

Adam a Type of Christ, Eve a Type of the Church

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Throughout the Bible, Adam and Eve are pictured as representative of Christ and the church (1 Corinthians 15:45-49; Ephesians 5:22-33). Note this comparison:

Adam Was Put to Sleep. “And the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept...” (Genesis 2:21).

Adam’s Side Was Opened. “...and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof” (Genesis 2:21).

Adam Paid the Price. From Adam’s side, there came the price, the rib, as God “...took one of his ribs...” (Genesis 2:21).

Eve Was Formed. After he had paid the price, woman was formed as God “... made he a woman...” (Genesis 2:22).

Eve Became Adam’s Wife. God “brought her unto the man. And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh...” and she became “his wife” (Genesis 2:22-24).

Eve Took Adam’s Name. God “called their name Adam” (Genesis 5:2).

Eve Was to Be Fruitful. “Be fruitful, and multiply...” (Genesis 1:28).

Eve Was Placed in Subjection to Adam. “...he shall rule over thee” (Genesis 3:16).

Christ Was Put to Sleep. “Jesus...yielded up the Ghost” (Matthew 27:50), “the sleep of death (Psalm 13:3).

Christ’s Side Was Opened. “But one of the soldiers with a spear pierced his side...” (John 19:34).

Christ Paid the Price. “...forthwith came there out blood and water” (John 19:34). The blood in His body is the price that was paid.

The Church Was Formed or Purchased. “...the church of God which he hath purchased with his own blood” (Acts 20:28).

The Church Became the Bride of Christ. “...I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ” (2 Corinthians 11:2). Note Ephesians 5:30.

We Take the Name of Christ. “...the disciples were called Christians” (Acts 11:26).

We Are to Be Fruitful. “...that ye should bring forth fruit unto God” (Romans 7:4).

The Church Is Subject to Christ. “...as the church is subject unto Christ” (Ephesians 5:24).

If the Church Was Established During The Personal Ministry of Christ... #2

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It Would Have Been Under the Old Law.

“For a testament is of force after men are dead: otherwise it is of no strength at all while the testator liveth” (Hebrews 9:17). A New Testament church before a New Testament, that’s like a New Testament Baptist Church - there is no such thing! If so, its members were not “free”, but “in bondage” (Galatians 5:1), and they were not married to Christ! (Romans 7:1-4).

Christ Was Not the Head of It. According to Ephesians 1:17-22, Christ was not made head over the church until after He ascended to the “right hand” of God. Likewise, it was a kingdom without a king for Christ did not take the throne until He ascended (Acts 2:30-33).

Christ Was Not the High Priest. Christ could not be priest on earth (Hebrews 8:4); He was of the wrong tribe according to the law (Hebrews 7:14). Thus, its members could not approach “unto God by him” (Hebrews 7:25); they could not pray in His name (John 16:16-26).

It Had No Blood in It. Christ’s blood was shed in His death on the cross (John 19:33-34).

If the church was established before the cross, then it was established before the blood was shed. If established before the blood was shed, it was established before it was purchased (Acts 20:28), its members had not been justified, were lost, the enemies of God in need of being reconciled, without atonement (Romans 5:8-11), unredeemed (Ephesians 1:7), and had no remission of sins (Matthew 26:28; Hebrews 9:22).

It Could Not Preach the Gospel in Fullness. The gospel preached by Paul included the death, burial and resurrection of Christ (1 Corinthians 15:1-4). Thus, it preached a gospel different than the gospel preached by Paul and was “accursed” (Galatians 1:9).

No One Knew It. The Pharisees didn’t know it (Luke 17:20). The Lord didn’t know it (Luke 22:18). The thief didn’t know it (Luke 23:42). Joseph didn’t know it (Luke 23:51). The apostles didn’t know it (Acts 1:6).

The man does not live who can trace the establishment of the church back to the personal ministry of Christ.

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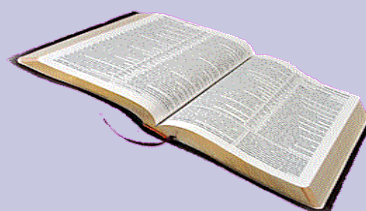
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