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Transforming Daily
“... by Man ...”
1 Corinthians 15:21

Paul makes a bold Christological declaration. He says that through Christ, the Man, resurrection has come. He compares the man, Adam, with the Man Christ. Paul's argument is predicated on the doctrine known as the Hypostatic Union. Oversimplified, it means that Jesus Christ is fully God and fully Man. Therefore, Christ not only brings the resurrection, He is the resurrection.

Further, Paul argues that mankind is in need of resurrection because of the sin of the man, Adam. The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord (Romans 6:23). Adam's sin brought a death sentence on all mankind, but through Jesus Christ, God offers pardon from our sins. The process includes the resurrection. Again, as Danny Akin says, “Without the crucifixion, there is no salvation, and without the resurrection, there is no eternal life.”

One of the reasons the resurrection (Christ as well as ours) is so important is because of the depth and far reaching consequences of sin. It wasn't only the soul that suffered the fall, the body did as well. The corruption of the soul is not the only part of mankind that was affected by sin. The whole man was destroyed and stood in condemnation. So it wasn't that just the soul needed to be redeemed, but also the body needed to be transformed, glorified in newness through the resurrection.

Paul later makes this very point when he says that man's fallen body will not see heaven without the supernatural transformation through Christ Jesus. He uses couplets like corruption and incorruption, mortality and immortality, natural body and spiritual body. So it wasn't just the spirit that needed transformation so did the body. That's why elsewhere in Scripture we are warned not to fear those that can harm the body, but fear God who can not only destroy the body, but also the soul.

Do you understand the depth and breadth of the ramifications of sin? Do you understand that the fall of Adam affected the body and the soul? By man, Adam, mankind was condemned, but salvation is offered to mankind through the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus Christ, by Man.