

Becoming Adam

1 Corinthians 15:44b-45

⁴⁴ If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual *body*. ⁴⁵ So also it is written, "The first man, Adam, became a living soul." The last Adam *became* a life-giving spirit. ⁴⁶ However, the spiritual is not first, but the natural; then the spiritual.

In the progression from natural to spiritual, there is an order- first the natural, then the spiritual.

Jesus did not sit in heaven in the Spirit and call us to become spiritual- he did something unprecedented.

He *became* an Adam, and so sealed Adam's fate, ending the "soul-life," and filling Adam's race with a life-giving Spirit.

John 1:14 The Message (MSG)

¹⁴ The Word became flesh and blood, and moved into the neighborhood.

He became natural- though full of the Spirit- and took our hand to lead us into the things of the Spirit.

"Take to the world this love, this hope and faith; And take to the world this rare, relentless grace
And like the three in one, know you must become What you wanna save, 'cause that's still the way
He takes to the world" -Take to the World, *Derek Webb*

1 Corinthians 9:19-23

¹⁹ For though I am free from all *men*, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I may win more. ²⁰ To the Jews I became as a Jew, so that I might win Jews; to those who are under the Law, as under the Law though not being myself under the Law, so that I might win those who are under the Law; ²¹ to those who are without law, as without law, though not being without the law of God but under the law of Christ, so that I might win those who are without law. ²² To the weak I became weak, that I might win the weak; I have become all things to all men, so that I may by all means save some. ²³ I do all things for the sake of the gospel, so that I may become a fellow partaker of it.

Testimonies

Lorie and Shelby's neighbor

Nina and Jay hosting students

Tammy's Hairdresser

Pastor Joel to close out

1 Cor. 9:22-23

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