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"But someone will say, 'How are the dead raised up? And with what kind of body do they come?' You fool, that which you sow does not come-to-life, except it dies. And that which you sow, you do not sow the body that it shall be. ... So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown in corruption, it is raised in incorruption; It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory; it is sown in weakness, it is raised in power; it is sown a natural body, it is raised a **spiritual body**. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body. And so it is written, 'The first man Adam was made a living soul.' (Genesis 2:7) The **Last Adam** was made a life-giving Spirit. However, the spiritual is not first, but that which is natural; and afterward that which is spiritual. The first man (Adam) is of the earth, earthy; the **Second Man** (the Lord Jesus) is from heaven. As is the earthy (as is Adam), such are they also who are earthy. And as is the heavenly (as Jesus was raised a **spiritual body**), such are they also who are heavenly. And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly." (1 Corinthians 15:35-37; 42-45-47-49)

Last: from the Greek word **eschatos** which means: last, at the last, final, finally, till the end.

Adam: from the Greek word **Adam** which means: the name of the first man, the first human father of the human race. From the Hebrew word **adam** which means: man, mankind.

Second: from the Greek word **deuteros** which means: second, secondly.

Man: from the Greek word **anthr pos** which means: a man, a human, mankind.

First: from the Greek word **protos** which means: first, before, principal, most important, chief.

These two synonymous titles of Jesus, the **Last Adam**, and the **Second Man**, are used in reference and comparison with the first man Adam, who was created by God from the dust of the ground (Genesis 2:7). Adam, and Eve also, had no physical earthly father or mother. Because Adam was created by God, he is called the son of God! (Luke 3:38)

Likewise, Jesus was 'begotten' by God's Spirit in the womb of Mary; thus the man Jesus is also called the Son of God! (see Luke 1:24, Matthew 1:20). Jesus is the **Second Man** in all of human history to be born without a biological earthly father. Jesus is also called the Last Adam, rather than the Second Adam, because there will never ever be another man, without an earthly father, so begotten or conceived by God.

But there is a mighty difference between the first Adam and the Last Adam – Jesus! Consider these scripture passages:

"Therefore, by one man (Adam) sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for all have sinned. For until the law sin was in the world; but sin is not imputed when there is no law. Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those who had not sinned in the likeness of Adam's transgression, who is a figure of Him (Jesus) who was to come. But the free gift is not like the offense. For if through the offense of one many are dead, how much more has the grace of God, and the gift by grace, which is by one man, Jesus Christ, abounded unto many. And the gift is not like that by one (Adam) who sinned; for the judgment came by one (Adam) resulting in condemnation, but the free gift, which came because of many offenses, resulted in justification." (Romans 5:12-16)

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“For if by one man's (Adam's) offense death reigned by one; how much more shall they, who receive the abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness, reign in life by One, Jesus Christ. Therefore, as by the offense of one (the first Adam), judgment came upon all men to condemnation; even so by the righteousness of One (Jesus the Last Adam) the free gift came upon all men unto justification of life. For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of One (Jesus) shall many be made righteous. And the law entered, that the offense might abound. But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound, so that as sin has reigned unto death, even so grace might reign through righteousness unto eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.” (Romans 5:17-21)

“But now Christ is risen from the dead, and has become the Firstfruits of those who slept (died). For since by a man (the first Adam) came death, by a Man (the last Adam - Jesus) came also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all (believers) be made alive. But every man in his own order: Christ the Firstfruits; afterward those who are Christ's at His (second) coming. Then comes the end, when He shall have delivered up the Kingdom to God, even the Father; when He shall have put down all rule and all authority and power. For He must reign, until He has put all enemies under His feet. The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death.” (1 Corinthians 15:20-26)

Finally, just as Adam was the first father of all earthly mankind, the human race; so also is Jesus the Father of all 'who are heavenly' believing mankind! Jesus is called our “Everlasting Father” in Isaiah 9:6!

For us Jesus the Christ, the Last Adam, came to:

- To save us from sin, and the consequences of sin!
- To destroy death! The death brought into the world by the first Adam!
- To secure for us the free gift of God by grace, which came upon all men resulting in our righteousness and justification of life!
- To make alive, through the resurrection of the dead, all those who are Christ's at His second coming!
- To secure for us new bodies: raised in incorruption; raised in glory; raised in power; and raised an immortal **spiritual body!**

JESUS IS ...

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**For us He was made a Life-giving Spirit by the Father in Heaven!
And we shall reign in life through Jesus!
And Jesus shall delivered up the Kingdom (us) to God, even the Father!**

Oh, what Amazing Grace!!

**Come Lord Jesus, come and establish the new heavens and the new earth,
Thank You for delivering us from sin and death!
Thank You for making us alive in You!**

Amen, and Amen !!