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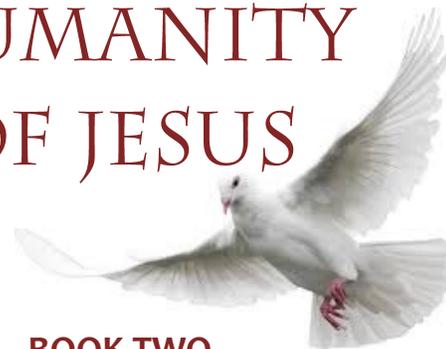
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He was manifested to take away our sins; and in Him is no sin.” Absolutely not a trace of sin in our Blessed Savior. 2 Corinthians 5:21, “For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us,” that is, He never became acquainted with sin. Jesus and sin were total strangers. Hebrews 4:15, “For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin.” 1 John 3:3, everyone who has the hope of the Second Coming of Christ will “... purify himself, even as He is pure.” Jesus Christ was perfect purity.

TESTIMONY REGARDING THE SINLESSNESS OF CHRIST

1. Jesus' own testimony. He saw sin in others but did not see sin in Himself. John 8:46, “Which of you convicts Me of sin?...” He was without sin. Christ was the only man that could ever make that claim honestly after Adam's fall. Jesus never admitted a fault or ever asked for forgiveness of sins. No evil thought ever lodged in his perfect, holy mind.
2. Pontius Pilate who was Jesus' judge examined Him and said, “I find no fault in Him at all,” John 18:38. What a clear testimony from a responsible judge under authority !

THE HUMANITY OF JESUS



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cannot be the Savior for He has broken the prophecies of Holy Scripture.

6. It is useful truth for the Almighty God has now entered the world as a man - but a sinless man, a man without a sin nature, a man who can save others. “Emmanuel” means “God with us.” This is now true, for God has come to live on earth.
7. It is unavoidable truth for we face it yearly as we hear the Christmas story. We should proclaim the virgin-born Savior to the world.

THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE VIRGIN BIRTH

Jesus Christ was not a phantom. He was a real human being, truly man, bone of our bone and flesh of our flesh. Philippians 2:7, He has become our “elder brother.” Jesus Christ was also God and remained God because of the Holy Spirit conception. Jesus Christ was sinless because He was virgin-born without inheriting a fallen sinful, corrupt human nature. He was without original sin.

OBJECTIONS TO THIS DOCTRINE

1. It is only found in a few places in Scripture. One Scripture is sufficient but it is confirmed by Isaiah. Matthew and Luke, three inspired writers.

THE VIRGIN BIRTH OF CHRIST

NOTES:

INTRODUCTION

In the Christmas story we learn that Jesus became a man, who took upon Himself the form and likeness of man (*Philippians 2:5-8*).

We believe that since Adam sinned, all born thereafter inherit a sin nature from their parents.

How then was Jesus born without a sin nature?

Psalm 51:5, "Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin my mother conceived me." *Psalm 58:3*, "The wicked are estranged from the womb; They go astray as soon as they are born, speaking lies."

If Christ inherited a sin nature, then He was a sinner and died for His own sin. Even though Christ lived a sinless life, He would be unable to save one soul.

Christ was born without a sin nature. How was this accomplished? The Father God solved this difficult problem by what is called the "Virgin Birth." The mystery of the virgin birth is to be believed, adored and accepted by Christians. The only logical answer to the dilemma is that the sin nature passed from the father to the child and not from the mother to the child. Jesus did not have a human

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2. Jesus did not personally claim to be virgin-born. He infers it in *John 6:51*.
3. Scientists do not accept it for it is not biologically true. Jesus did not come by natural conception but by a miracle conception.
4. Others reject it because it is miraculous. All life is a miracle, wonderful, mysterious.
5. Modern theologians do not accept the doctrine. That does not alter the fact that it is true, for it is taught in the Holy Scriptures in prophecy and history.

