We are members of the Oak Ridge church of Christ. We call ourselves Christians ([**Acts 11:26**](http://oakridgechurch.lakesonline.com/passage.asp?v=Acts%2011:26)) and we hold to the Bible as our one and only Truth. Church of Christ is a biblical description of Christians who work together for the cause of Christ ([**Ro. 16:16**](http://oakridgechurch.lakesonline.com/passage.asp?v=Romans%2016:16)). We are independent assemblies with no organization beyond our own number as described in [**Phil. 1:1**](http://oakridgechurch.lakesonline.com/passage.asp?v=Philippians%201:1). There are Christians across the world working with local congregations of God’s people such as described in [**Rev. 2**](http://oakridgechurch.lakesonline.com/passage.asp?v=Revelation%202)**-3**. Christians are members of Christ’s body, which is also known as His Church ([**Acts 2:47**](http://oakridgechurch.lakesonline.com/passage.asp?v=Acts%202:47)**,**[**Eph. 5:23**](http://oakridgechurch.lakesonline.com/passage.asp?v=Ephesians%205:23)). Our mission is to stand for God’s truth (the gospel) and teach it to all people ([**Matt. 28:18-20**](http://oakridgechurch.lakesonline.com/passage.asp?v=Matthew%2028:18-20)**,**[**Romans 1:16**](http://oakridgechurch.lakesonline.com/passage.asp?v=Romans%201:16)**,**[**1 Tim. 3:15**](http://oakridgechurch.lakesonline.com/passage.asp?v=1%20Timothy%203:15)). We are accountable to our one and only Head Jesus Christ ([**Eph. 1:22-23**](http://oakridgechurch.lakesonline.com/passage.asp?v=Ephesians%201:22-23)**,**[**Col. 1:18**](http://oakridgechurch.lakesonline.com/passage.asp?v=Colossians%201:18)).

**Adam and The Christ**

Introduction: As Christians we know that Jesus is our ultimate example of perfection. There are also many individuals in the scriptures that we can look to as examples of righteousness, and thus did many things in ways similar to Jesus. We are starting a series of programs that compares some of these individuals to Jesus. Some of these people were similar because their lives emulated His life; others were similar because events that happened in their lives corresponded with events in His life. In all of these cases we can see the consistency of the Scriptures and of God's expectations for His followers. Tonight is **Adam and The Christ**.

**Similarities between Adam and The Christ**

**Both Have a Miraculous Beginning**

* Adam ([**Genesis 1:26-29**](http://oakridgechurch.com/passage.asp?v=Genesis%201:26-29)): Jesus ([**Luke 1:26-38**](http://oakridgechurch.com/passage.asp?v=Luke%201:26-38)**, 2:4-14**)

**Both Givers of Life**

* Adam ([**Genesis 4:1-2**](http://oakridgechurch.com/passage.asp?v=Genesis%204:1-2)**, 25-26**): Jesus ([**Colossians 1:15-23**](http://oakridgechurch.com/passage.asp?v=Colossians%201:15-23)**,**[**Hebrews 1:1-2**](http://oakridgechurch.com/passage.asp?v=Hebrews%201:1-2))

**Both Were Perfect and Innocent**

* Adam ([**Genesis 2:25**](http://oakridgechurch.com/passage.asp?v=Genesis%202:25)): Jesus ([**Hebrews 7:26-27**](http://oakridgechurch.com/passage.asp?v=Hebrews%207:26-27))

**Both Rulers**

* Adam ([**Genesis 1:26-28**](http://oakridgechurch.com/passage.asp?v=Genesis%201:26-28)): Jesus ([**Ephesians 1:20-23**](http://oakridgechurch.com/passage.asp?v=Ephesians%201:20-23))

**Deep Sleep Produced a Bride**

* Adam ([**Genesis 2:18-24**](http://oakridgechurch.com/passage.asp?v=Genesis%202:18-24)): Jesus ([**Eph. 5:22-33**](http://oakridgechurch.com/passage.asp?v=Eph.%205:22-33)**,** [**Rev. 19:6-8**](http://oakridgechurch.com/passage.asp?v=Rev.%2019:6-8))

**Both Were Wounded in Their Side**

* Adam ([**Genesis 2:21**](http://oakridgechurch.com/passage.asp?v=Genesis%202:21)): Jesus ([**John 19:34-37**](http://oakridgechurch.com/passage.asp?v=John%2019:34-37)**, 20:24-25**)

**Differences between Adam and The Christ**

**Both Tested**

* Adam ([**Genesis 2:16-17**](http://oakridgechurch.com/passage.asp?v=Genesis%202:16-17)): Jesus ([**Philippians 2:1-8**](http://oakridgechurch.com/passage.asp?v=Philippians%202:1-8))

**Both Made Choices**

* Adam sinned ([**Genesis 3:1-7**](http://oakridgechurch.com/passage.asp?v=Genesis%203:1-7)): Jesus never sinned ([**Hebrews 2:17-18**](http://oakridgechurch.com/passage.asp?v=Hebrews%202:17-18)**, 4:15**)

**Death or Life?**

* Death through Adam ([**1 Corinthians 15:20-24**](http://oakridgechurch.com/passage.asp?v=1%20Corinthians%2015:20-24)):
* Life through Jesus ([**Romans 5:17**](http://oakridgechurch.com/passage.asp?v=Romans%205:17)**,**[**1 Corinthians 15:45**](http://oakridgechurch.com/passage.asp?v=1%20Corinthians%2015:45)**,**[**Colossians 3:4**](http://oakridgechurch.com/passage.asp?v=Colossians%203:4))

**CLOSING**

Adam was the first man and the one who brought sin into the world. That sin caused a separation from the Tree of Life and physical death. A Savior was needed: Jesus, The Christ! He paid the price for man’s sins ([**Hebrews 9:27-28**](http://oakridgechurch.com/passage.asp?v=Hebrews%209:27-28)). Following Him will reunite you with God ([**John 3:16**](http://oakridgechurch.com/passage.asp?v=John%203:16)**, 14:1-6**) and bring you to the Tree of Life ([**Revelation 22:1-5**](http://oakridgechurch.com/passage.asp?v=Revelation%2022:1-5))! Why not become one of His followers, a Christian? Believe Him, confess that He is the Son of God, repent of your sins, and be baptized to wash them all away in His blood. The reward is a meaningful life on earth and eternal life in Heaven!

Please check the scriptures we have covered tonight. We want to help you in any way we can. Contact us for Bible studies by telephone, e-mail, or simply come to one of our assemblies. Contact: We assemble at 225 North Purdue Ave. in Oak Ridge at 9am on Sundays and 7pm on Wednesdays; oakridgechurch.com; [larry.paden@oakridgechurch.com](mailto:larry.paden@oakridgechurch.com), [murray.wade@oakridgechurch.com](mailto:murray.wade@oakridgechurch.com); (865) 693-1416.

For our next live program, next month on January 3, 2022 we hope to study, **"Joseph and The Christ”** We hope to see you next time on **"Speaking The Truth In Love".**