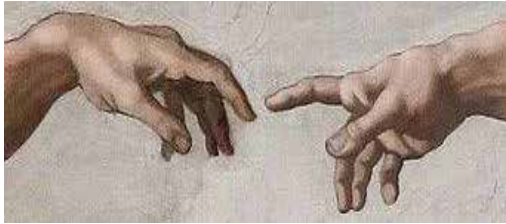

THE CROSS



GOING DEEPER // REGENERATION & RECAPITULATION: NEW ADAM, NEW LIFE

How does this painting help us understand the new life we are called to?



When have you felt the most dead?

“This death is a darker force, opposed to creation itself, unmaking that which is good, always threatening to drag the world back to chaos.”

- NT Wright

When have you felt the most alive?

What do you remember about these two times/events that made them distinct from each other? In other words, what caused you to feel either utterly dead or alive?

Where have you felt the effects of Adam in your life?

EFFECTS OF ADAM: EPHESIANS 2:12-13

Sin	No Hope
Death	Far Off
Without God	Without Christ
Excluded	

When and where have you felt the effects of Jesus in your life?

EFFECTS OF JESUS CHRIST: EPHESIANS 2:13 & 19

Made Citizens of Heaven	We Are Now Near to God
No Longer Strangers	We Are Justified
Member of God's Household	We Are Made Righteous

Which one do want for you, your family, your friends, your loved ones?

Do you want Adam, or do you want Jesus?

List three people you know are far off, who are dead, who are in need of this new life offered through Jesus.

SOLUTIONS TO ROMANS 5:12-14 & EPHESIANS 2:1-3

The Cultural Collective

“You don’t need to change. You are perfect just the way you are.”

The Independent Individual

“I will be healed when I _____.” “I will be new man/woman when I do_____.”

The Progressive “Innovator”

“I will leave Christ, leave my faith, to heal myself. I will leave God to find God.”

The Gospel (Romans 5:15-21; Ephesians 2:4-10)

Jesus accomplished what Israel could not, to bring gentiles into the kingdom! God incarnate makes people justified when they are “in Christ.” Grace supersedes sin through Jesus! Life, meaning, hope, purpose, grace, and riches are found in Christ. Not ourselves.

SERMON OUTLINE

- * Adam Failed - Rom 5:12-15
- * This led us to where we are - Eph 2:1-3
 - See Eph 2:12-13 for where we have come from as believers
 - See Eph 2:13-19 for where we are now, in Christ
- * Jesus became what no one else could be - Rom 5:15-21
- * Jesus desires to regenerate us, to be made alive in him - Eph 2:4-10
- * This leads to new life - 1 Pet 1:22-2:3



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