

Why Were You Born?

Class 12: The New Adam and the New Eve

Class Handout

Christ Restores What Was Lost

The Big Picture

- Man was created in harmony with God (Original Justice)
- Through sin, man fell into:
 - disorder
 - suffering
 - death

But God did not abandon humanity

“By one man’s disobedience many were made sinners... by one man’s obedience many shall be made just.”

— *Romans 5:19*

Christ: The New Adam

Christ restores what Adam lost.

Adam vs. Christ

Adam

Christ

Disobedience Perfect obedience

Brought sin Brings salvation

Tree in Eden Cross (Tree of Life)

Key Truth

- Adam said: “*My will be done*”
- Christ said:

“Not my will, but thine be done.” — *Luke 22:42*

Redemption begins in Gethsemane and is fulfilled on the Cross

Mary: The New Eve

Mary cooperates in God's plan of salvation.

"Behold the handmaid of the Lord." — *Luke 1:38*

Eve vs. Mary

Eve

Disobedience

Brought death

Mary

Obedience

Brought the Savior

"The knot of Eve's disobedience was untied by Mary's obedience."

— St. Irenaeus

Mary's "yes" begins redemption and continues at the Cross

What Christ Restores

Through His Passion, we receive:

- Forgiveness of sins
- Restoration of grace
- Adoption as children of God
- Eternal life

The Sacraments

- Baptism - removes original sin
- Confession - restores grace
- Eucharist - sustains divine life

Holy Week Connection

Everything flows from:

The Cross

- Gethsemane - obedience
- Good Friday - sacrifice
- Calvary - redemption

The Entire Story

Two Couples

- Adam & Eve - Fall, sin, death
- Christ & Mary - Redemption, grace, life

The Choice

You must decide:

Remain in Adam

or

Live in Christ

Reflection

- Where do I resist God's will?
- Do I embrace the Cross?
- Do I say "yes" to God like Mary?

Final Thought

The Fall happened at a tree.

Redemption happened on a tree.

Which tree defines your life?