

Thirty-two Questions & Answers

CONCERNING JESUS CHRIST.

1.—**Question**—*Who was Jesus Christ ?*

Answer—THE SON OF GOD.

Proof.—“The Son of God,” Jno. i. 34. “His own Son.” Rom. viii. 32. “His dear Son.” Col. i. 13. “The only begotten Son of God.” Jno. iii. 18.

2.—**Question**—*What is meant by the Son of God ?*

Answer—THAT JESUS CHRIST WAS BEGOTTEN BY GOD.

Proof.—“Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found *with child* of the Holy Spirit. . . The Angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that *which is begotten* (see margin) *in her is of the Holy Spirit.*”—Matt. i. 18, 20.

3.—**Question**—*How was He begotten ?*

Answer—BY THE HOLY SPIRIT, OR “THE POWER OF THE HIGHEST,” COMING UPON THE VIRGIN MARY CAUSING HER TO CONCEIVE.

Proof.—"And in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth, to a virgin . . . and the virgin's name was Mary. And the angel said unto her . . . behold thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shall call his name Jesus. Then Mary said unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man? And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Spirit shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee, therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God."—Luke i. 26, 27, 30, 31, 34, 35.

4.—**Question**—*Of what substance, or nature, was the body of Jesus?*

Answer—THE BODY OF JESUS WAS OF THE SUBSTANCE OR NATURE OF MARY HIS MOTHER.

5.—**Question**—*What was the nature of His mother?*

Answer—IT WAS THE NATURE OF ADAM.

6.—**Question**—*What is meant by the nature of Adam?*

Answer—FLESH AND BLOOD FORMED FROM THE DUST OF THE GROUND, AND MADE ALIVE BY THE BREATH OF LIFE.

Proof.—"The Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life."—Gen. ii. 7.

7.—**Question**—*Was Adam immortal before he broke the Eden law.*

Answer—No. HE WAS FLESH AND BLOOD, AND WAS CONDEMNED TO DEATH THROUGH HIS OWN TRANSGRESSION.

Proof.—"And unto Adam the Lord God said because thou hast harkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree which I commanded thee, saying, thou shalt not eat of it in the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, for out of it wast thou taken; for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return."—Gen. iii. 14, 17, 19.

8.—**Question**—*Did this condemnation to death fall on Adam only, or on all his posterity also?*

Answer—THE CONDEMNATION FELL ON ADAM AND ALL HIS POSTERITY.

Proof.—"For as in Adam ALL die."—1 Cor. xv. 22. "Wherefore as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin, and so death passed upon ALL MEN, for that (margin, *in whom*) all have sinned."—Rom. v. 12.

9.—**Question**—*What is meant by Adam's posterity?*

Answer—EVERY HUMAN BEING WHO HAS BEEN BORN OF TWO HUMAN PARENTS.

10.—**Question**—*Was Jesus born of two human parents?*

Answer—NO. HE WAS MADE OF A WOMAN, BUT GOD WAS HIS FATHER.

Proof.—"But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his son, made of a woman."—Gal. iv. 4. "O Lord, truly I am thy servant; I am thy servant, and the son of thine handmaid."—Ps. cxvi. 16. "Now all this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son."—Matt. i. 22, 23.

11.—**Question**—*Did this difference of begettal make any essential difference betwixt Jesus and the posterity of Adam?*

Answer—YES ; AND THAT DIFFERENCE IS VITAL TO US. JESUS NOT HAVING ADAM FOR HIS FATHER, HE WAS NOT INVOLVED IN ADAM'S TRANSGRESSION.

12.—**Question**—*Why was Jesus Christ called "the last Adam" ?*

Answer—BECAUSE HE WAS THE FOUNDER OF A NEW RACE.
Proof.—"As we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly."—1 Cor. xv. 49. "But now Christ is risen from the dead, and become the first fruits of them that slept."—20th ver. "The beginning of the creation of God."—Rev. iii. 14.

13.—**Question**—*Was Jesus "in Adam" in the sense of being Adam's son ?*

Answer—NO. JESUS CHRIST WAS NOT A SON OF ADAM IN THAT SENSE, BUT A SECOND ADAM MADE IN THE NATURE OF THE FIRST ADAM.

14.—**Question**—*Why was Christ made in Adam's nature ?*

Answer—IN ORDER THAT HE MIGHT BE PUT TO THE SAME PROOF OF OBEDIENCE.

Proof.—"Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same."—Heb. ii. 14. He "was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin."—Heb. iv. 15.

15.—**Question**—*In this temptation did Jesus fail or conquer ?*

Answer—HE CONQUERED.

Proof.—"Behold the Lion of the Tribe of Juda, the Root of David, hath prevailed."—Rev. v. 8.

16.—**Question**—*What power did Jesus earn by his obedience unto death ?*

Answer—HE EARNED THE POWER OF LIFE AND DEATH.

Proof.—"I am he that liveth and was dead, and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and *have the keys of hell and of death.*"—Rev. i. 18.

