

RE-MADE – RECAPITULATION

Romans 5

• *Romans 5:17 "The sin of this one man, **Adam**, caused death to rule over us, but all who receive God's wonderful gracious gift of righteousness will **live in triumph** over sin and death through this one man, Jesus Christ."*

• The Scripture here speaks of two Adams:

(1) Adam, the husband of Eve, a perfect man.

He was our first forefather who walked away from God to do his own thing and brought disaster on himself and all of us, his descendants, who followed.

(2) Jesus, a second perfect man, who perfectly relates to God, and we his descendants become like Adam was before the fall.

RECAPITULATION

• Ireneaus, one of the early Christian teachers, spoke of Christ's coming as a second Adam—and used the term recapitulation.

• The term is used in music of "**repeating an earlier tune**" in a composition.

• Applied to human kind. The first Adam was a true super man in the first days of his life. He was like a beautiful song. When he became convinced he could do as well as God himself, it brought discordance and destruction of body and soul and world into his life. Jesus was like Adam was before his fall. The beautiful song was brought back into the world. All who join themselves to Christ are changed back and being changed into the original super humanity.

• *"If anyone is in Christ he (or she) is a NEW CREATION. The old is gone and the new has come." 2 Corinthians 5:17*

• *"Just as we are now like Adam, the man of earth, so we will someday be like Christ, the man from heaven." I Corinthians 15:49*

• *"As he is, so are we in this world." I John 4:17*

• **A LIFE OF TRIUMPH is now possible joined to the second perfect man.**

• I am no longer a victim. I don't have to be like my forefathers. I don't have to be like I used to be. I don't have to be like the first Adam. I can be like Jesus, the perfect man and model for Adam. I can live in triumph.

"... For we are God's MASTERPIECE. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus." Eph. 5:10