CONCLUSION

We should continually thank God that He found a way to bring the Savior into the world without the taint of original sin.

will of God and deviating toward the path of sin. Sin is external (lying, stealing, murder) but it is also internal. *Matthew 15:19*, the thoughts of the heart being the root of later evil actions. Jesus was sinless both externally and internally. He completely conformed to that which is wholly good and holy at all times. *Hebrews 7:26* describes the sinlessness of Christ as being... "who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners,..." holy means free from defilement. Peter describes this sinlessness as being "... as of a lamb without blemish and without spot," *1 Peter 1:19*. This thought also occurs in *Hebrews 9:14*.

THE FACT OF THE SINLESSNESS OF CHRIST

In *Acts 4:27, 30*, the expression, "Your Holy Servant Jesus" occurs twice, signifying that from birth He was holy, pure, sinless, and free from defilement. The devils recognize Jesus as the Holy One of God: *Mark 1:24*. The demons in *Luke 4:34* cried out, "I know who You are—the Holy One of God!" The strongest proof of the sinlessness of Christ is not the testimony of the devils but the plain, inspired Word of God. We believe God's Word is true. *1 Peter 2:21-22*, "Christ... Who committed no sin, Nor was deceit found in His mouth;" *1 John 3:5*, "And you know that

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RESULTS OF CHRIST'S SINLESSNESS

1. Being sinless He was the perfect revelation of God to mankind .
2. Being human and sinless it guarantees a perfect mediator. It shows that He came right down to the level of man, of being temptable yet resisting and overcoming.
3. Being human and sinless He became an acceptable sacrifice on Calvary for our sins.
4. He set before us a perfect example for us to follow, *1 Peter 2:21-22*.
5. It points the way to a home in heaven opened to us by a sinless Savior.

CONCLUSION

We should praise God that Jesus came without original sin and went back to heaven sinless for He lived a life of absolute moral perfection.

We should bow down before Him in worship, praise, adoration for this wonderful victory. There is liberty and victory through a perfectly victorious Savior.

THE SINLESSNESS OF CHRIST

INTRODUCTION

Jesus was born without original sin, without a sin nature, by virtue of the fact that He was virgin-born, without a human father. Jesus lived His whole life without sin, without committing one sin. He lived and died without a taint of sin. It is true that Jesus Christ was not a hybrid, half God and half man. He was true man and true God, without being a mixture of the two natures. The two natures of the Savior were separate and distinct in every respect. The manhood of Jesus is essentially one with ours. It is a distinctive human phenomenon. He was an ideal man. He was a perfect and normal man. Jesus is unique because of His life of sinlessness, a completely unspotted life.

THE MEANING OF THE SINLESSNESS OF CHRIST

SINFULNESS is a want of conformity to the will of God. SINLESSNESS is complete conformity to the will of God. *Hebrews 10:7, "Behold, I come. . . to do Your will, O God"* *John 17:4, "I have finished the work which You have given Me to do."* Sinfulness is antagonism toward the

father for the Holy Spirit was His Father. Mary was the mother, but did not pass on a sin nature to baby Jesus.

Oh how wonderful of our God to solve this difficult problem so that we might have a Savior who could truly redeem us from sin on the cross of Calvary.

THE HISTORIC FULFILLMENT OF THIS PROPHECY

Matthew 1:18-25 records the story as does *Luke 2:4-7*. Mary was engaged to Joseph but they were not married yet. Christ was born of a virgin but a betrothed virgin so that she could be married to protect her good name. Mary's conception was definitely from the Holy Spirit and not from her fiancé Joseph or any other man whatsoever. God guarantees this to give us a perfect Savior.

The Lord encouraged Joseph to marry Mary to be a companion and guide to her in order to protect her from the extremity of the law (*Leviticus 20:10*). *Matthew 1:25* tells us that though Joseph and Mary were married they never lived together as husband and wife until after the birth of the Savior.

God takes special care to insert this verse with this intimate detail to show us that the unborn child could not possibly be contaminated by a human father.

THE RELATIONSHIP OF THE SON TO THE FATHER

INTRODUCTION

This is a controversial point with many cults who deny the Deity of Christ. They say that Jesus, like us, is a son of God, but not God. They maintain that He is son who is subservient to the Father and quote Scriptures to prove it.

How do we evangelicals answer their seemingly unanswerable arguments? I believe that in brief the answer is this: As God, Jesus in His pre-incarnate state was, is, and always will be equal with God the Father. However, in His incarnate state He is definitely subservient to the Father. A study of the pre-incarnate Christ will help us to appreciate what the Son emptied Himself of in order to become our Savior, *Philippians 2:5-8*.

