman 3-part beings but also see them with a covering of glory. That which was necessary if they were to rule. This would account for the use

of the Hebrew word translated 'naked' in Gen 2:5. Not totally naked, having a covering of glory.

When sin entered the picture through Satan's deception, the Man and the Woman were disqualified to rule. Consequently, they lost their covering of glory. Their sin separated them from God spiritually, their soul became corrupted, and their bodies began to decay.

If the Man and the Woman were ever to be able to fulfill the purpose for their creation they would have to again be in the image and likeness of God. And for this to be possible there had to be redemption –
Gen 3:21 Also for Adam and his wife the LORD God made tunics of skin, and clothed them.

We won't dwell on this now, but this verse gives us the first mention of redemption in Scripture. To make tunics of skin, animals had to die, and their blood had to be shed. Redemption is always by death and shed blood and this can never change.

So, let's ask some questions. As a result of God providing redemption through the death and shed blood of the animals, did Adam and the Woman get their covering of glory back? Did they begin to rule the earth now under a curse? Did they lose their sin nature?

Well, we will come back to these questions next time. If the Lord is willing.