SPIRITUAL LESSON 2

I AM IN CHRIST

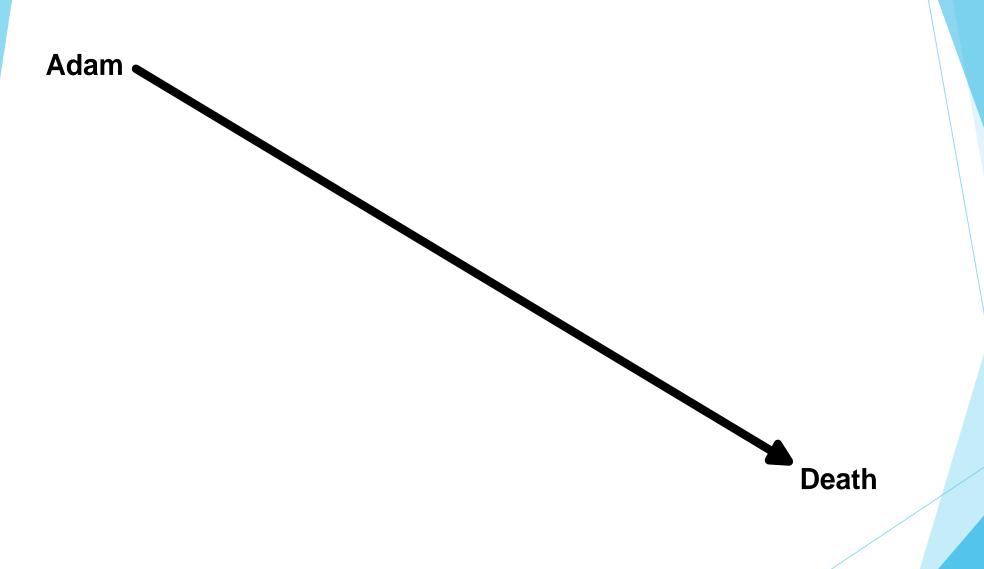


► "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, **all things have become new**." 2 Corinthians 5:17 (NKJ)



"But the LORD God gave him [Adam] this warning: 'You may freely eat any fruit in the garden except fruit from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. If you eat of its fruit, you will surely die." Genesis 2:16-17 (NLT)

ADAM'S SIN RESULTED IN DEATH



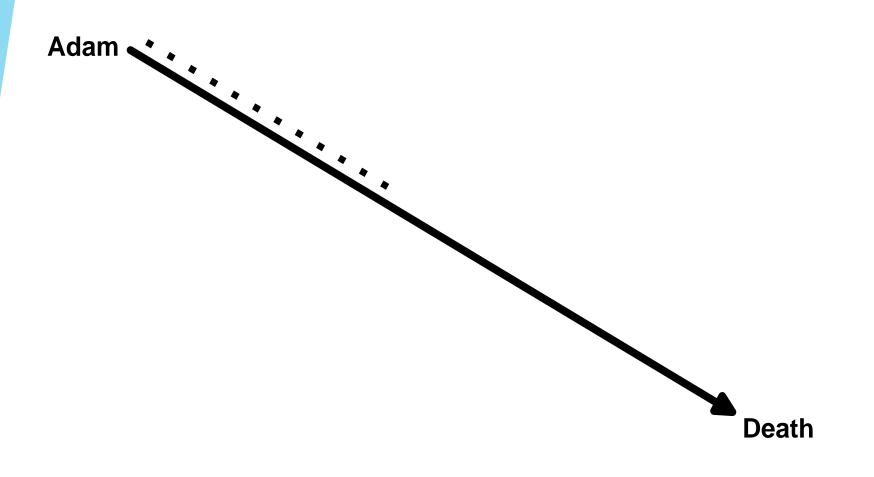
Adam's sin led to his death. It also led to the death of every person born after him.

