

Adam and Christ as Corporate Personalities



- A man's personality extends through everything he owns
- A man's personality extends through his family and descendents
- One's personality oscillates between the individual and the corporate.
- Corporate personality involves corporate blessing, cursing, responsibility and headship



Romans 5: 6-21

Romans 5: 12 sin entered into the world through one man



Romans 5: 15 by the gift of one man, many received grace of God.

Romans 5: 15 by the transgression of one man, many died.

Romans 5: 18 through one act of righteousness, justification is free to all men



Adam

All men are descendents of Adam and share in his corporate personality. As such, all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God.



Christ

Jesus Christ was born of a virgin so that he would not share in the corporate personality of Adam. All believers participate in the corporate personality of Christ.

Justification

Believers are made righteous because we are joined to the corporate personality of Christ. At the same time believers are still joined to the corporate personality of Adam.

Sanctification

Believers are no longer a slave to sin, as they were when they were only joined to Adam. Believers can become more like Christ and less like Adam.

Glorification

When believers die, they have becomes as much like Christ as possible. At this point believers are no longer joined to Adam. Believers gain a new heavenly body.