JESUS CHRIST AS GOD IS EQUAL TO THE FATHER

1 John 2:23, "Whoever denies the Son does not have the Father either; he who acknowledges the Son has the Father also." The Jews who were strong believers in

THE VIRGIN BIRTH IS TAUGHT IN SCRIPTURE

Some try to maintain that Paul did not teach the virgin birth of Christ. It is true that Paul does not use that exact expression but Paul knew the risen Christ in *2 Corinthians 15:8*, and recognized Him as the One fulfilling *Isaiah 7:14*. Paul, writing in *Colossians 1:15-17*, gives a picture of the greatness of the Lord Jesus Christ. *Isaiah* prophesied of the Savior's birth 740 years before it actually happened. Matthew explicitly states that Jesus was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of a virgin (*Matthew 1:18, 20, 23*).

Luke, a medical doctor, would be most interested in this medical phenomenon. Every child must have a father. Who was the Father of the baby Jesus? If the father were human, then he had a sin nature and we are yet in our sins. Luke carefully explains the unusual conception in... *Luke 1:27*, The virgin's name is Mary.

Luke 1:31, conceive in your womb a Son, and His name will be Jesus.

Luke 1:34, Mary asks the sensible question of the angel, "How can I have a child when I am not married?" This infers that she was a pure virgin abhorring immorality.

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Deuteronomy 6:4, understood Christ meaning. The Jews recognized but one God, "The Lord our God is one Lord," and considered Christ's claims as blasphemous and worthy of death by stoning, *Leviticus 24:12*.

John 5:18, "Therefore the Jews sought all the more to kill Him, because He not only broke the Sabbath, but also said that God was His Father, making Himself equal with God."

John 10:30, "I and My Father are one," is certainly a proof of His equality with God.

John 14:9, "Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and yet you have not known Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; so how can you say, 'Show us the Father?'" They are one and indivisible.

Colossians 1:15, "He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation." Jesus Christ is the visible reflection of the invisible God - invisible because He is a Spirit.

John 10:33, "The Jews answered Jesus, saying, "For a good work we do not stone You, but for blasphemy, and because You, being a Man, make Yourself God." Jesus was trying to prove to them that He was God but they stubbornly refused to believe.

Philippians 2:5-6, " ⁵... Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God,"

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that He could have sinned if He desired for He was a perfect man, not a God-man (or mixture). Jesus' victory was absolute and complete for He did not once yield to sin.

CONSEQUENCES OF DENYING CHRIST'S SINLESSNESS

If Jesus were sinful He had to die on Calvary for His own sin and we are yet in our sins.

If Jesus were sinful, then He was neither the Son of God nor the Son of man, the Savior.

If Jesus were sinful it would be impossible for Him to be a sacrifice on Calvary.

If Christ were a sinner the Church is established on sinking sand, soon to be destroyed. To deny the sinlessness of Jesus Christ is to rob men of a Savior and salvation.

A TWOFOLD MANIFESTATION OF CHRIST'S SINLESSNESS

1. Negatively - in never committing an act of sin or thinking or speaking a falsehood
2. Positively - in always doing what was pleasing to God in thought, word and deed. Holiness is twofold: (1) a love of righteousness and (2) a hatred of iniquity. Jesus was perfectly balanced for He fulfilled every aspect of perfect sinlessness.

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11. Jesus referred to the Father as "My God." *John 20:17*, "Jesus said to her, 'Do not cling to Me, for I have not yet ascended to My Father;'" Also in *Matthew 27:46*, the fourth saying from the cross.

THE EXTENT OF THIS SUBORDINATION - HOW LONG WILL IT LAST?

Luke 22:29 says that the Father gave the Son a kingdom. The Son will return this to the Father. *1 Corinthians 15:24*, "Then comes the end, when He delivers the kingdom to God the Father, when He puts an end to all rule and all authority and power." The period of subordination extends beyond this - beyond the consummation of the age, even beyond the Great White Throne Judgment. *1 Corinthians 15:27-28*, "For He hath put all things under His feet... then the Son Himself will also be subject to Him who put all things under Him, that God may be all in all."

