

Christmas Special 2016. The Virgin Birth.

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Christmas Special: 2016. The importance of the Virgin Birth.

Not many believers today understand the real meaning of Christmas and the importance of what is known Theologically as the doctrine of the Virgin birth

First of all we begin with The Necessity of our Lord's Virgin Birth. Adam's original sin is the origin of the old sin nature in the human race, [Rom 5:12](#), Therefore, just as through one man sin entered into the world, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men, because all sinned [all sinned when Adam sinned].

Therefore, there is a distinct relationship between Adam's original sin and the old sin nature. Adam's original sin is the reason for the old sin nature, not the woman's original sin, since Adam's sin was deliberate; the woman was deceived. That's why [1Ti 2:11-14](#), Let a woman quietly receive instruction with entire submissiveness. But I do not allow a woman to teach or exercise authority over a man, but to remain quiet. For it was Adam who was first created, and then Eve. And it was not Adam who was deceived, but the woman being quite deceived, fell into transgression.

And so it is Adam's original sin that brought on the old sin nature, not the woman's original sin, since Adam's sin was deliberate; the woman was deceived. So, although both the man and the woman in the Garden were equally guilty, the woman's sin of ignorance was the reason she became the bearer of the embryo, [1Ti 2:13](#) ♦ 15.

And while both man and woman are carriers of the old sin nature, only the man can transmit the old sin nature through the fertilization of the female ovum.

Now, since it is only the male that is responsible for passing down the old sin nature and not the female, this means that if a woman could have a virgin pregnancy, a baby could be born into the world without an old sin nature. And being born without an old sin nature, that would qualify the one who was born without sin to be just as Adam was created, without sin.

And this was the case in the birth of the humanity of Christ, originating from Mary's virgin pregnancy and virgin birth. Being born without an old sin nature meant there was no imputation of Adam's original sin to our Lord. This was how our Lord was born as the last Adam. The first Adam was created perfect; the last Adam, Jesus Christ, was born perfect and Merry Christmas, remained perfect.

[1Co 15:45-47](#), So also it is written, "The first man, Adam, became a living soul." The last Adam became a life ♦ giving spirit. However, the spiritual is not first, but the natural; then the spiritual. The first man is from the earth, earthy; the second man is from heaven.

So Jesus Christ was the emulation or the just like Adam was before the fall. Mary had an old sin nature and was still a virgin when she became pregnant for the first time with our Lord. We

know that because in [Mat 13:55](#) and Mar 6:3, Mary's other children are mentioned, so we know she eventually became pregnant with Joseph's children. She had at least two daughters and four sons, at least six children by Joseph. So there is no such thing as the perpetual virginity of Mary. Mar 6:3, "Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary, and brother of James, and Joses, and Judas, and Simon? Are not His sisters here with us?"

In fact, the so-called Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary, was proclaimed by pope Pius IX in the year 1854 never before that and it was wrong biblically. Also, the assumption of the Virgin Mary (which refers to the bodily ascension into heaven shortly after her death), proclaimed by Pope Pius XII 1950 was also a wrong conclusion.

They added to the word of God and as God's word says in Pro 30:6 "Do not add to His words Lest He reprove you, and you be proved a liar."

[Rev 22:18-19](#), I testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: if anyone adds to them, God shall add to him the plagues which are written in this book; and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part from the tree of life and from the holy city, which are written in this book.

Mary was also proclaimed Mother of the Church, by pope Paul VI 1965 - another addition to the word of God and an attack on the true meaning of Christmas.

Mary's virgin pregnancy was caused by God the Holy Spirit fertilizing the female ovum. He provided twenty-three perfect chromosomes to fertilize her twenty-three perfect chromosomes which were uncontaminated by the old sin nature.

[Luk 1:26-35](#), Now in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city in Galilee, called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the descendants of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. And coming in, he said to her, "Hail, favored one! The Lord {is} with you." But she was greatly troubled at {this} statement, and kept pondering what kind of salutation this might be. And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary; for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb, and bear a son, and you shall name Him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David; and He will reign over the house of Jacob forever; and His kingdom will have no end." And Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" And the angel answered and said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; and for that reason the holy offspring shall be called the Son of God.

Mary had a virgin pregnancy which is known as parthenogenesis, the origin of our Lord's humanity into the world. Parthenogenesis is a form of reproduction in which an unfertilized egg develops into a new species. So the virgin pregnancy resulted in the virgin birth, thus excluding the old sin nature from the humanity of Christ. However, remember that while Mary was a virgin, she was not perfect or impeccable. Only her virgin-born Son was absolutely perfect at birth.

