

"But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a dedicated nation, [God's] own purchased, special people, that you may set forth the wonderful deeds and display the virtues and perfections of Him Who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light." 1 Peter 2:9

"Thus it is written, The first man Adam became a living being (an individual personality); the last Adam (Christ) became a life-giving Spirit [restoring the dead to life]."
1 Corinthians 15:45

First Adam

1. How we lost it – _____

"Therefore, as sin came into the world through one man, and death as the result of sin, so death spread to all men, [no one being able to stop it or to escape its power] because all men sinned." Romans 5:12

2. What we lost – _____

"But he was pierced for our rebellion, crushed for our perversions." Isaiah 53:5

" 'Meaningless! Meaningless!' says the Teacher. 'Utterly meaningless! Everything is meaningless.' " Ecclesiastes 1:2

Last Adam (Jesus)

1. What we gain – God's _____ for mankind

"For if because of one man's trespass (lapse, offense) death reigned through that one, much more surely will those who receive [God's] overflowing grace (unmerited favor) and the free gift of righteousness [putting them into right standing with Himself] reign as kings in life through the one Man Jesus Christ (the Messiah, the Anointed One)." Romans 5:17

2. How we gain it – _____

"We know that our old (unrenewed) self was nailed to the cross with Him in order that [our] body [which is the instrument] of sin might be made ineffective and inactive for evil, that we might no longer be the slaves of sin." Romans 6:6

"Even so consider yourselves also dead to sin and your relation to it broken, but alive to God [living in unbroken fellowship with Him] in Christ Jesus." Romans 6:11

3. Why it matters – _____