

Adam

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GENESIS 3, ROMANS 5:12-21

While you may or may not hold any familial relationship with Tamar, we all have a relationship with Adam. Adam stands as our first father and as our representative in his fall. Because of that, it is through him that we inherit the curse of original sin. This means that we do not merely become sinners when we first sin. It means that by our nature, we sin because we are sinners from the very beginning (Gen 3; Rom 5:12-21). Everyone who is in Adam, bears his curse of sin and death. In many ways, we are all too often greeted with this truth every single day. So, from the very beginning, we have a messy family because we all come from one! That's the bad news.

The good news is that there's another in whom we may be found: a second Adam, a true and better Adam, who came to fulfill and get right what the first Adam did not (see Rom 5 above). In every way, Jesus was found obedient where Adam failed. The Christ came not just to purchase our redemption as

glorious as that is! He came to reverse the curse of Adam's fall through his own obedience.

So, sure...your family may have flaws. Mine does! All do through Adam. But, dear friends, let's also remember that that's not the end of the story. Through his line, one would come to crush the head of the serpent (Gen 3:15). Christ has come and he will come again. He has come for us, and we may be united with him now through faith.

So, my charge for us all this Advent season is this: don't run from the bad, run to the good – run to Jesus. Be honest about the depths of your need and run as fast as you can to the open arms of a perfect Savior who even now can give life to your weary soul.

PRAYER

O Lord, we feel the effects of the fall every day. So much about all we see around us and within us makes us cry out, "How long, O Lord?" For all the ways we experience our union with Adam, may we be given eyes to see, ears to hear, even a heart to savor, the greatest treasure of being united to another, to our God and redeemer, Christ Jesus in whom we now pray. Amen.



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