Mary received at birth the imputation of human life to her soul and the imputation of Adam's original sin to her old sin nature; so she was not perfect. But in the case of her Son, Jesus, God the Father imputed human life to his human soul, but divine justice could not impute Adam's original sin since there was no target, no home, no antecedence, no affinity, there being no genetically-formed old sin nature in Him.

So it is the virgin birth that is the basis for redemption, because it provided the world with a perfect human being, the only One qualified to be judged for the sins of the world.

So, in His humanity, Jesus was born filled with the Spirit, He was born trichotomus with a body,

soul and spirit. Some of the greatest manifestations of our Lord's most important Christmas to us is that Jesus "grew in wisdom [Bible doctrine], stature, and in favor with God and man," [Luk 2:52](#).

He quickly reached spiritual self-esteem from personal love for God; then with spiritual autonomy and impersonal love for all mankind, and eventually reached spiritual maturity. So after being born perfect, our Lord Jesus Christ continued to live perfectly for thirty three years in the Pre-designed Plan of God. Not once did He ever sin. He was tempted far beyond anything we will ever understand, but totally apart from sin. He resisted temptations that we will never even experience.

[Heb 4:14-15](#), Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but One who has been tempted in all things as we are, yet without sin.

He reached the Cross with impeccability. And so why is it so important for us to understand the real meaning and purpose of Christmas? Why did the Lord have to become true humanity?

a. To be our Savior. As God, Jesus Christ could have nothing to do with sin. To provide redemption, the sins of the world had to be imputed to Christ on the Cross. Then from His justice, God the Father judged every one of those sins. That's the basis for our so great salvation. Without becoming true humanity, Jesus could not have been judged for sin.

b. Secondly, the first Christmas revealed that the Lord had to become To be our Mediator, [1Ti 2:5](#) 6; [Heb 9:14](#) 15. A mediator has to equal to both parties and Jesus Christ is undiminished deity and true humanity in one person forever.

c. To be our High Priest. Now seated at the right hand of the Father in His humanity, Jesus Christ as our great High Priest now makes intercession for us. A priest is defined as a member of the human race representing himself or humanity in general before God and as a Christmas present to us, our Lord is a priest representing us at the right hand of God.

d. To become the Son of David, [2Sa 7:8](#) 16; [Psa 89:20](#) 37. Over 3000 years ago, God promised David that he would have a son who would reign forever. This promise was made in the form of an unconditional covenant; being unconditional it must be fulfilled.

So at the First Advent of the virgin birth, our Lord receives His second royal title, "Son of David." In order to become the Son of David, Jesus Christ had to become true humanity. In His Second Advent our Lord will fulfill that promise to David. The humanity of Christ, riding a white horse, will come back and reign on earth, not only for the 1000 years of the Millennium, but for all eternity in the new earth.

So the promise was offered in the First Advent; it is fulfilled in the Second Advent. When the apostles dealt with the Jews after the Day of Pentecost in the early part of Acts, they always brought up the question: how can Jesus Christ be the Son of David and at the same time God? Of course, the answer is found in the Hypostatic Union, which in turn leads to the concept of redemption.

The first prophecy of the virgin birth: [Gen 3:15](#) 16, And the Lord God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, Cursed are you more than all cattle, And more than every beast of the field; On your belly shall you go, And dust shall you eat All the days of your life; And I will put enmity Between you and the woman, And between your seed and her seed; He shall bruise you on the head, And you shall bruise him on the heel."

In the garden the Lord promised that the woman would have a seed which would bring forth the Messiah not the man. And by the way this is very interesting because this is the only place in the

Bible where the seed of a woman is mentioned because it's the seed of the man that passes down the old sin nature.

[Gen 3:16](#), To the woman He said, "I will greatly multiply Your pain in childbirth, In pain you shall bring forth children; Yet your desire shall be for your husband, And he shall rule over you."

The Jewish prophecy of the virgin birth: [Isa 7:14](#), [9:6](#).

[Isa 7:14](#), Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, a virgin will be with child and bear a son, and she will call His name Immanuel.

[Isa 9:6](#), For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us; And the government will rest on His shoulders; And His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace.

The historical fulfillment of the virgin birth:

[Mat 1:22-23](#), Now all this took place that what was spoken by the Lord through the prophet might be fulfilled, saying, "Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and shall bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel," which translated means, "God with us."

The result of the virgin birth, God became flesh: [Joh 1:14](#); [Rom 1:3](#); [1Ti 3:16](#); [Heb 2:14](#); [Phi 2:5](#) 11.

[Joh 1:14](#), And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us,

The virgin birth simply means that God became a man. And so the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ is a fascinating subject in the Bible no matter how you approach it. So two verses come into view when we talk about the first Christmas:

[Joh 3:16](#), "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life."

[2Co 9:15](#), Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!"