

Series: Know What You Believe

Message: "I Believe in Jesus Christ...Conceived of the Holy Spirit, Born of the Virgin Mary"

Texts: Luke 1:26-38; Romans 5:6-21; 2 Corinthians 5:21; Galatians 4:4-7; Hebrews 4:15; 1 Peter 2:22; 1 John 3:5

Scripture Reading: Luke 1:26-38; **Call to Worship:** Special

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The Apostles' Creed

*I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.*

*I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended to heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.*

*I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,¹
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.*

Introduction: Two Sides of the Same Coin

I. Practical Implications

☐ If Jesus was not conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of a virgin, then the Bible is wholly ____.

1. Moses taught it (Genesis 3:15)
2. Isaiah taught it (Isaiah 7:14)
3. Jeremiah taught it (Jeremiah 31:22)
4. Matthew taught it (Matthew 1:18-25)
5. Luke taught it (Luke 1:26-38)
6. John taught it (John 1:14)
7. Paul taught it (Galatians 4:4-5)

¹ The term "catholic" here means "universal."

II. Theological Implications

- ☐ If Jesus was not conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of a virgin, he was not the _____ of God. (Matthew 3:17; 17:5; Mark 5:7; John 1:14; 5:19, 26; Romans 1:4; Hebrews 1:5; 1 John 4:10)
- ☐ If Jesus was not conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of a virgin, there is no _____. (John 1:1-3, 14; Romans 1:1-4; 9:1-5; Philippians 2:5-8; Colossians 2:9-10; 1 John 4:1-3)
- ☐ If Jesus was not conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of a virgin, he was not free of _____. (Romans 5:6-21)
- ☐ If Jesus was not conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of a virgin, we have no hope of _____. (Galatians 4:4-7)
- ☐ If Jesus was not conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of a virgin, we must question everything God does as “_____.”

Conclusion: Believing These Things is Important



Love God Extravagantly ~ Love People with Humility ~ Mentor Others to do the Same

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Building the Foundation of Your Faith

The following steps and questions are designed to help you incorporate what you're learning this week into your Christian Faith.

1. Read or recite the Apostles' Creed every single day while we are going through this exercise
2. Take the credal topic for this week (i.e., Faith) and study it in your personal bible time every single day -- and if you need help knowing how to do that, don't hesitate to ask for assistance.
3. Consider the following questions:
 - a. If this statement is true, what does that mean for my confidence in Christ as my Savior and King?
 - b. If this statement is true, what does that mean for my testimony -- my life story that I share with others so they know Christ better?
 - c. If this statement is true, how does that move me closer to finding my identity in Christ alone?
 - d. If this statement is true, what does it tell me about God's love for me and my part in his mission to reach the world with the gospel?