

The Brighton Light

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The type/antitype relationship between Adam and Jesus in Romans 5 is a theological gold mine. In a sense, we can simplify all men down to this relationship. We are sons of Adam until we are sons of Christ. We are old men (Adam) until he dies and we put on the new man (Christ). We are dead men until we're made alive. We are unrighteous until we're made righteous. We're decaying with the old creation until we're made part of the new creation. There are only two kinds of people in all of human history: those in Adam or those in Christ.

History began with a man in a garden before a curse-bearing tree. At the end of Jesus's life we're back in a garden again before a curse-bearing tree (Gal 3.13). History has been reset. At the dawn of the new creation, what will the Second Adam do? Will he withstand the temptation? Will he finally undo for us what the first Adam did to us? Will he obey the ultimate test of obedience?

God told the first Adam not to eat one bite of the tree. God commanded the Second Adam he must drink its fruit to the dregs.

Jesus prayed, "Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from Me; yet not My will, but Yours be done" (Lk 22.42). The first Adam knew he must refuse the fruit of the tree, but didn't want to. The Second Adam didn't want to drink of the tree, but knew he must. The first Adam blamed God's will. The Second Adam submitted to it.

The first Adam clothed himself in hidden shame after eating of the tree. The Second Adam endured public nakedness on the tree for all the world to see (Gal 3.1). The first Adam hid from God hoping to save his life. God hid from the Second Adam so that he would save ours (Mt 27.46).

The first Adam exiled us from Paradise, guarded under angelic lock and key. The Second Adam opened the doors of paradise again to us (Mk 15.37; Heb 10.19-20). The angels that once kept us out as God's wardens now welcome us in as Christ's servants (Heb 1.6, 7, 14). For the joy set before him, the first Adam sunk his teeth into the fruit. For the joy set before him, the Second Adam endured the cross (Heb 12.2). They both partook of the tree, but one killed us and the other made us alive.

The first Adam had to obey unto life. The Second Adam had to obey unto death (Phil 2.8).

The first Adam sought to become like God and died. The Second Adam became like man and lived (Phil 2.5-11).

The first Adam gave up his children's lives for the sake of his appetite. The Second Adam gave up his life for the sake of his children (Heb 2.14-15).

The first Adam have children who lie, steal and kill. The Second Adam has brothers and sisters who tell truth, give generously and impart life.

Indeed, Jesus reversed the curse, undoing for us all that Adam did to us and we did in him. Let us run to him in the Garden and enjoy the fruits of his labor.

Fancy It Forward:

Prayer List:

Armour, Mark – (Robyn Scott’s step dad) Cancer
 Bennett, Mary F – Shut in
 Billings, Richard – (Denise’s Dad)Cancer/Heart
 Boswell, Charles - Cancer
 Boswell, Mike – Health issues
 Bryant, Ty – Infant, Heart
 Cavin, Flora – (Meredith’s Mom)Nursing home
 Chisolm, Jean – Broken Pelvis
 Cothran, Bill –(Rhonda’s dad)Rehab in Ripley
 Culver, Anthony – (Molder’s nephew)Health issues
 Culver, Michael – (Molder’s nephew)Health issues
 Goulder, Helen – Shut in
 Goulder, Gwen – (Rhonda daughter in law)Cancer
 Goulder, Martha Jean -
 Hill, Dana – Health issues
 Kiphart, Ron – Nursing home
 Lineberger, Rachael
 Locke, Mike - (Vickie’s brother)Health Issues
 London, Peggy

Lupinsky, Logan
 McCain, Pat – Health Issues
 Mitchell, Marsha – Cancer
 Moncla, Luke
 Moody, Lauren – (TRA student) Bone Cancer
 Moore, Martha Lou – Shut in
 Moss, Charlie
 Motes, Robert – (Denise’s cousin) Heart
 Otis, Mike
 Pugh, Kaleb – (Laura Kiphart’s grandson)
 Rhoades, Geraldine – Shut in
 Stitt, Sam – Health issues
 Tyler, Jean – Shut in
 Wanda, Pat’s Sister - Cancer
 Wells, Whit – Health Issues
 Williams, Sandy – (Huffman family)Cancer
 Wilson, Glenda – Bone Cancer
 Winford, Sherry – Health issues

Military

Bornaman, Zachary	Hair, Colton
Donahoo, Tim	Heathman,Matthew
Dooley, Rod	Hill, Debra

Hunt, Boyce
 Young III, Robert "Trip"

Missionaries

Coad, Jim & Gala	Rebekah Carson
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WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

February 14 Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bailey
February 23 Mr. and Mrs. John Yarbrow

FLOWERS FOR THE MONTH
Mary Steele Circle

Feb. 14 Amanda & Margarette
 In Honor of
 Joe Anne Alsbrook

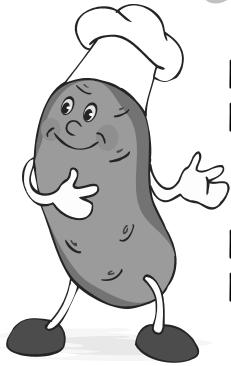
CHILDRENS SERMON

Feb 7	Nick Goulder
Feb 14	Nick Goulder
Feb 21	Nick Goulder
Feb 28	Nick Goulder

NURSERY ATTENDANTS

February 7	Molly Huffman
February 14	Alton Woods
February 21	Margaret Alsbrook
February 28	Vickie Hugues

January Menu



Feb 3 Chicken Pot Pie
Feb 10 Chicken Tenders/
Mac n Cheese
Feb 17 Soup
Feb 24 Family Night
Cost: \$3.00 person
\$10.00 Family

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

1	Christie Bridges	16	Norma Columbus
	Emil-Grace Tia White	19	Billy Pugh
9	Samantha Wells	20	Robert Bailey
10	Michael Griffin	23	Anna Hugues
11	Cassie Cranford	24	Shirley Kennedy
12	Charlotte Williams		Verlie Wells, IV
13	Sarah Huffman	26	Blake Walker
15	Gwen Goulder		Christi Huffman
	Joe Anne Alsbrook		Jean Chisolm
		28	Mallory Glass
			Robin Gravely

Upcoming Events / Announcements

PLEASE NOTE: If you have any ideas or suggestions for the church website, please contact Chris Gravley, webmaster, at 901-674-3851 or e-mail at chris_gravley@bellsouth.net.

THE DEACON OF THE MONTH is Alton Woods. If you have any requests for the deacons, please contact Nick at 901-837-3532

PLEASE NOTE There will be a Worker's Council Meeting Tuesday February 2nd at 7:00 P.M. in the Fellowship Hall. This meeting is for all who are concerned about the Christian Education of our church.

PLEASE NOTE The Women's Ministry Meeting will be Sunday February 7th at 3:30.