

Two Men ~ Two Masters

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Introduction

Two Heads, One Humanity

From the beginning, God has dealt with humanity through representation. The entire human race has never stood independently before God, but always under a head, a representative man through whom all are affected. The Scriptures reveal there have only ever been two heads of the human race, and every person who has ever lived is found in one of them and expressing one of them as their Master.

The first is Adam, the man formed from the dust of the earth, who stood as the original head of humanity. In him, because of His sin, all have sinned. Through his disobedience, sin entered, and death passed upon all men. What Adam became, all who were in him became. His fallen nature, his separation from God, and his bondage under sin became the inheritance of the entire human race.

The second is Jesus Christ, the Last Adam, who came from heaven as the Head of a new creation. Where the first Adam failed through disobedience, Christ prevailed through His obedience, even unto death, the death of the Cross. Through Him and His Cross, Righteousness is declared and offered, life is given, and a new

identity is established for all who believe in Christ and His Way of the Cross.

These two Adams do not merely represent two individuals, but two distinct orders of existence: One earthly, fallen, and ruled by sin and the other heavenly, Righteous, and full of life abundant and everlasting.

There is no third representative man, no middle ground, and no neutral position. Every person is either in Adam, under sin and death or in Christ, under Righteousness and life.

This is not simply a matter of behavior, but of birth, identity, and union. The great work of Redemption is not God improving the first Adam but crucifying and ending him at the Cross and raising up a new humanity in Christ. The Cross of Jesus Christ stands as the dividing line between these two heads. It is there that the old man was crucified, and it is there that the new life in Christ begins. It is there that Christ literally became the End of all that He once began and simultaneously He became the new and eternal Beginning of all that will ever be of and with God. Therefore, the question for every Believer is not merely what we are doing, but “who” we are living from, meaning which head are we yielding to, which man we are expressing, and which life is being manifested through us?

This teaching will unfold the profound differences between these two heads of the human race, showing that all of God's dealings with man are found in either Adam or Christ, and that victory, freedom, and true life are found only in the Last Adam, through Faith in His finished work on the Cross.

The Two Heads of The Human Race

Adam and Christ

The Scriptures do not present humanity as divided into many categories, but into two distinct unions, only two heads under which all men live and function. These heads are not merely symbolic, but governing realities that determine identity, nature, and outcome.

The First Adam: The Head of the Fallen Race

Adam, the first man, was created upright, formed from the dust of the ground, and given dominion by God. He stood as the representative of all humanity. Had he remained obedient to God, mankind would have continued in life. But when he disobeyed, all that was in him was affected by that fall. The entirety of the human race has come forth out of Adam. Through Adam's transgression sin entered the world, death entered through sin and separation from God became the condition of all

men.

Adam's fall was not isolated to himself. Because he stood as the head of the entire human race, his condition became the condition of all who would come from him. Every person born into this world is born in Adam, bearing a fallen nature, a disposition toward sin and the sentence of death and are without God.

In Adam, man is bound under sin, unable to produce true Righteousness and alienated from the life of God.

This is why the Scriptures declare that all have sinned and come short of the glory of God. It is not merely that men commit sins, but that they are born into a race whose head has already fallen.

The Last Adam

The Head of the Redeemed Race

In contrast to the first Adam, the Scriptures reveal Jesus Christ as the Last Adam. He did not come from the earth, but from heaven. He did not inherit a fallen nature, but was selfless and Holy, sent by God to redeem what had been lost. Where Adam disobeyed, Christ obeyed. Where Adam brought sin, Christ brought Righteousness. Where Adam brought death, Christ brought life. Through His

obedience, specifically through His obedience unto death on the Cross, Christ became the Head of a new humanity. All who are found in Him are justified, made Righteous and receive eternal life.

This is not an improvement of the old man, but the introduction of an entirely new creation. Those who are in Christ are no longer defined by Adam, but by Christ Himself. In Christ, man is freed from the dominion of sin, brought into union with God and made a partaker of divine life.

Two Natures - Two Outcomes

The difference between these two heads is absolute. In Adam, everything flows downward from life to death, from innocence to guilt and from fellowship to separation. In Christ, everything flows upward from death to life, from guilt to Righteousness and from separation to reconciliation.

The first Adam produces what is earthly and corruptible. The Last Adam produces what is heavenly and eternal.

The Cross of Jesus Christ is the end of one Head and that race, and the beginning of another. The Cross of Jesus Christ is the central point where these two heads meet and where the transition from one to the other becomes possible. At the Cross

the old man (who we were in Adam) was crucified, the dominion of sin was broken and the way was made for new life in Jesus Christ.

