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Baptist Faith and Message

A Study

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Article II B. – God the Son

Christ is the eternal Son of God. In His incarnation as Jesus Christ He was conceived of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. Jesus perfectly revealed and did the will of God, taking upon Himself human nature with its demands and necessities and identifying Himself completely with mankind yet without sin. He honored the divine law by His personal obedience, and in His substitutionary death on the cross He made provision for the redemption of men from sin. He was raised from the dead with a glorified body and appeared to His disciples as the person who was with them before His crucifixion. He ascended into heaven and is now exalted at the right hand of God where He is the One Mediator, fully God, fully man, in whose Person is effected the reconciliation between God and man. He will return in power and glory to judge the world and to consummate His redemptive mission. He now dwells in all believers as the living and ever present Lord.

The Incarnate Son

- ▶ His conception and birth
 - Matthew 1:18—25
 - Luke 1:26–38, 2:1–21
 - John 1:14–18
 - Galatians 4:4
 - Philippians 2:7
- ▶ The importance of the virgin birth
 - Vitally linked to His sinlessness.
 - Fulfillment of OT Scripture (Isa. 7:14).

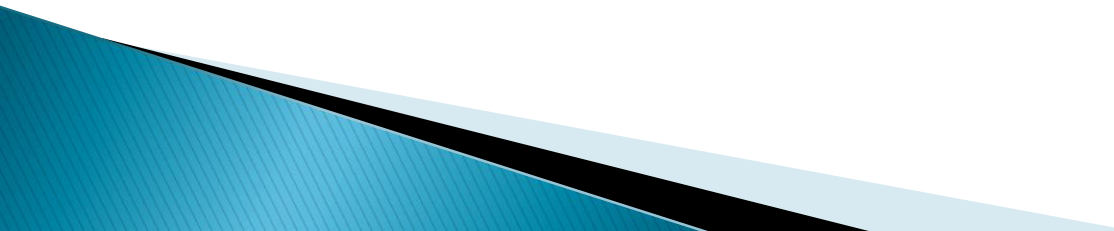
The Incarnate Son

- ▶ His sinless life.
 - 2 Corinthians 5:21
 - Hebrews 4:15; 7:26
 - 1 Peter 2:22–24
- ▶ The importance of His sinless life.
 - He identifies with us. He knows our struggles, temptations, emotional ups and downs, etc.
 - Yet He did not sin. He did not disobey the Heavenly Father.
 - Thus He is qualified to be our substitute on the cross.

The Incarnate Son

- ▶ His substitutionary death
 - John 1:29
 - Matthew 16:21
 - Romans 3:21–26; 8:34
- ▶ The importance of His substitutionary death.
 - To pay the penalty for sin. Sin cannot go unpunished.
 - Jesus is our propitiation.
 - Jesus died in our place to pay for our sins so that we might be made righteous in Him.

The Glorified Son

- ▶ His bodily resurrection.
 - Matthew 28
 - 1 Corinthians 15:1–8
 - ▶ The importance of His bodily resurrection.
 - It proves the deity of Christ. (Romans 1:1–7)
 - It guarantees the resurrection of Christ-followers. (1 Thessalonians 4:14–18)
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The Glorified Son

- ▶ His glorious ascension
 - 1 Timothy 3:16
 - Acts 1:9–11

The Glorified Son

- ▶ His current ministry
 - 1 Timothy 2:5
 - Hebrews 8:6; 9:15; 12:24
- ▶ The importance of His current ministry
 - Through Christ we have access to the Father (Heb. 4:16)
 - Through Christ we offer sacrifices (1 Pet. 2:5).

The Glorified Son

- ▶ His glorious return
 - Will complete our salvation – Heb. 9:24–28
 - Will be sudden – 1 Thess. 4:13–18
 - Will fulfill His promise to return – Acts 1:9–11
- ▶ The importance of His return.
 - It provides hope for the Christ-follower in difficult times.
 - It provides an incentive for
 - Evangelistic work
 - Missionary work
 - Holy living