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MESSAGE NOTES

HOPE FLOW

LETTING GOD'S LOVE FLOW THROUGH US EVERY DAY!



Excerpts taken from “KNOW WHAT YOU BELIEVE-OUR SAVIOR, JESUS CHRIST” by Ralph Sorter

Pilate asked the crowd at Jesus’ trial: *“What will you do with Jesus who is called Christ?”*

Just who is Jesus? What exactly has He done in order to save us from our sins? These are the two most important questions about Jesus, and they refer to the *person* and the *work* of Christ. Both subjects are intimately related and together they constitute the core of Christianity.

Some think Jesus was a great teacher, stripping Him of the title “Christ.” Others say, he is just one of several gods; still others have stripped Him of his deity, but say He was a perfect man. The majority of Christianity states that Jesus is Fully God and Fully Man... that He is the only begotten son of God who pre-existed the world and now sits at the right hand of the Father in Heaven, having paid the redemption price for the souls of man.

DAY 1 FULLY MAN

◆ He had a human body.

Though Christ’s conception was supernatural, He was born with a human body which grew and developed. [Luke 2:52](#) He called himself a man. [John 8:40](#)

◆ He had a human soul and spirit.

The perfect humanity of our Lord included a perfect immaterial nature as well as a material one. [Matthew 26:38](#); [Luke 23:46](#)

◆ He exhibited the characteristics of a human being.

Our Lord was hungry ([Matthew 4:2](#)). He was thirsty ([John 19:28](#)). He grew weary ([John 4:6](#)). He experienced love and compassion ([Matthew 9:36](#)). He wept ([John 11:35](#)). He was tested ([Hebrew 4:15](#)). These are the characteristics of true humanity.

DAY 2 FULLY MAN

Why do you think Jesus was made a man? [Hebrew 2:17-18](#)

What are some of Jesus’ experiences on earth that prove He was fully man? [Philippians 2:5-8](#)

What is the earliest prophesy of Jesus in the Old Testament? [Genesis 3:15](#); [Job 19:23-27](#)

Hint: the oldest book in the Bible is the Book of Job.

DAY 3 FULLY MAN-FULLY GOD

What did it take in order for His disciples to think of Him more than just a man? [John 1:43-49](#); [John 2:11](#)

What works of Jesus prove that He is deity? [Luke 4:18-21](#)

Did those closest to Jesus believe He was God? [John 20:26-28](#); [1 John 5:20](#); [Romans 9:5](#); [Titus 2:11-14](#)

Why it is important to believe Jesus never committed any sin? [1 Peter 1:18-19](#); [Hebrews 9:13-14](#)

How do these passages support His sinlessness? [Hebrews 4:14](#); [1 Peter 2:22](#); [John 8:46](#); [2 Corinthians 5:21](#); [1 John 3:5](#)

If you say Jesus sinned, how does that affect who He is? [Hebrews 2:10-18](#)

DAY 4 FULLY GOD-FULLY MAN

Why is the doctrine of Jesus’ preexistence important? [John 1:1-4](#)

If you take away His preexistence, then you strip Him of His deity—He is not God; He is not one with the Father.

How do the following passages support His preexistence? [John 3:13,31;8:53-58](#); [Genesis 1:26](#); [Colossians 1:13-18](#); [Hebrews 1:1-2](#)

DAY 5 FULLY GOD-FULLY MAN

Define the word “incarnate.” [John 1:14](#); [1 John 4:2](#); [2 John 7](#)

Purpose of the Incarnation

Why did God send His Son in the likeness of sinful flesh?

- A. To reveal God to us. [John 1:18](#); [John 14:7-11](#)
- B. To provide an example for our lives. [1 Peter 2:21](#); [1 John 2:6](#)
- C. To provide an effective sacrifice for sin. [Hebrews 10:1-10](#)
- D. To be able to fulfill the Davidic Covenant. [Luke 1:31-33](#)
- E. To destroy the works of the Devil. [1 John 3:8](#)
- F. To be able to be a sympathetic High Priest. [Hebrews 4:14-16](#)
- G. To be able to be a qualified Judge. [John 5:22,27](#)

What was THE greatest work Christ came to earth to accomplish? [1 John 2:12;4:10](#)