God did not attempt to repair what was in Adam. He brought it to an end through the death of His Son. Through Faith in Christ and His Cross we are no longer identified with the first Adam but rather are brought into union with the Last Adam.

Living Under the Headship of Christ

Although the Believer has been placed in Christ, the daily experience of this reality is found in yielding. We are called to, and must, reckon ourselves to be dead indeed unto sin and alive unto God “through” Jesus Christ. This is the life of Faith which is a continual dependence upon what Christ accomplished at the Cross, allowing His life to be expressed through us. At any given moment, what is being manifested in our lives reveals which head we are yielding to, whether the old patterns of Adam through Faith in something other than the Cross of Christ or the life of Christ through a conscious and deliberate Faith in His Sacrifice.

There have only ever been two heads of the human race. Adam, through whom came sin and death and Jesus Christ, through whom comes Righteousness and life. Every person is found in one of these two. And for the Believer, the call is not to improve the old, but to live in the reality of the

new, walking in union with Christ, the Last Adam, through Faith in His finished work on the Cross. Now, let us dig into the Scriptures that reveal to us this great Truth.

Two Men, Two Masters: From Adam to Christ

Let's look at this reality in Romans 5 and 6.

1. The Foundation: Two Representative Men

Romans 5:12

Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:

Adam is not just a historical figure but the head of the entire human race and the source of all sin and death.

Romans 5:18-19

18 Therefore as by the offence of one judgment came upon all men to condemnation; even so by the Righteousness of one the free gift came upon all men unto justification of life.

19 For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made Righteous.

Here we see clearly that in and through one man (Adam) were all sinners made.

In and through one Man (Christ) were many made Righteous.

This is not behavior modification, it is a headship and union change.

2. The Question: Shall We Continue in Sin?

Romans 6:1-2

1 What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound?

2 God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein?

Why is this impossible through Faith in the Cross of Christ? Because something actually happened to us in Christ.

3. The Cross: Where the Old Man Was Crucified

Romans 6:3

Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death?

Romans 6:6

Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin.

This is the turning point: The “old man” is who we were in Adam and that man was crucified with Christ. God did not reform the old man; God executed the old man at the Cross.

4. The Result: A New Head, A New Life

Romans 6:7

For he that is dead is freed from sin.

Romans 6:11

Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Now we are no longer in Adam but alive in Christ. We have a new Head, a new source and a new Master.

5. The Daily Choice: To Whom Will You Yield?

Romans 6:16

Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?

It is not just what, but whom. When we yield to the old man (Adam's Nature of Sin), sin dominates and death is the experience. When we yield to Christ and His Sacrifice Righteousness is our experiential life. This is about the identity expressed and the headship manifested by our source of Faith.

6. The Means: Faith in the Cross Keeps Us in Christ

We do not move back and forth positionally, but experientially our condition changes because our yielding changes and that is what reveals the source of our Faith. Faith in Christ and His Cross allows the Holy Spirit to work legally in our lives and the result is Christ being expressed. Faith in anything else causes the flesh to operate and the old man's ways appear.

Galatians 2:20

I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

7. The Manifestation: Who Is Being Seen?

Every moment, one of two is being manifested. Adam (The Nature of the old man), which is self, sin and death working OR Christ (The

Last Adam) and the fruit of obedience, Righteousness through His Life's expression through us. We are representing the one we are yielded to.

There are only two men: The first Adam, who is the old man, of which we all are as the fallen nature dominated by sin unto death. Jesus Christ, the Last Adam who is Righteous and offers us Eternal Life. And there are only two options for yielding: Yielding to Adam or yielding to Christ.

THE DEVIL IS NOT ONE OF THE MASTERS

That's something very important to know because though Satan is a master of disguise and deception, he is not one of the heads of humanity.

And the Cross of Christ is the only place where the old man was put away and the new life is found and lived.

Romans 6:16

Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto Righteousness?

There are only two masters revealed here, and the Holy Spirit is very precise in how He defines them.

Sin unto death OR Obedience unto Righteousness. Notice carefully, Satan is not listed as a master. Why? Because the Spirit of God goes deeper than personalities and reveals the governing principle at work.

1. Sin as the Master (Not Satan Directly)

The Bible teaches that before salvation, we were “servants of sin”...

Romans 6:17

But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you.

...under the dominion of sin.

Romans 6:14

For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace.

Satan certainly works through sin (The Sin Nature’s dominion), but sin (The Sin Nature) is the governing nature, the ruling power. It is what enslaves. It is what reigns in death (Romans 5:21). The nature of the first and fallen Adam.

Romans 5:21

That as sin hath reigned unto death, even so might grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord.