CONCLUSION

The pre-incarnate Christ is and always has been equal to the Father God Almighty, The human incarnate Christ laid aside this position and in His self-humiliation chose a place of subordination to the Father as a child to his parent.

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ARGUMENTS AGAINST THE SAVIOR'S SINLESSNESS

1. Some deny that sinlessness is possible. The fact that sinlessness is contrary to reason avails little in view of the stated facts of Scripture. He is sinless.
2. Some think that because of the fact that He was tempted He must have been susceptible to sin. Temptation in itself is not sin. It is yielding to temptation that is sin. Jesus was tempted by Satan, the world and circumstances, to sin, but He did not yield.
3. Some argue regarding the temptation in *Matthew 4:1-11* that if Jesus were perfect the temptations would be unreal. How can a perfect person be tempted? Adam and Eve were created perfect without original sin and were perfect. They were tempted and yielded, proving that temptation is real even to a perfect person. Praise God that the Bible says He was sinless and today we have salvation.
4. Some say how could evil enter where there is neither bias toward evil or weakness toward sin? Adam and Eve sinned for they desired to become as gods, with the idea of maturity and development. The temptation was real and they sinned. We believe that Jesus was so constituted

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Myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This command I have received from My Father." Also *John 13:3*.

5. Jesus Christ received His messages from the Father. *John 8:26*, "I speak to the world those things which I have heard of Him."
6. The Father gave to the Savior certain works to accomplish. *John 5:36*, "But I have a greater witness than John's; for the works which the Father has given Me to finish—the very works that I do—bear witness of Me, that the Father has sent Me." Also *John 17:4*.
7. The Father assigned a kingdom to the Son. *Luke 22:29*, "And I bestow upon you a kingdom, just as My Father bestowed one upon Me,"
8. During this present Church age Jesus is subjected to the Headship of the Father. *1 Corinthians 11:3*, "the head of every man is Christ, the head of woman is man, and the head of Christ is God."
9. Christ has become the way by which men are able to approach God. *Hebrews 7:25*, "Therefore He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them."
10. Jesus has become the way to God, the way of salvation. He is the only way, *John 14:6*.

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Luke 1:35, the angel carefully explained that the Holy Spirit would be the father.

THE PURPOSE OF THE VIRGIN BIRTH

1. To reveal God. *John 1:18*, Jesus came to declare and reveal the Father to humanity.
2. To bridge the chasm between God and man. *1 Timothy 2:5*, "For there is one God, and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus."
3. To save men. *Hebrews 2:14,16*, this was the basic purpose that brought Christ to earth.
4. To rescue the whole creation. *Romans 8:19-22*,¹⁹ "... the creation eagerly waits...²⁰... the creation itself also will be delivered from corruption...²² For we know that the whole creation groans and labors with birth pangs together until now."

THE IMPORTANCE OF THE DOCTRINE OF THE VIRGIN BIRTH

Modernists and liberals attack this doctrine today as they attack the doctrines of the total depravity of man, the Deity of Christ and the inspiration of the Scriptures. If man is totally depraved then he needs a Savior to redeem him. This Savior must be pure and capable. Jesus Christ is the only possible Savior of the world.

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Jesus was honestly equal with the Father God.

John 17:5, "And now, O Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was." Jesus refers to His pre-incarnate glory. *John 1:1*, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." This is a strong positive statement to open John's Gospel. *1 John 5:20*, "And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us an understanding, that we may know Him who is true; and we are in Him who is true, in His Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God and eternal life." John both in his Gospel and epistles states the fact repeatedly that Jesus is God.

Titus joins John in his testimony. *Titus 2:13*, "... looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ," (One person only) The One that we wait for is God the Savior who came the first time to Bethlehem.

The writer of Hebrews also adds his testimony. *Hebrews 1:8*, "But to the Son He says, Your throne, O God, is forever and ever..." God the Father calls His Son "God." Jude in his great Benediction calls the Savior God. *Jude 25*, "To God our Savior, Who alone is wise..." This refers to but one Person, the Lord Jesus Christ.

