



## Adam 2 > Adam 1

*By Derek Kiser on June 8, 2021*

**TODAY'S READING:** Romans 5

I once had a student named Adam in my Sunday School class. For that year I called him Adam number 3. I was trying to get a deep theological understanding across to these teenage guys. There was a first Adam and a second Adam. I am not a huge fan of the first Adam. We can all trace our lineage back to Adam in the garden. Adam number 1 really made a mess of things with his wife, Eve. He brought sin into the world, and because of his sin, all of us suffer from what we call Original Sin. We are all guilty of the sin of Adam in the garden (Romans 5:12).

I often say something around my wife and family about my first-born son (Jackson) -- I say he is a cute little sinner. My parents and in-laws do not particularly appreciate that comment, but I do it to make a point. Jackson is not perfect; he really is an adorable almost three-year-old boy who is a sinner. Jackson is in the middle of the "terrible twos," and he just got a baby brother a month ago. He shows us his sin nature often, as well as his kindness and adorable qualities. The truth is, my sons Jackson and Eli are both little sinners because of Adam number 1. I certainly have not taught them to sin and disobey me. That would be crazy for a parent to do.

What is the other part of this story? Adam number 2 came as a human being to fix all that was wrong due to the actions of Adam number 1. This second Adam is Jesus Christ. This part of the story is found in Romans 5:19 and 5:21. What does that mean for us? In the same way we received Original Sin and the sin penalty (spiritual death in hell) from Adam number 1's actions, the second Adam, Jesus Christ, gives righteousness to all who believe in Him. We get to go to heaven because Jesus, who was perfect, died in our place and was resurrected. He, through his perfect life, death, burial and resurrection, has defeated death and sin and made perfect all who are in Him.

I am already teaching my son Jackson about the second Adam and I hope and pray one day he places his faith in Jesus Christ. **Are you today trusting in your good works thinking that will help or are you by faith receiving the gift of the second Adam, Jesus Christ, for salvation?**

**PRAYER:** God, thank you for sending Your son, Jesus, to come to earth on a rescue mission for me and all who would believe. Thank you for Jesus and His perfect life as well as raising Him from the dead so we can go to Heaven.

**TOMORROW'S READING:** Romans 6

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