Adam's Sin Leads to Death



"Therefore, just as through one man [Adam] sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus **death** spread to all men, because all sinned." Romans 5:12 (NKJ)

SIN IS PASSED DOWN TO ALL MANKIND





"For all have **sinned** and fall short of the glory of God." **Romans 3:23** (NKJ)

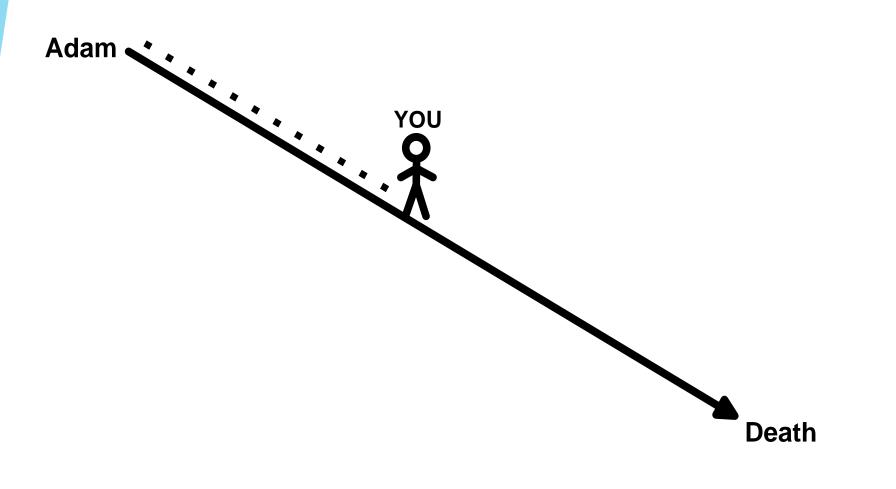


"For the wages of sin is death..."
Romans 6:23 (NKJ)

You inherited sin from your father, who inherited it from his father, who inherited it from his father, all the way back up to Adam.

Death is in the Future for Everyone in Adam's Line

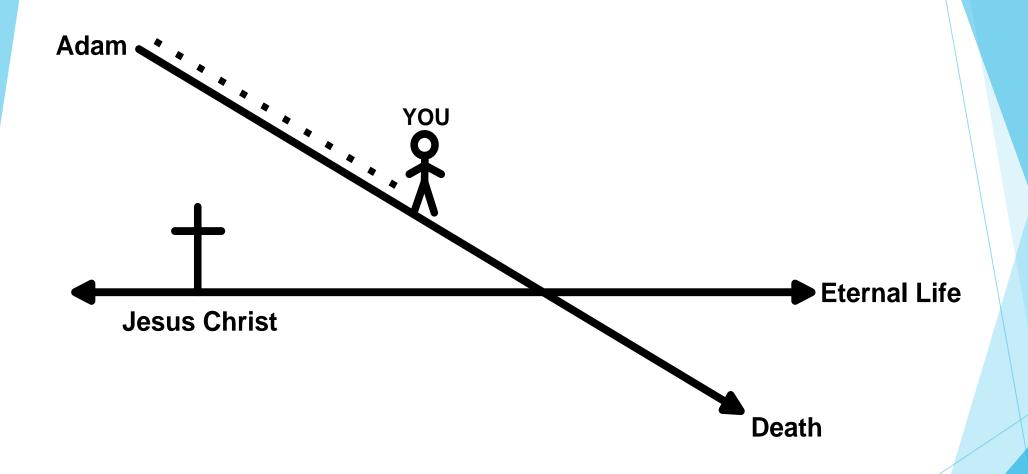
YOU ARE IN ADAM'S LINE



Because you are a child of Adam ("in Adam"), you have the identity of "sinner." Death is in your future.

Identity of "Sinner"

