

("ADAM AND EVE" courtesy of Sunset Baptist Church, Ponca City, Oklahoma)

Genesis 3: 24

After he drove the man out, he placed on the east side of the Garden of Eden cherubim and a flaming sword flashing back and forth to guard the way to the tree of life.

## THE LAST ADAM

The first Adam was a <u>physical</u> creation, perfectly formed by God's own hand.

Who in the garden, communed with Him, and freely roamed the land

From the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, Adam and Eve were told not to eat

But convinced by the serpent to disobey God, from their sin they could not retreat.

This act of disobedience and fall from grace, now affected all creation

Paradise underserved, God cast them out, for succumbing to Satan's temptation

God's plan of eternal life, in a state of sin, to dust we all would return

How to survive, in a cruel hardened world, would now be mankind's mutual concern.

The last Adam, a <u>life-giving Spirit</u>, was Jesus, God's one and only Son

Through the act of salvation, the work would be finished, the Master Potter had begun.

Although borne in the image of the one from dust, we can bear that of the heavenly Man

Through belief in Jesus and repentance of sin, God will complete the work in us He began.

Man's road to God's presence, closed in Eden, has now been opened by His Son

His death on the cross, brought triumph out of tragedy, and our access to God had begun

Due to Jesus' sacrifice on our behalf, no one spiritually needs ever to die

Since salvation is found in no one else, it is on our Savior all man must rely.