

# A Study of God – God the Son

Various Texts

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## Introduction

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- Open your Bibles to Acts 2:22-24, 36
  - 22 *Men of Israel, listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through him, as you yourselves know.*
  - 23 *This man was handed over to you by God's set purpose and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men, put him to death by nailing him to the cross.*
  - 24 *But God raised him from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him.*
  - 36 *Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ.*
- Doctrinal Statement = “We believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only begotten Son, conceived by the Holy Spirit. We believe in His virgin birth, sinless life, miracles, and teaching. We believe in His substitutionary death, bodily resurrection, ascension into heaven, perpetual intercession for His people, and personal visible return to earth.”

## Exegesis

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### ➤ His nature = the hypostatic union

- **God’s only begotten Son**

- His deity

- Names = John 8:58

58 *"I tell you the truth," Jesus answered, "before Abraham was born, I am!"*

- He claims the name of God

- Titles = John 1:1

1 *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.*

- He is called God

- Works = John 1:3

- 3 *Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made.*
    - He does the works of God (creation, receiving worship, judging sin, forgiving sins, etc.)
  - Jesus is God – He partakes of the divine nature
  - **Conceived by the Holy Spirit**
    - His humanity
    - Events of Life = Luke 2:52
      - 52 *And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men.*
        - Jesus' followed the normal development of a human being
    - Actions of a human = Matthew 8:24
      - 24 *Without warning, a furious storm came up on the lake, so that the waves swept over the boat. But Jesus was sleeping.*
        - Jesus did what human beings do (sleep, hunger, tired, etc.)
    - Emotions of a human = John 11:35
      - 35 *Jesus wept.*
        - Jesus has the emotions (grief, love, trust, suffering, compassion) of a human
  - Jesus is (since the conception of His human nature) human – He partakes of human nature
- ❖ **Jesus Christ is the unique God-man (completely both) – one person with two natures**
- **His virgin birth**
  - **The focus**
    - The conception of His human nature
    - Luke 1:35
      - 35 *The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God.*
        - Neuter singular noun = designating that His human nature was conceived in Mary (technically she is not the mother of the person Jesus but the mother of His human nature)

- Life for Jesus did not begin at conception – He was already alive (eternally) before the conception of His human nature
- Matthew 1:23
  - 23 *"The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel"--which means, "God with us."*
    - It's the virgin with child that makes the virgin birth so significant.
- Jesus gained a human nature in a way different than other humans (without the use of an earthly father)
  
- **The importance**
  - Uncorrupted human nature and uncursed heritage
  - Matthew 1:21
    - 21 *She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.*
      - Salvation (for sins) cannot come from one who is guilty of or corrupted by sin – it's like washing a dirty dog with dirt to get it clean
  - 2 Corinthians 5:21
    - 21 *God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.*
      - Jesus was free from the corruption or taint of sin – “who had no sin”
  - The virgin birth is important for it provides the sinless Son of God a sinless human nature
  - ❖ **The virgin birth, really a virgin conception, insures a sinless Savior and rightful heir to the throne of David**
  
- **His sinless life**
  - **Sinless in His nature**
    - Jesus, unlike other humans, was not born with a corrupted human nature
    - 1 John 3:5
      - 5 *But you know that he appeared so that he might take away our sins. And in him is no sin.*
        - “in him” = in His human nature (body)
    - Hebrews 7:26
      - 26 *Such a high priest meets our need-- one who is holy, blameless, pure, set apart from sinners, exalted above the heavens.*

- Jesus is by character or quality without sin – holy, blameless, pure, set apart
- Jesus is without sin in His human nature – His human nature was not corrupted by sin
- **Sinless in His life**
  - Jesus, unlike other humans, never committed a sin in His life
  - Hebrews 4:15
 

15 *For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are-- yet was without sin.*

    - Jesus faced temptation but never sinned
  - 1 Peter 2:22
 

22 *He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.*

    - Jesus lived His life without sin
  - Jesus never sinned
  - Jesus (person) having a divine nature (God) could not sin even though He also had a human nature (man) that could sin – the absolute holiness of His divine nature is greater than the possible sinfulness of His human nature (what is absolute trumps what is possible)

❖ **Jesus, in His nature and in His life, was without sin**

- **His substitutionary death**
  - **His death as substitution**
    - He took our place on the cross
    - Matthew 20:28 (anti / avnti.)
 

28 *just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.*

      - “for” = anti / avnti.; instead of
    - 1 Timothy 2:5-6 (huper / u`pe.r)
 

5 *For there is one God and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus,*

6 *who gave himself as a ransom for all men-- the testimony given in its proper time.*

      - “for” = huper / u`pe.r; in the place of
    - It’s not just that Jesus died, He died in our place

- His death was not just a grand gesture or an over-the-top response or a heroic deed
- Death was demanded as punishment assigned and He took our place

- **His death as satisfaction**

- He met the demands of God's justice – propitiation
- Romans 3:25-26
  - 25 *God presented him as a sacrifice of atonement, through faith in his blood. He did this to demonstrate his justice, because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished—*
  - 26 *he did it to demonstrate his justice at the present time, so as to be just and the one who justifies those who have faith in Jesus.*
    - His death was an acceptable sacrifice – sufficient to meet God's justice
- 1 John 2:2
  - 2 *He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.*
    - His death was sufficient enough for the sins of the whole world – eternal life given is enough for the finite number of physical lives
- Jesus' death met the demands of God's justice

- ❖ **Jesus took our place on the cross and met God's demand for justice**

- **His bodily resurrection**

- **The significance**

- His is the first of everlasting duration
- 1 Corinthians 15:20
  - 20 *But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.*
- Acts 26:23
  - 23 *that the Christ would suffer and, as the first to rise from the dead, would proclaim light to his own people and to the Gentiles."*
- Others (Lazarus, widow's son, Jairus' daughter, etc.) have been resurrected but back to temporal, earthly life – they at some point died again
- Jesus' is bodily resurrected in such a way that His body will not die again

- **The importance**

- Gave value to His work on the cross
  - 1 Corinthians 15:14, 17
    - 14 *And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith.*
    - 17 *And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins.*
      - Paul's preaching and the Corinthians' faith means nothing without the resurrection
  - Romans 4:25
    - 25 *He was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification.*
      - The judicial acquittal of a believer has no effectiveness without the resurrection
  - There is no value to the cross without the resurrection
  - The victory of the cross is over sin and death (the consequences of sin)
- ❖ **Jesus' bodily resurrection demonstrates the reality of the work accomplished on the cross**

## Response

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- **As disciples of Jesus Christ, we are to know about our Savior the Son of God that we could better know our Savior the Son of God.**
  - Observers = Come by faith to your Savior
  - Disciples = Know your Savior