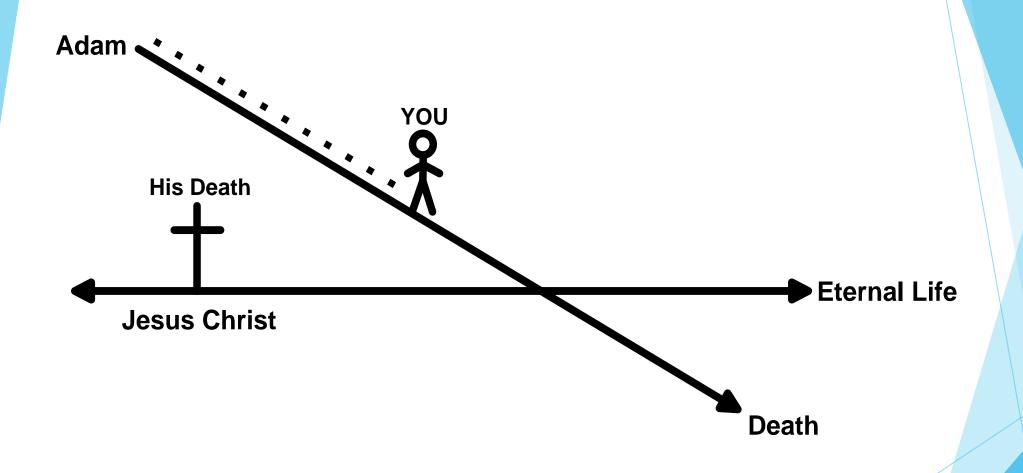
CHRIST'S LINE LEADS TO LIFE





"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever." Hebrews 13:8 (NLT)

CHRIST'S DEATH ON THE CROSS WAS FOR YOU





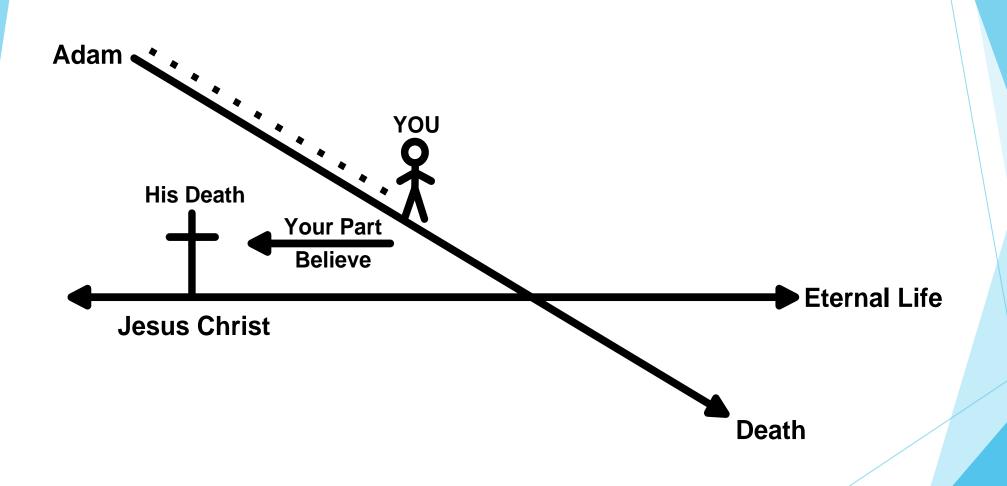
"But God showed His great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still **sinners**."

Romans 5:8 (NLT)

To escape the line leading to death, you must BELIEVE that Jesus took the punishment for your sins and receive His forgiveness.

