

## Second Hand Preacher

### *The Feast of Christ the King*

November 23, 2014

1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28

Christ the new Adam.

Adam, our first parent, sinned and brought about death into the world. The sin of Adam is all of our sin. This original sin is wiped away by the waters of baptism. God chose to be incarnate, that is take flesh with the birth of Jesus. Jesus suffered and died for our sins making him the new Adam giving us victory over sin and death. In doing so, heaven becomes available to all of us living and dead. Jesus is the pathway to eternal life. Christ thus becomes our King and Savior. He leads us by the example of his humanity here on earth as given to us through Sacred Scripture and the Sacraments. We are called to love the new Adam as he loved us first.

This was big news for the Christians in Corinth as they continued to form their community. St. Paul writes them two letters that help to guide them in the ways of faith. Living in Corinth they would have been subject to Roman rule. They would have been overseen by the empire and would practice this new way, the Christian faith, in secret. Paul wants them to realize they have one greater than the Emperor. They have a God who is all in all.

Jesus is a great gift to the Corinthians giving them the strength to endure hardships. Jesus is the first fruits of all who believe in him. We share that with the Corinthians that Jesus is the source of our strength. He is the King who dies for us and rules over us forever.