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The FOUNDATION of our FAITH  
(PART XII)  
DIVISION #2  
THE PERSONAL WORD OF GOD  
-JESUS CHRIST'S SINLESSNESS- (part 2)

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I. The "PROBLEMS" With SINLESSNESS:

1. HUMAN SIN NATURE :

A. It is passed on at the time of CONCEPTION through the ancestral line of Biological descent. (PSALM 58:3; Isaiah 48: 8 )

B. Jesus Christ is a Biological descendent of human ancestors as a result of His conception in the womb of His mother MARY .

1) Jesus Christ is a Biological descendent of ABRAHAM

- Genesis 22: 18 ; Acts 3 : 25,26; Galatians 3: 16, 19 ; Hebrews 7: 5, 9 - 10 (HEB. 2:14-16)

2) Jesus Christ is a Biological descendent of King DAVID .

- II Samuel 7: 16 ; ("house" = DYNASTY )

NOTE: This fact was clearly spelled out in at least 3 declarations by God (all 3 historically recognized by the Jews as referring to the MESSIAH to come):

(1). PSALM 89 : 34-37

(2). I KINGS 8: 25 (see also Jeremiah 33: 17 )

(3). PSALM 132 : 11

C. The Twofold Significance of the ANCESTRY of Jesus:

1) It demonstrates the unequivocal Humanness of Jesus;

2) It makes Jesus the repository of the PROMISES vouchsafed to but never secured by His famous ANCESTOR .

D. THE BIG QUESTION: Since a human being's sin nature is passed on at the moment of CONCEPTION through the ancestral line of Biological descent and, since Jesus Christ in His humanity is a

Biologian descendent of human ancestors as the result of conception in His mother MARY, HOW COULD HE HAVE BEEN CONCEIVED WITHOUT A SIN NATURE???

E. SOLUTIONS TO THIS "problem":

1) The Virgin Birth.

2) The Supernatural Intervention By The Holy Spirit

2. SINFUL FLESH :

A. What does Romans 8 : 3 mean?

1) What Paul did NOT say:

- "in the likeness of flesh"
- "in sinful flesh"

2) What Paul DID say:

- "in the likeness of sinful flesh"
- meaning that Jesus was SIMILAR to sinful men and yet not ABSOLUTELY like them.

B. The careful combination of words in this important verse emphasize 2 truths concerning Jesus Christ:

1) Through His incarnation, Christ became as fully human as other human beings;

2) Christ did NOT become a SINFUL human being.

NOTE: The fact that ADAM was fully HUMAN but not SINFUL before the fall demonstrates that a person does not have to be SINFUL in order to be fully HUMAN!

3. IMPECCABILITY :

A. At the heart of this particular issue is this fundamental question: WAS JESUS CHRIST ABLE TO SIN???

NOTE : There appears to be several problems with the position some take on this issue saying that Christ was "Impeccable":

PROBLEM #1. SUSCEPTIBILITY TO SIN

1) Before the FALL, the "1<sup>st</sup> Adam" was susceptible to sinning while being a sinless human being with a sinless human nature.

- 2) Then was Jesus Christ, the "LAST Adam", not **ALSO** susceptible to sin?
- 3) The one thing Jesus had that the "1<sup>st</sup> Adam" did **NOT** have that Jesus ~~DID~~ have <sup>was</sup> a DIVINE nature.
- 4) Deity is far more powerful than humanity **THEREFORE** Christ's Deity overruled any susceptibility to sin. \*\*\*\* Christ's Deity made it Impossible for Him to sin as a person.

#### PROBLEM #2. STILL HUMAN OR NOT

- 1) Because Adam had a complete human nature but no sin prior to the fall, it is evident that sin is not an essential attribute to the human nature
- 2) Human nature can be Fully human without sin. If DIVINE nature prevents a sinless human nature from sinning, it is not Violating any attribute of that human nature.

#### PROBLEM #3. TEMPTATION

- 1) Temptation is NOT the same as susceptibility to sin.
- 2) To "Tempt" means to "Allure, Appeal strongly, to, or invite"
- 3) To be "susceptible" means to be "CAPABLE of being affected by" something; of RESPONDING to the invitation (temptation) to sin.
- 4) Jesus Christ was truly tempted both by Satan and circumstances during His life on earth **BUT** He was NOT CAPABLE of responding to the invitation to sin.

#### II. PROOF OF CHRIST'S IMPECCABILITY:

1. His IMMUTABILITY requires it
2. His OMNIPOTENCE requires it
3. The SOVEREIGNTY of God requires it