BELIEVE & RECEIVE

YOUR PART IS TO BELIEVE JESUS TOOK THE PUNISHMENT FOR YOUR SIN



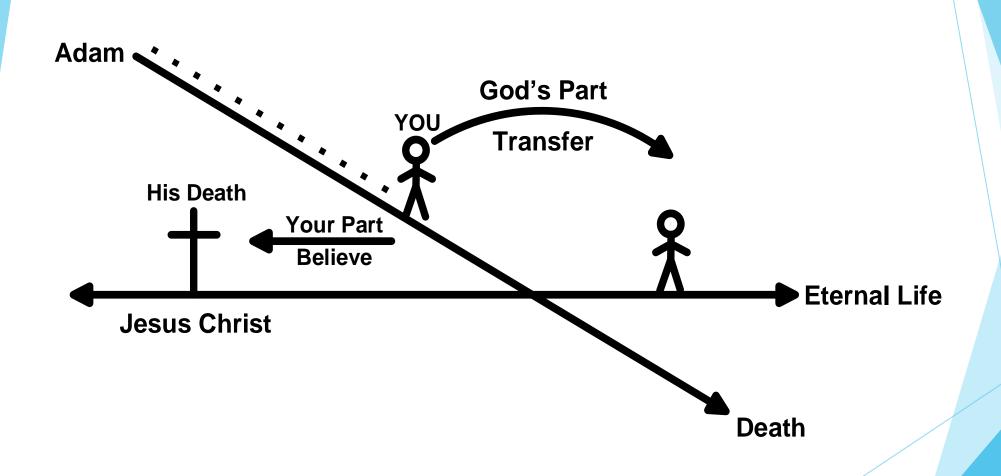


"For God sent Jesus to take the punishment for our sins and to satisfy God's anger against us. We are made right with God when we believe that Jesus shed His blood, sacrificing His life for us..." Romans 3:25 (NLT)

God's part is to **transfer** you into Christ's line.

GOD GIVES YOU A NEW IDENTITY

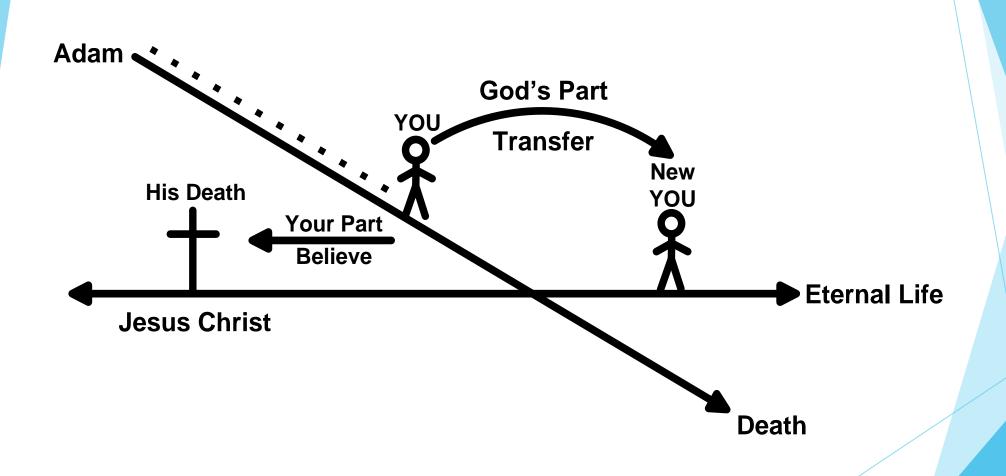
GOD'S PART IS TO TRANSFER YOU OUT OF ADAM'S LINE AND INTO CHRIST'S LINE





"For He rescued us from the domain of darkness, and **transferred** us to the kingdom of His beloved Son." **Colossians 1:13** (NASB)

THE NEW YOU IS IN CHRIST





"For you have been born again. Your new life did not come from your earthly parents because the life they gave you will end in death. But this new life will last forever because it comes from the eternal, living word of God." 1 Peter 1:23 (NLT)

YOU ARE BORN AGAIN



"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a **new creation**; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new." **2 Corinthians 5:17** (NKJ)

YOU ARE A NEW CREATION



"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have **everlasting life**." **John 3:16** (NKJ)

YOU HAVE A NEW FUTURE



"I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me." Galatians 2:20 (NKJ)

YOU HAVE A NEW PAST



"Therefore there is now **no condemnation** for those who are in Christ Jesus." **Romans 8:1** (NASB)



"No, dear brothers and sisters, I am still not all I should be, but I am focusing all my energies on this one thing: Forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead." Philippians 3:13 (NLT)



"Therefore, since we have been made right in God's sight by faith, we have peace with God because of what Jesus Christ our Lord has done for us." Romans 5:1 (NLT)



"But as many as **received** Him, to them He gave the right to become **children** of God, to those who **believe** in His name." **John 1:12** (NKJ)

YOU ARE GOD'S CHILD



"And since we are **His children**, we will share His treasures – for everything God gives to His Son, Christ, is ours, too..."

