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Newsletter

The Effects of the Fall

by Landon Jostes

For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. – 1 Corinthians 15:22

In the Garden, God made a covenant with Adam. This covenant had the promise of eternal life for obedience and the threat of death for disobedience (Gen 2:15-17). However, this blessed state of innocence was not to last. Adam deliberately ate the forbidden fruit, and in him, all mankind sinned in him, and fell with him, in his first transgression (Rom 5:12). In this way, Adam stood as the representative of all humanity descending from him by natural descent..

Now, one may object to the goodness of God in bringing judgment on all creation through the sinful act of one man. Why am I held guilty for Adam's sin? Why should I suffer the sin and misery of Adam's transgression? Humanly speaking, these are reasonable questions. Yet these questions fail to consistently apply the concept of representation. Parents, governors, presidents, and kings all represent those under their care. If the king goes to war, the nation goes to war. If the parents make a decision, the children live by that decision. Even our society recognizes the legitimacy of an appointed official standing as a representative for the people.

"It is true, we did not choose Adam for our representative, but God chose him for us: and he was the most fit choice for that end" (Thomas Boston). Adam was our God-appointed representative, and everything that God does is good (Psalm 145:17). For Adam was given the sufficient ability to perfectly keep all God's commandments (Eccl 7:29).

In fact, if we deny the ability of Adam standing as a representative for all mankind, we implicitly deny Christ's ability to stand in our place on the cross. To deny Adam's representation is to deny Christ's representation. Conversely, to hold to the biblical teaching of Adam's representation is to hold to God's way of salvation through Christ.

For Christ is of the line of Adam. Indeed, Christ is the Second Adam who came not to bring death but life (1 Cor 15:45). From this simple biblical truth, one may surmise that there are only two representatives for mankind: Adam and Christ. By nature, all humans are born under the headship of Adam in the Covenant of Works. By grace, only those who come to believe in Christ are given life in the Covenant of Grace. Two representatives for two covenants. "For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive" (1 Cor 15:22).

WSC Q. 16, *Did all mankind fall in Adam's first transgression?*
A. The covenant being made with Adam, not only for himself, but for his posterity; all mankind, descending from him by ordinary generation, sinned in him, and fell with him, in his first transgression.

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Sundays Weekly:
Prayer Meeting- 8:00
Sunday School- 9:00
AM Worship- 10:15
PM Worship- 5:30

Highlights for November:

- Church Picnic 11/15
- Annual Soccer Turkey Cup 11/27

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 Carpenters Apprentices- 6-7AM	2 Food Ministry- 9AM	3
4	5 Officer Training 5:30-7:30PM	6 Women's Bible Study 6:30-8:15PM	7 Women's Bible Study 9:30AM MidWeek 5:15-7PM	8 Carpenters Apprentices- 6-7AM	9 Food Ministry- 9AM	10
11 Lord's Supper- AM	12 **Columbus Day** Officer Training 5:30-7:30PM	13 Presbytery Meeting Women's Bible Study 6:30-8:15PM	14 Women's Bible Study 9:30AM MidWeek 5:15-7PM	15 Carpenters Apprentices- 6-7AM	16 Food Ministry- 9AM	17 Marriage Night - 4:15-7:00PM
18	19 Officer Training 5:30-7:30PM	20 Women's Bible Study 6:30-8:15PM	21 Women's Bible Study 9:30AM MidWeek 5:15-7PM	22 Carpenters Apprentices- 6-7AM	23 Food Ministry- 9AM	24
25 Lord's Supper- PM	26 Officer Training 5:30-7:30PM Missions Meeting- 5:30-7:00PM	27 Women's Bible Study 6:30-8:15PM	28 Women's Bible Study 9:30AM MidWeek 5:15-7PM	29 Carpenters Apprentices- 6-7AM	30 Food Ministry- 9AM	31 Reformation Day

Key: BLUE- Church Wide Events | PURPLE- Bible Studies | ORANGE- NextGen | GREEN- Children's Events | BROWN- Food Ministry | RED- Meetings | BLACK- Holidays

Quarterly Communion Offering: Harvest House, a non- profit food pantry serving families in Destin,FL

Missionary Highlight:



The Stewarts



The Marshalls

Robert and Lisa Stewart, MTW Nagoya, Japan

Pray for the Stewarts as they continue to serve at Nagoya Christian School and Nisshin Church. Pray that there would be many opportunities to have gospel centered conversations with the students and their families at the school. Pray also for wisdom as they want to pick a location for a new church plant this year.

Verne and Alina Marshall, MTW Santiago, Chile

Pray for God to supply Vern and Alina's support needs. Pray also for Alina as she counsels and disciples women. Pray in particular for their women's bible study. Pray that all the women would be consistent in attending and would be drawn to Christ. Pray also for Verne's preaching ministry and their collective ongoing work with different church planting efforts in and around Santiago.

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How can I support Missions?

PRAY for our Missionaries **| GIVE** to Missions **| GO** on a Missions Trip **| JOIN** the Missions Team

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Local:

- Good News Jail & Prison Ministry, Chaplain Shane Hardesty

National:

- Presbyterian and Reformed Chaplain Corp (PRCC)
- Reformed University Fellowship (RUF) at UF, Pastor Steve Lammers
- Reformed University Fellowship (RUF) at FSU, Pastor Kelly Jackson

International:

- Middle East Reformed Fellowship, Pastor Victor Atallah
- Brenda Carter, MTW San Yi, Taiwan
- Chris and Savanna, MTW (sensitive)
- Franklin and Beth Beaver, MTW Worldwide
- David and Jill Martin, MTW Odessa, Ukraine/Brasov, Romania
- Ang Bahay Parola (The Lighthouse) Children's Home, MTW Manila, Philippines
- Evangelical Reformed Seminary of Kyiv, Ukraine
- Perry and Betty, MTW (sensitive)
- Robert and Lisa Stewart, MTW Nagoya, Japan
- Verne and Alina Marshall, MTW Santiago, Chile
- John and Lu Elliot, IXO Nicoya, Costa Rica
- Donny and Courtney Harwood, MTW Glasgow, Scotland