The Gospel: In Adam or In Christ

All of us owe our lives to those in our family who have gone on before us. We are a collection of inherited traits and dispositions. Many of our ancestors are long forgotten, but there is still a small remnant of their influence in our lives.

What if we could trace our ancestry back 2,000 years to the time of Christ? How about 4,000 years to the time of Abraham? The amazing fact is that we can trace our ancestry all the way back to Adam. Many people do not know that their family tree actually begins at Adam. We all share in one common inherited trait. That trait is sin. And with sin came death.

The supernatural power of the gospel is that everyone is given a chance to be released from the family line of Adam. We can now be included in the family line of Christ. To be in Adam is to be in relationship with him - to inherit all that is his to inherit. To be in Christ is to be in relationship with him - to inherit all that is his to inherit. 1 Corinthians 15:22 says it this way, "For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive." Anyone on earth has the opportunity to be removed from the lineage of sin and death. The moment anyone says "Yes" to God's plan they receive new life in Christ as their inheritance.

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**Romans 5:12-21**

12, 18-19 ONE MAN

13-17 ONE PATTERN

 1 Corinthians 15:21-22; 45-49

 Hebrews 2:14-15

 Revelation 1:17-18

 Revelation 20:14

 1 Corinthians 15:54

20-21 ONE REIGN

 ▪ The Reign of sin and death

 ▪ The reign of God’s grace