

Adam's Casket

How did you ever get in Adam's casket in the first place? Whose responsibility is it that you are in Adam's casket? Whose fault and by whose sin did you end up there? We can all trace our ancestry back to one man — Adam himself. It was *his* fault, not *ours*, individually.

But we still can't get out. We are entombed in him and we can't get out by our own doings. It was the work of one man that got us all in his casket, and it's all the work of one Man to get us out.

When Adam ate the forbidden fruit in the garden, we were all there in his loins. When Messiah died to free us on the cross, we were also in *His loins*. When Adam disobeyed, we did also. When Messiah obeyed, we obeyed also. Who would you choose to be identified with if it was your choice?

Romans 5 shows us we are in Adam. Romans 6 tells us we are in Messiah. Romans 7 teaches us that we can now walk and live in the Spirit and never taste of death, by our own obedience to the Word of God (Jn 8:51).

So many people never realize that they are entombed in Adam and don't even sense the guilt of their indifference. Rom 5:12-21 teaches us that we are by nature sinners. We are constitutionally sinning. We are born sinners. Therefore, we are born into Adam's casket and under Satan's rule. But how do we get out?

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The two distinct classes of people in Gen 3:14-21. The New Jerusalem of Israel and the new nations of the universe — nations are to be ruled by Israel. *Ruled* means as a husband rules a submissive wife; as the Father ruled His submissive Son (Jn 10:17); as the Covenant to Abraham pertained to the rule of God over those who would be found worthy out of the nations (Gen 12:2). The exercise of authority over the instincts of the wife is man's chief duty to her in the second covenant. This is the reason Adam chose Eve and not God in the fall of man. So God then made that the very covenant that would then qualify him to be worthy of the nations and escape the second death, since by his choice he was now experiencing the first death of spiritual separation from God, his Creator — now worthy for his physical death that would only be terminated by the resurrection (Rev 20:11). But the second death is endless, without hope, etc.

Psalms 8:6

To know the purpose for your own existence is to know the plan and purpose of God, your Creator. Your Creator created you for a purpose. God truly does have a plan for you. His plan and His purpose is worked out in those who know Him by having surrendered their entire existence back to Him, spirit, soul, and body. They have become the Body of Messiah — who is the fullness of Him. That is, they are those who collectively, as a body, complete Messiah (the New Jerusalem), who will fill the whole universe with the rule of God over the new nations. The plan of God is to use Messiah to fill the universe with His glorious rule (Eph 1:23; 4:10; 3:21). The church is the completion of Messiah — as a body who will rule over the new nations. These new nations will procreate life, as it says, from generation to generation, forever and ever.

Without this corporate body — that is, Messiah's body, Yahshua a head of His body the church — the universe would never be able to be "filled up" as the mandate now in abeyance in Gen 1:27-28, but the day will come because of Messiah's work and His body's obedience to Him as their head, that will afford the headship over all the universe — planets filled with the nations that Mt 25:34; Rev 21:24; 22:2-3 speaks of. Without this collective Messiah, the universe would never be filled with God's highest creation, man. Yahshua Messiah would be incomplete without the ones who have surrendered their very existence to Him in obedience (Heb 2:11; 2:10-15) and without this Messiah would be incomplete and so would the universe. His work and His body's obedience brings about the plan and purpose of God — to fill every planet in the vast universe (galaxies without number) with God's highest expression of Himself — man, created in His own likeness; image bearers of His very own character, His very own goodness, even as we

now can express His very own character (Gal 5:22), as opposed to Satan's (Gal 5:19). To bear the fruit of the Divine Spirit, our spirit and mind must be in communion (1 Cor 6:17) with His (Rom 8:4-9). The whole universe must then be filled with those like Himself. So He needs those in whom He dwells in His Spirit (Eph 2:7), for in the ages to come He may display the transcendent riches of His grace.