

Lord's Day 14

Questions 35 & 36

Question 35: *What does it mean that he “was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary?”*

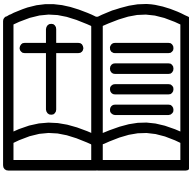
Answer: *That the eternal Son of God, who is and remains true and eternal God, took to himself, through the working of the Holy Spirit, from the flesh and blood of the Virgin Mary, a truly human nature so that he might become David's true descendant, like his brothers in every way except for sin.*



Heart of the Matter:

“I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary”. Put what you believe about this incredible statement in your own words: _____

“This is just what I believe...”(we of the faith) How would you explain the above statement to someone else, perhaps an unbeliever? _____



Key scriptures:

John
1:1, 10:30-36,
1:14
Acts
13:33
Psalms
2:7, 132:11
Colossians
1:15-17
1 John
5:20
Luke
1:35
Matthew
1:18-23, 1:1
Galatians
4:4
Hebrews
2:14, 17; 4:15
7:26-27
2 Samuel
7:12-16
Romans
1:3
Philippians
2:7

Philippians 2:7 *“but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant.”*

How do you feel about the Lord Jesus Christ becoming “nothing” for you?

Luke 1:38 *“‘I am the Lord's servant,’ Mary answered. ‘May it be to me as you have said.’ Then the angel left her.”*

Can you make this statement? _____

What will a “yes” require of you? _____

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Question 36: *How does the holy conception and birth of Christ benefit you?*

Answer: *He is our mediator, and with his innocence and perfect holiness he removes from God's sight my sin — mine since I was conceived.*

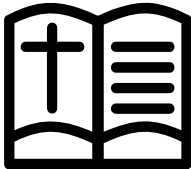


Heart of the Matter:

Give an answer to catechism question #36 in your own words.

Why do you need a “mediator?”

Without writing them down, think about the specific reasons you continue to need a mediator.



Key scriptures:

1 Timothy
2:5-6
Hebrews
9:13-15
Romans
8:3-4
2 Corinthians
5:21
Galatians
4:4-5
1 Peter
1:18-19

1 Peter 1: 18-19 *“For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your forefathers, but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect.”*

In a few words express your gratitude.

Romans 8:3-4 *“For what the law was powerless to do in that it was weakened by the sinful nature, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful man to be a sin offering. And so he condemned sin in sinful man, in order that the righteous requirements of the law might be fully met in us, who do not live according to the sinful nature but according to the Spirit.”*

How are you living according to the Spirit?

2 Corinthians 5:21 *“God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him, we might become the righteousness of God.”*

How are you in process of “becoming” more Christ like?
