

God's Big Picture

An overview of the Bible in eight weeks

Part 6: The Present Kingdom

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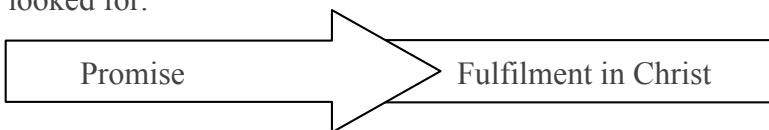
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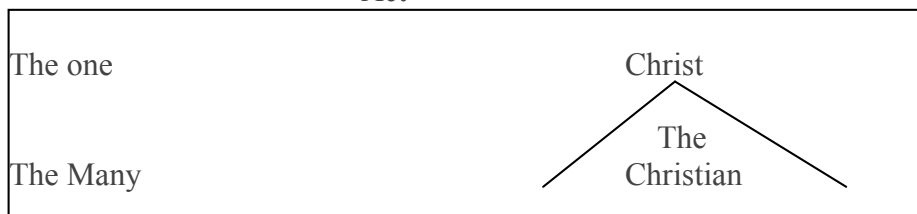
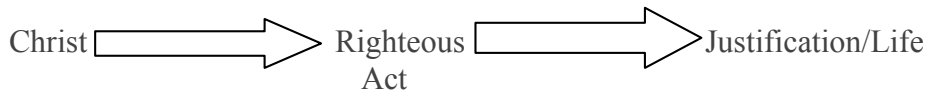
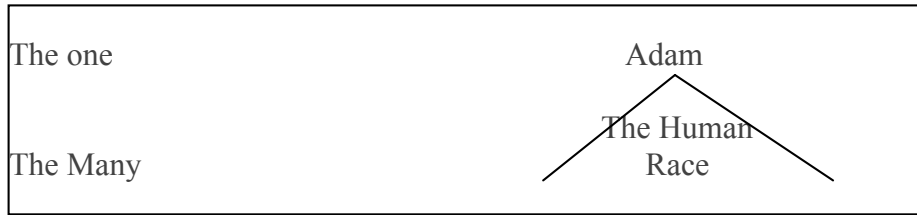
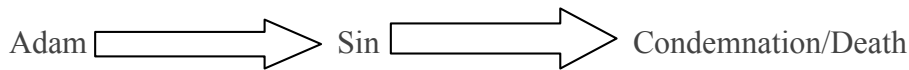
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God's Place

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-Facets of the Cross

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-Matthew: Jesus is the Christ of the Old Testament Scriptures

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-Mark: Jesus is the Suffering Servant who calls us to suffer too

Mark 8:29, 31, 34

-Luke: Jesus is the Saviour of the world

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-John: Jesus is the Son of God who gives eternal life

John 8:12; 14:6 John 20:31

Bible Study

Read Luke 1:39-80; 2:25-32

What do the words of Mary, Zechariah and Simeon teach us about the salvation Jesus brings?

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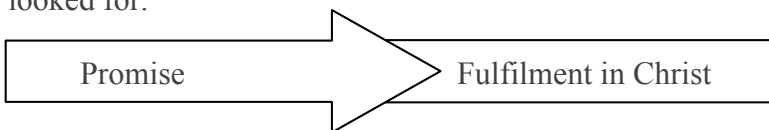
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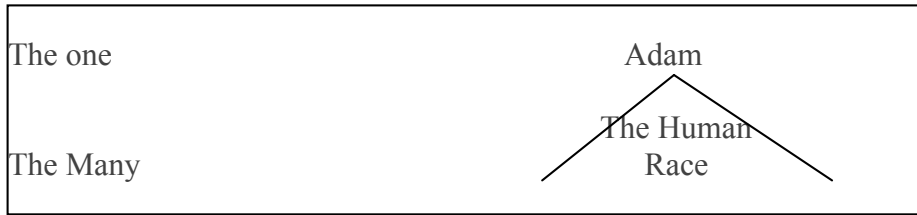
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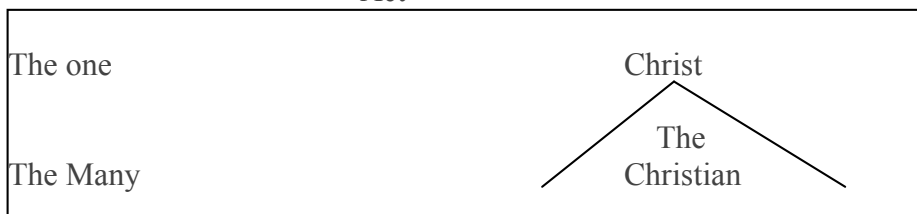
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Adam → Sin → Condemnation/Death



Christ → Righteous Act → Justification/Life



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