Romans 8:17 (NLT)

YOU ARE A FRIEND OF GOD

"For since we were restored to friendship with God by the death of His Son while we were still His enemies, we will certainly be delivered from eternal punishment by His life. So now we can rejoice in our wonderful new relationship with God--all because of what our Lord Jesus Christ has done for us in making us friends of God." Romans 5:10-11



You have a new future and a new past. You have a new identity: God's friend and His child.

You are a new creation.

IN CHRIST YOU HAVE IT ALL

"In Christ" Adam < **God's Part** YOU **Transfer** New **His Death** YOU Your Part Believe **Eternal Life Jesus Christ Death**



"I once thought all these things were so very important, but now I consider them worthless because of what Christ has done. Yes, everything else is worthless when compared with the priceless gain of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. Philippians 3:7-8 (NLT)



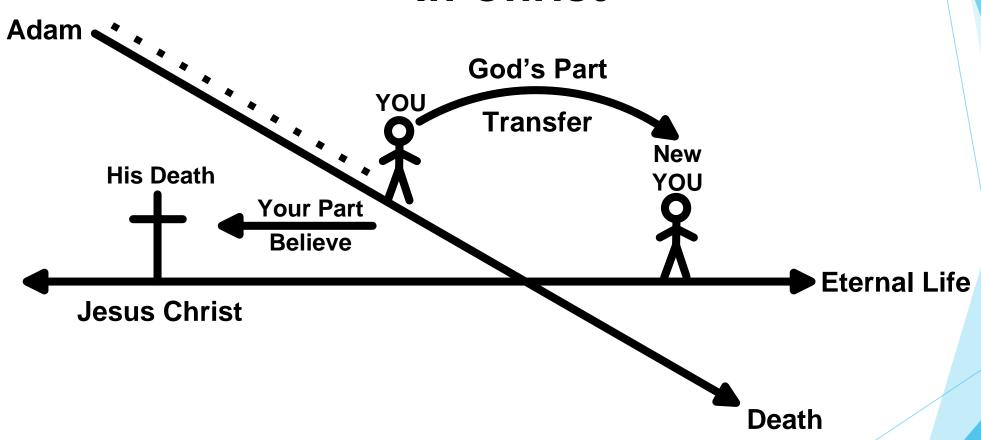
"I have discarded everything else," counting it all as garbage, so that I may have Christ and become one with Him. I no longer count on my own goodness or my ability to obey God's law, but I trust Christ to save me. For God's way of making us right with Himself depends on faith." Philippians 3:9 (NLT)

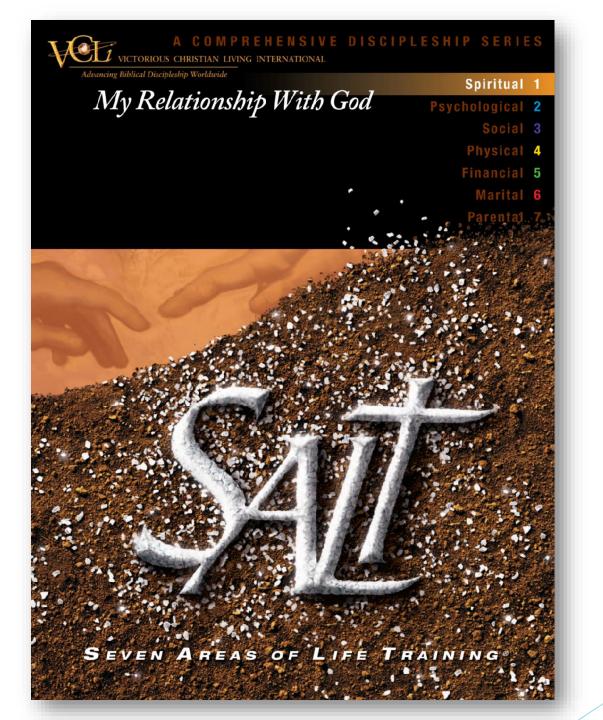
PERSONAL APPLICATION

Tell God where you have been trying to find significance in your past successes, as well as the areas where you have experienced guilt and failure.

Thank God for your new identity in Christ.

"In Christ"







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