

# The Second Adam

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**WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL: NOVEMBER 21 - 26, 2022**

**PSALM 46:6-11**

**COLOSSIANS 1:15-23**

## MONDAY - November 21, 2022

**Psalm 46:6** The nations are in chaos, and their kingdoms crumble! God's voice thunders, and the earth melts!

**Colossians 1:15-16** He (Christ) is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him.

**REFLECTION:** Maintaining the purity of the gospel is the issue that St. Paul is addressing. The Jews were urging this young Christian community of Colossae to leave Christ behind and continue to observe the Jewish ceremonies. These attempts to throw Christ into the shadows, and water down His importance to the Good News is diabolical. St. Paul admits that all parts of our salvation are to be found in Christ alone. Christians should be aware and not be snared or entrapped by accepting a false doctrine about Christ. The sinful nature of all humankind brings about a cloudiness which obscures who Christ is, and His role in God's plan of redemption. Christ is the image of the invisible God. God is otherwise invisible. When Christ speaks, He is God communicating to us. Christ is a faultless representation of God's eternal power for all humans to comprehend.

**PRAYER TIME:** *May the nations of the world come to accept You Lord Jesus. My prayer is that You intercede in the chaos of today, and give us hope and grace as this dark world crumbles! In Jesus' Name, Amen.*



## TUESDAY - November 22, 2022

**Psalm 46:7** The Lord of Heaven's Armies is here among us; the God of Israel is our fortress.

**Colossians 1:17-18** And he (Christ) is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent.

**REFLECTION:** It is not often we think about the greatness and majesty of God. For example, God places all angels subject to Christ so that angels will never obscure Christ's glory. "In Him all things hold together", relates to Christ's power in God's kingdom. Angels were created by Christ, to serve Christ and He sustains them by his power and upholds them for future use. The Son of God is in the Highest seat of honor. He sits at the right hand of God. In His most excellence way, Christ is sovereign over all creatures. The Church is the life of Christ flowing to human beings. Christ alone has authority to govern the Church. When Christ rose from the dead, He established the kingdom of God on earth. This new beginning is a continual process each time a heart is renewed. Jesus is called "the first-fathered from the dead", not because He was the first that rose again, but because He has also restored life from the dead. We are called the first-fruits of this new life. 1 Corinthians 15:20 *But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.*

**PRAYER TIME:** *Lord God of heaven You are the fortress of my life. You have blessed me with the power of the "first father of the dead" and restored me to new life by His Spirit. Thank you! In Jesus' Name, Amen.*

### WEDNESDAY - November 23, 2022

**Psalm 46:8** Come, see the glorious works of the Lord: See how he brings destruction upon the world.

**Colossians 1:19-20** For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

**REFLECTION:** This new life obtained for us in Christ is an act which pleases God. Christ is the fulfillment of the divine intervention in the world today. Christ's reverence for the Father is so overwhelming it allows us to drink from His eternal fountain leading us back to God. John 5:20 *For the Father loves the Son and shows him everything he is doing. In fact, the Father will show him how to do even greater works than healing this man. Then you will truly be astonished. As we draw from the fullness of Christ, everything we are is refined to be made 100% right with God. Our true happiness, joy and comfort comes from knowing our future is secure. Remember our very life is being held fast by God's grace. There is nothing more miserable than being alienated from God's love and kindness. When a person is shut out from God, there will always be a nagging uncertainty about life after death. The Son of God is the victim who endures the punishment for our sin. Now we are set free from the terror of death.*

**PRAYER TIME:** *Lord Jesus, blessings to You for setting me free from the darkness of death. By Your love and sacrifice I am learning to be secure and not afraid of my death. In Jesus' Name, Amen.*

### THURSDAY - November 24, 2022

**Psalm 46:9** He causes wars to end throughout the earth. He breaks the bow and snaps the spear; he burns the shields with fire.

**Colossians 1:21** And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind (to Christ), doing evil deeds.

**REFLECTION:** It is difficult for people to embrace the doctrine of alienation from God. The Gospel teaches us that we are spiritually, physically, and mentally isolated from our Creator. Before our new birth in Christ, we lived in sin which severs us from the glory of God. There are many enemies of God who do everything possible to dissuade us from receiving Christ. It is difficult to accept, but the truth is we are NOT free to choose God. As long as a person is apart from Christ there is enmity. The good news is when God's justice is appeased from Christ's death and resurrection we have 100% access to the Kingdom of God. Now we have a lifetime to learn to love and live as God's children. Romans 8:6-9 *So letting your sinful nature control your mind leads to death. But letting the Spirit control your mind leads to life and peace. For the sinful nature is always hostile to God. It never did obey God's laws, and it never will. That's why those who are still under the control of their sinful nature can never please God. But you are not controlled by your sinful nature. You are controlled by the Spirit if you have the Spirit of God living in you.*

**PRAYER TIME:** *Say the Lord's Prayer.*

### FRIDAY - November 25, 2022

**Psalm 46:10** "Be still, and know that I am God! I will be honored by every nation. I will be honored throughout the world."

**Colossians 1:22** (Christ) He has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him.

**REFLECTION:** Take a moment to reflect on Christ presenting you personally to God the Father. He has made you blameless of your sin. That ought to put a giddy-up in your step. I need to be reminded daily of this amazing doctrine of salvation. We will not be perfect until Christ appears for the restoration of all things. Paul shows us what is accomplished in this world, and what blessings are brought to us by Christ. We should cherish the thought that the Son of God put on our nature and took upon himself this horrid earthly body. It was necessary that the Son of God would become a man and partaker in our flesh. He becomes our holy brother. He died to become a sacrifice for us and make us favorable to His Father, all for the purpose of presenting us to God. First there is remission of sins, and then spiritual regeneration. Jeremiah 31:33 *I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people.*

**PRAYER TIME:** *Lord Jesus, as I come into Your presence today help me to be still and rest my mind and heart in You. Praise You, for the gratuitous, righteous gift of Your Spirit. In Jesus' Name, Amen.*

## SATURDAY - November 26, 2022

**Psalm 46:11** The Lord of Heaven's Armies is here among us; the God of Israel is our fortress.

**Colossians 1:23** If indeed you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, became a minister.

**REFLECTION:** There is a famous theological phrase that says: "We are all ready, but not yet." This means that we are saved by God's grace but this grace has not come to the full completion. St. Paul warns people that the grace that has been awarded to them would all be in vain unless we pursue it in the purity of the gospel. In other words, we have the first installment of grace but more is to come as we journey towards our heavenly home. We are still making progress and have not yet reached the goal of God's new heaven and earth. Our faith is constantly exposed to dangerous schemes by those who preach and teach a false gospel. We need to have assurance of faith and that comes by being grounded in Christ. Faith is not simply an opinion, but is made up of firm and unwavering articles that can withstand all the tricks of hell. If a person is always in doubt about the present state of grace, they tend to be led away from Christ. Their minds become clouded and preoccupied with a false gospel. When we feed our faith daily we become more and more settled in our faith. Show me a person living out of the promises of the gospel and there you will find joy and hope of everlasting salvation.

**PRAYER TIME:** *God of heaven and earth, I pray today that You hold me close and feed me the true gospel which confirms me in faith, hope and love. In Jesus' Name, Amen.*