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Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:1-22
Subject: Two men

Two men can be looked at in a number of ways

“How can two walk together?” (Amos 3:3) - Yoked together
“Where two or three are gathered together”(Mat 18:20) Fellowship

Can also be used to contrast,

Pharisee and Publican (Luke 18:9-14)

2 Thieves on cross (Luke 23:39-43) – one went to heaven, one went to hell, one had accepted, one rejected.

2 ways (Matt 7:13,14) – Broad, going down with the crowd. “Broad way leads to destruction”
- Narrow, to heaven. “Narrow leads to life”

2 destinys (John 3:36) - heaven or hell

1. Cor 15:47 God lays emphasis on just two men.

Who are they? Adam and Christ

Why is Christ called the second man? Second in order with no idea of time

What is their origin? One earthly, second from heaven.

The first man, Gen 2:7

Not born naturally but created

He wasn't an infant, He had no parents or siblings.

He was the climax of God's creation, “spake and it was done, commanded and it stood fast”

God formed Him and made provision for him, Gen 2:18-25 – He formed the woman.

Created by God a mature being in the prime of life and perfect.

Gen 1:26 – Adam was made in the likeness of God. God “breathed into nostrils and became a living soul”. God placed Adam in the perfect environment. God gave Adam the ability to do His will, God did not make Adam as a robot, He made one prohibition to Adam. Gen 3 the serpent comes in and approaches the woman. He questions the woman with “hath God said”. Adam was not deceived but was disobedient. The woman had been deceived. Adam knew what he was doing. “As by one man sin entered into the world and death by sin, so death hath passed upon all men for all have sinned”(Rom 5:12).

The first man brought ruin to the human race. Disobedience brought destruction. “In Adam all die”. We are all in Adam naturally, we are part of the creation of which he is head. We are in Adam by natural birth. There is no remedy and recovery through Adam.

The second man, Christ, came to this world out from heaven. He is the subject of the miracle of incarnation. He was born in a natural way through Mary. He was conceived in a miraculous way “that holy thing that shall be born of thee”(Lu 1:35). He became something He was not before. He became man, He was obedient to the Father's will. “Wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business” “God manifest in flesh” Beyond anything we could imagine that God came into this world that rejected His claims. He came into a hostile environment.

He wasn't an emergency measure. We read of the manor and place of birth prior to the event. “[The Lord shall give you a sign](#)”(Isa 7:14), “[Bethlehem.](#)”(Mic 5:2), “[Unto us a child is born, a son is given](#)”(Isa 9:6).

“[In the beginning was the word....](#)”(John1:1-4).

He came so that those associated with the first man have the possibility of being associated with the second. “[Ye must be born again](#)” (John 3:3, 3:7) – The new birth is essential to be in Christ.

“[Translated from power of darkness...](#)”

By nature and practice we are far from God.

There must be a time when we pass from authority of fallen Adam to being in Christ.

John 1:1-14

“[Passed from death unto life](#)”

Spiritual laws apply to those in Christ. No longer death and judgment but life and blessings. (Eph 2:13).

Upon believing we are “[brought nigh by the blood of Christ](#)”

We possess now eternal life. In a coming day He will come and “[change these bodies of humiliation to be like Christ](#)”.

Have we all experienced salvation's day? Have we all come to Christ for salvation?