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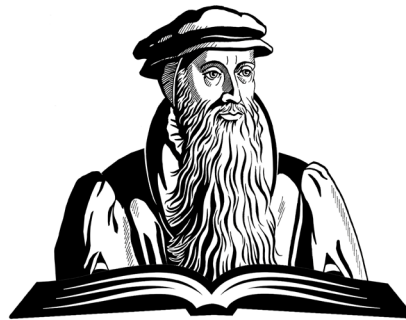
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ADULT STUDY GUIDE

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Incarnation

Memorization

Question 22: *How did Christ, being the Son of God, become man?*

Answer: *Christ, the Son of God, became man, by taking to himself a true body, and a reasonable soul, being conceived by the power of the Holy Ghost, in the womb of the Virgin Mary, and born of her, yet without sin.*

Lecture Structure

1. Introduction: more about our Redeemer.
2. Our Redeemer's preexistence.
3. Our Redeemer's conception.
4. Our Redeemer's perfection.
5. Applications.

Literal Study

1. Define these terms as they are used in the lecture:

a) Incarnation _____

b) Soul _____

c) Reasonable _____

d) Conceived _____

2. Paraphrase the answer to Question #22, or put it into your own words.

Lecture Checkup

1. Did Christ become the Son of God when he was conceived in the womb of Mary? What does the Bible teach us about his existence?

2. When did the Lord Jesus' human body and soul begin to exist?

3. What does the word "miracle" mean? How is the conception of the Lord Jesus a miracle?

4. What are the reactions of Joseph and Mary when they learned that there was a child conceived in her? How did God deal with each of them?

5. Did the Lord Jesus merely appear to be like a human? Or was he truly a human being?

6. Did the Son of God give up anything divine when he became man?

7. Where can we see most clearly that the divine Son of God truly took on a full and complete human nature with body and soul?

8. Does the incarnation of the Lord Jesus mean that he became a sinner? What does the Bible teach us about the sinlessness of Christ?

9. Why was the incarnation of Christ necessary? Why was it important that he be without sin? What does the Nicene Creed say about this?

10. How was the Lord Jesus Christ perfectly suited to be the Savior of his people? Why did he need to be fully God? Why did he need to be fully man?

Further Studies

1. Was it a voluntary act by Christ, the Son of God, to become man?

Practical Application

1. The truths in this lesson reveal to us the immeasurable love that Christ has for his people. What do you think about this great love? How does it make you feel?

2. Meditate on the immeasurable power of God that is displayed in the incarnation of the Lord Jesus Christ. And God did all this in order to save sinners like you and me.

Project Ideas

Write out the Nicene Creed and memorize it.