Thanks a Lot, Adam!

**A is for Adam. “**In Adam’s fall, we sinned all” (*The New England Primer*).

For people who are connected to Him through faith, Jesus, the last Adam, has reversed God’s curse, which came on us through the first Adam.

**Thank God for connecting you to Adam.**

**1. If you were independent and unconnected –**

A. You would *sin eventually*

Only God’s holiness is *unchangeable*

Only by sharing in *God’s holiness*

can a creature be unchangeably holy

B. You would become like the *fallen angels*

C. You would be *unsaveable*

**2. Since you are connected to the first Adam –**

A. You can be connected to the *last Adam*

B. You can share in the last Adam’s *righteousness*

C. You can share in the last Adam’s *resurrection*

D. You can share in the last Adam’s *holiness*

**Application**

A. *Decrease* trust in self and *increase* trust in Christ

B. Praise God for the riches of His *wise plan*

**For additional study**

1. Angels –

* Angels are separate creations of God. They are not connected in biological families (Mark 12:25). Angels do not have a shared, common nature, as we do. That appears to be one reason Jesus did not take on an angelic nature to save them, as He took on a human nature to save us (Hebrews 2:14-16).
* The holy angels (Mark 8:28) were elected or chosen by God (1 Timothy 5:21). This appears to mean that they were able to remain holy because God chose to sustain their holiness when He permitted Satan and his followers to sin.

2. Union with Christ has a number of dimensions –

* Christ has a natural union with all human beings by way of His human birth. Luke traces His genealogy all the way back to Adam (Luke 3:23-38).
* He has a representative union with the elect; God appointed Him their priest and gave them to Him (Hebrews 5:1-6; John 6:37, 39; 17:9).
* He has a voluntary union with His people: (a) Voluntary on His part because He delighted to do His Father’s will (John 4:34; 6:38); (b) Voluntary on our part when we trust in Him and confess Him as our Lord and Savior.
* He has a spiritual union with His people by means of the indwelling Holy Spirit (Romans 8:9 ; Galatians 2:20).

**Note:** Charles Wesley’s hymn, “Hark the Herald Angels Sing” originally included the following lines.

Now display thy saving power,
Ruined nature now restore;
Now in mystic union join
Thine to ours, and ours to thine.

Adam's likeness, Lord, efface,
Stamp thine image in its place.
Second Adam from above,
Reinstate us in thy love.