



## SONS OF ADAM OR SONS OF GOD?

**Every** human born to this earth is a child of either Adam **or** God and lives life with the goal of self redemption/salvation. We are going to discuss the differences between these two.

For those **not** living life for God through Jesus, they are considered sons (and daughters) of Adam. Christ had not come to redeem yet so redemption was different after being removed from the Garden of Eden. There is a definite picture of this life today for those who choose to reject this now available gift from God (Jesus our savior). It mimics Adam's life and includes a life of ruin (Rom 5:9), sin (Rom 5:12, 15, 21), death (Rom 5:12, 16, 21), separation from God (Rom 5:18), disobedience (Rom 5:12, 19), judgment (Rom 5:18), and living under the law (Rom 5:20).

Those living as sons (and daughters) of God, through salvation in Jesus Christ who eliminated and satisfied the law, experience a life of rescue (Rom 5:8), righteousness (Rom 5:18), eternal life (Rom 5:17,21), relationship with God (Rom 5:11,19), obedience (Rom 5:19), deliverance (Rom 5:10, 11) and grace [God's riches at Christ's expense] (Rom 5:20).

The lifestyle of the son's of Adam and the fact of having to live under the law is essentially living life toward redemption and religion through self effort. In contrast, living as children of God, we live a rich life leading to salvation (redemption) through **faith** in Jesus the Christ and **only** in what **He** has done to relieve us of our death sentence.

**Life as sons of Adam contrasts sharply to life as sons of God. There are stark differences in the goals, means to living, power, control and results in life.**

	Religion by Self Effort	Salvation by Faith
Goal	Please God by our own good deeds	Trust in Christ and live to please God
Means	Practice diligent service, discipline, and obedience, in hope of reward	Confess, submit, and commit yourself to Christ's control
Power	Good, honest effort through self-determination	The Holy Spirit helps us do good work for Christ's kingdom
Control	Self-motivation, self control	Christ is in us, we are in Christ
Results	Chronic guilt, apathy depression, failure, constant desire for approval	Joy, thankfulness, love, guidance, service, forgiveness
<p><i><b>*Warning*</b> - Salvation by faith in Christ sounds too easy for many people. They would rather think that they have done something to save themselves. Their religion becomes one of self-effort that leads either to disappointment or pride, but finally to eternal death. Christ's simple way is the only way, and it alone leads to eternal life.</i></p>		