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The only way that Jesus could become man without a sin nature is by the virgin birth. A virgin is a lady who has not had sexual relationships with a man. Mary remained a virgin until after the birth of Jesus, until she and Joseph lived together as husband and wife. Salvation is closely linked with this doctrine. If Jesus was not born of a virgin, then I am a lost sinner still and so are you.

1. It is undeniable truth. It is definitely taught in the Bible. We accept the inspiration of the Scriptures and believe this teaching is absolutely true.
2. It is unchangeable truth. This doctrine stands with the Scriptures and does not change with the changing times, thoughts and theories of mankind (*Hebrews 13:8*).
3. It is urgent truth. This doctrine is essential to the plan of salvation. Without a virgin-born Savior, the salvation of one soul is utterly impossible.
4. It is indiscernible truth. It is a mystery hidden in God. There is a sense in which all life and birth is a mystery. How can a tree put life into its seed? *1 Corinthians 4:1*, we Christians are to be good stewards of “*the mysteries of God.*”
5. It is unconditional truth. I believe that this truth must be accepted as supreme. *Romans 10:9*, we are to confess Jesus as Lord and if He were not virgin-born, then He

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One of the difficult verses to understand is *Colossians 2:9*, “*For in Him (Christ) dwells all the fullness of the God-head bodily;*” This verse is too immense for mortal man. To say the least, Christ is perfect and complete in Deity, lacking not one thing. To say that He is only “*a*” son of God is to insult and blaspheme the Savior.

At the Transfiguration in *Matthew 17:2*, we get a glimpse of the glory of the pre-incarnate Christ. “*His face did shine as the sun.*” Whoever refuses to accept Jesus as God, equal to the Father, is guilty of the enormous sin of rejecting the Word of God.

To question or deny the eternal pre-existence and glorious pre-incarnation of Christ does not lessen the fact that Jesus is and had always been God. The one who questions these facts is guilty of awful slander against the Savior. Let us rather glory in the fact that though He were true God, equal with the Father, that He emptied Himself of His majestic garments of Divinity for our sakes. We should fall before Him in worship, praise and adoration for His great sacrifice.

Does this begetting of the Son refer to the origin of the eternal God, the Lord Jesus? Certainly not, for as God He was never born. He always existed, *Isaiah 9:6-7*. The begetting refers to that which transpired in *Luke 1:35*,

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3. Mrs. Pontius Pilate, she was a woman, wife of the judge, and had no personal interest in Christ either favorably or otherwise. She had a dream and sent her husband the following message, “*... Have nothing to do with that just Man, for I have suffered many things today in a dream because of Him.*” *Matthew 27:19*.

4. The thief on the cross, *Luke 23:41*, referring to Jesus, said, “*... but this Man has done nothing wrong.*” This is the testimony of a guilty murderer dying by crucifixion for his sin.

5. Judas Iscariot, a disciple of our Lord for His earthly ministry. If anyone could detect a flaw, a weakness, a sin in Jesus Christ it would have been one of the disciples who lived, ate, walked and talked with Him. Judas saw the miracles, heard His teaching, and observed Him closely, finally betrayed Him for thirty pieces of silver. Judas testified, *Matthew 27:4*, after the condemnation, “*I have sinned in that I have betrayed innocent blood.*” Jesus was innocent of sin.

6. The Roman Centurion. *Luke 23:47*, “*Certainly this was a righteous man.*” A wonderful testimony from a hardened Roman soldier.

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when the Holy Spirit came upon the virgin Mary and the human Jesus was conceived. “*And the angel answered and said to her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, also, that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God.”*”

WAYS IN WHICH THE SON WAS SUBORDINATED TO THE FATHER

1. Jesus' earthly life was lived because of the Father. *John 6:57*, “*As the living Father sent Me, and I live because of the Father, so he who feeds on Me will live because of Me.*”

2. Jesus could not do anything independently of the Father. *John 5:19*, “*Then Jesus answered and said to them, “Most assuredly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, but what He sees the Father do; for whatever He does, the Son also does in like manner.”*”

3. Jesus. Christ was sent to earth by the Father. *John 6:29*, “*Jesus answered and said to them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in Him whom He sent.”*” Also *John 8:29, 42*.

4. The Father gave the Son authority and directions. *John 10:18*, “*No one takes it from Me, but I lay it down of*

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