

Ephesians

WHO WE ARE IN CHRIST

Obituary of a Lost Person

John Doe died yesterday after a long illness, brought on as the inevitable and long-term consequence of sin introduced into the world in the Garden of Eden by his ancestors, Adam and Eve.

John was born in a hospital in Small Town, conceived and born into sin, a condition he struggled with his entire life, having identified himself on many occasions as a recovering addict with a few well-publicized stints in rehab following a couple of contentious divorces.

Despite this, John accomplished much in his life, including an illustrious career that earned the praise of his peers. However, in a revealing essay published shortly before his death, John confessed that career success and wealth building did not necessarily translate into personal satisfaction and that peace often eluded him. “It keeps me up at night, thinking about the emptiness that is still there,” he said. John said establishing a foundation for his favorite cause of addiction recovery was an attempt to find fulfillment and make his life truly count, but such philanthropic efforts and good works somehow still fell short of his expectations.

John is survived by one daughter, who likewise expressed a sense of disappointment that her father never found what he really wanted out of life. “I got the impression that having a child was another way to check off a box that was supposed to bring him satisfaction, but never really did. I had a good relationship with my father, but I knew it was never really enough. He never found what he was looking for—and for that matter, neither have I.” John’s daughter stands to inherit a multi-million-dollar estate and plans to take over the work of the family foundation. “I plan to follow in my father’s footsteps. It seems a fitting way to honor his memory—and I know from my own personal struggles how much this healthcare is needed.”