17.—**Question**—*Was the life of Jesus his own?*

Answer—YES; OTHERWISE HE COULD NOT HAVE GIVEN IT FOR THE SINS OF THE WORLD.

Proof.—"Therefore doth my Father love me because I lay down my life, that I might take it again. No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again."—John x. 17, 18.

18.—**Question**—*Did God or man give life to Jesus?*

Answer—GOD GAVE LIFE TO JESUS DIRECT FROM HIMSELF, AS HE DID TO ADAM, BUT JESUS, THE LAST ADAM, DID NOT FORFEIT IT AS DID THE FIRST ADAM THROUGH DISOBEDIENCE.

Proof.—"For as the Father hath life in himself, so hath he given to the Son to have life in himself."—John v. 26; John vi. 57.

19.—**Question**—*The body of Christ then was not under condemnation?*

Answer—No; because it was not begotten of Adam but of God. God sent his son, not in sinful flesh but in a likeness of SIN'S FLESH (*Sarkos hamartias*).

Proof.—Rom. viii. 3.

20.—**Question**—*If Christ had been begotten by Joseph, could he be a redeemer from death?*

Answer—BY NO MEANS.

Proof.—No man "can by any means redeem his brother, nor give to God a ransom for him."—Ps. xlix. 7.

- 21.—**Question**—*Had Christ owed his paternity to Adam, what would have been the consequence ?*

Answer—THE CONSEQUENCE WOULD HAVE BEEN THAT CHRIST WOULD HAVE BEEN “MADE A SINNER ;” THAT IS, HE WOULD HAVE BEEN A SINNER BY CONSTITUTION.

Proof.—Rom. v. 12, 19.

- 22.—**Question**—*How would this constitutional sin have affected Christ ?*

Answer—IT WOULD HAVE CONDEMNED HIM TO DEATH.

Proof.—Rom. v. 12.

- 23.—**Question**—*In that case could He have laid down His life for His friends ?*

Answer—CERTAINLY NOT. He would have had no life to give ; it would have been a just debt due to sin and demanded of Him by “the law of sin and death.”

Proof.—The wages of sin is death.—Rom. vi. 23.

- 24.—**Question**—*In offering Himself did Christ offer for His own sins ?*

Answer—No.

Proof.—He “did no sin, neither was guile found in His mouth.”—1 Pet. ii. 22. “He was the Lamb of God without blemish and without spot.”—Jno. i. 29, 36. 1 Pet. i. 19.

- 25.—**Question**—*If Christ had been a son of Adam, what would be His character ?*

Answer—THAT OF A SINNER LIKE ALL THE REST. In Adam all die, because *in him all have sinned*, like as Levi is said to have paid tithes in Abraham.—Heb. vii. 9.

26.—**Question**—*Had Christ been under the penalty of death on account of Adam's transgression, could He have risen from the dead?*

Answer—HE COULD NOT HAVE RISEN AGAIN, FOR THE WAGES OF SIN IS DEATH.

27.—**Question**—*Was the sacrifice of Christ an offering for himself?*

Answer—No.

Proof.—"Messiah" shall "be cut off, but not for himself,"—Dan. ix. 26. "For the Prince of this world cometh and hath nothing in me."—Jno. xiv. 30. "He was wounded for OUR transgressions, He was bruised for OUR iniquities. The Lord hath laid on Him the iniquity of us all. For the transgression of MY people was He stricken. By His knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many, for He shall bear THEIR iniquities.—Isa. liii.

28.—**Question**—*What would have been the consequence had Christ died a natural death?*

Answer—HAD CHRIST DIED A NATURAL DEATH HE WOULD HAVE FAILED AS A REDEEMER; because the debt due was life which a redeemer must give *freely as a ransom*.

29.—**Question**—*Then Jesus did not die on the cross to save himself?*

Answer—No. HE DIED THAT WE MIGHT LIVE.

30.—**Question**—*Was not the death of Christ necessary to purchase immortality for himself?*

Answer—No. Jesus earned eternal life for himself by his perfect obedience, as Adam would have gained immortality without death if he had not sinned.

31.—**Question**—*Why was the Christ a Jew?*

Answer—TO REDEEM THEM THAT WERE UNDER THE CURSE OF THE LAW.

32.—**Question**—*If Jesus was neither a sinner by constitution, nor an actual transgressor, in other words, if free from sin, was he not therefore *immaculate?*

Answer—BY NO MEANS. Inasmuch as he partook of flesh and blood. He was no more *immaculate than Adam was before he sinned. An *immaculate being could not be tempted as human nature is tempted, but Christ "was in all points tempted like as we are."

BRETHREN AND FRIENDS,—Whatever I have taught by mouth or pen contrary to the view of Jesus Christ herein set forth I now renounce. I would also earnestly counsel you to give the subject your best and earliest consideration. "This is eternal life that they might know thee the only true God and Jesus Christ whom thou hast sent." The idea embodied in these questions and answers is not mine. I am indebted for it to our brother Mr. David Handley, of Maldon.

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**Immaculate* is used here with too much latitude, *angelic* would be more correct.—E.T.

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