So, the issue is not “Am I serving Satan?” The issue is: Am I yielding to sin (The Sin Nature)? Because, if I yield to sin (The Sin Nature) I am under its mastery and that always results in death (Separation). Our experience in our condition at any given moment is either free from Sin or free from Righteousness. The only Way to no longer yield to Sin is to yield to obedience unto Righteousness which is to believe that form of doctrine which can make one Righteous and the servant of that Righteousness.

Romans 6:18

Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness.

Romans 6:20

For when ye were the servants of sin, ye were free from righteousness.

2 Corinthians 5:21

For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

2. Obedience unto Righteousness (Christ as Master)

The other side is not merely “doing right things” but is Obedience unto Righteousness. This is not self-generated obedience, but rather is the fruit of Faith in Jesus Christ and Him crucified by The Holy Spirit’s working. This is because Christ is our Righteousness.

1 Corinthians 1:30

But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption:

The Cross is where we died to sin.

Romans 6:6

Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin.

Faith in His death is what frees us from sin’s dominion. So, this “obedience” is not law-based effort but is the Spirit of God working through Faith in the Cross, producing Righteousness.

3. Why Only Two Masters?

This verse reveals a spiritual law as there is no neutral ground. There is no third option. We are, at any given moment, either yielding to sin (The Sin

Nature) which can only produce death, or we are yielding to Righteousness through a conscious and deliberate Faith in the Cross of Christ and The Holy Spirit is producing life. And, the determining factor is always, not “what” but “who” we are yielding to, which is always tied to what our Faith is in.

4. The Cross Defines the Master You Serve

This is where everything becomes clear through Calvary. At the Cross, Jesus dealt with sin.

Romans 6:10

For in that he died, he died unto sin once: but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God.

Through the Cross, we are made free from sin.

Romans 6:18

Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness.

Through the Cross, we become servants of Righteousness.

So, if my heart is yielded to anything other than Christ and His Cross I will still be serving sin (That old Nature of Sin) without even knowing it.

If my Faith is in Christ and His finished work I am serving Righteousness, and the fruit is the

expression of Christ, for He is my Righteousness.

5. The Practical Reality (Moment by Moment)

This is not a one-time decision only but is required moment by moment to be able to follow Christ.

Luke 9:23

And he said to them all, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross **DAILY**, and follow me.

Luke 14:26-27

26 If any man come to me, and hate not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple.

27 And **whosoever doth not bear his cross, and come after me, cannot be my disciple.**

These Scriptures nowhere suggest a one-time acceptance then we are good to go and everything just works automatically. The Cross is a daily, moment by moment experiential choice, and if we are honest, we will surely admit that every time we find ourselves doing or saying something sinful, we were not trusting in the Sacrifice of Christ, therefore we know that moment by moment trusting in Christ and His Way of the Cross is needful and our only hope of expressing Christ instead of our old carnal selves.

At any given moment what we are relying on is determining which master is functioning.

Romans 6:16

Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?

As the Spirit teaches in 2 Corinthians 4:11, “We which live are always delivered unto death for Jesus’ sake, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our mortal flesh.”

If we write that off as only for Paul and his fellow ministers, then we will find ourselves as selective hearers and excluded from Grace by our own selves.

Galatians 1:6

I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel:

Taking up the Cross is the daily experience of The Spirit of Grace enabling us to deny the sin nature and his rule in our lives while allowing the Life of Christ to flow through Faith in His death.

There are not two masters and Satan as a third. There are only two. Sin (the old master, producing death) and Righteousness (Christ, producing life

through Faith in His Cross), and the Cross of Christ is the dividing line between the two.

At any given moment such as this very moment right now we are either trusting in the finished and perfect work of our Savior for what we need or we are trusting in our fleshly way.

The old Sin Nature of the First Adam's race or The Divine Nature of The Lamb, of The Last Adam's New Creation.

There is not a third option. The reason we have always thought the devil was a master is because he is a master of disguise and deception, but his only place to devour, steal, kill and to destroy is through the flesh which man is trusting in, which is the old nature he ruled over.

Satan didn't come into the Garden of Eden with power, but with a lie. His power over man only began when man became a Sin Nature, dead in his sins and trespasses and his very own "Master". This is one of the two masters mentioned in Romans 6:16. The First Adam had power over every creeping thing including the serpent that Satan was using to speak lies to Eve.

Jesus took away the power of death from the devil which he had over all those who are dead in their sins and trespasses, which is the entire human race

until they come to Christ through Faith His Sacrificial Cross for the forgiveness of their sins.

Hebrews 2:14

Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil;

Hopefully this study has helped us see there are only two masters to be found serving as slaves at any given moment. What we do with the Cross of our Savior at any given moment will determine who it is we are serving.



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