

GOD THE SON WHAT IF...?

We believe that Jesus Christ was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary and is True God and True Man. (Isaiah 7:14; John 1:1-14; John 5:18; Phil. 2:6-11)

We believe in the bodily death and resurrection of Christ, in His ascension into heaven where He is seated at the right hand of God, and in His ministry for us as High Priest and Advocate. (Luke 24:50-52; 1 Corinthians 15:3,4)

He shall come again to earth, personally and visibly, to consummate history and the eternal plan of God. (Titus 2:13; Acts 1:11)

JESUS CHRIST IS FULLY GOD, FULLY MAN

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WHY DOES THE VIRGIN BIRTH MATTER?

Jesus had to be a human to be a sacrifice for humans (Heb 10:1-4)

But, in order to be sinless, Jesus could not inherit an earthly father's sin nature.

THROUGH HIS DEATH, JESUS...

Substitutionary Atonement – Jesus died in our place. His blood is our covering.

2 Corinthians 5:21; 1 Peter 3:18

Propitiation – God is satisfied with Jesus' death as payment for our sins.

1 John 2:1, 2 and Isaiah 53:10, 11

Justification – God declares us righteous in His sight; forgiven.

Romans 4:5 → Instantaneous legal declaration that, in Christ, I am “Just-as-if-I-never-sinned”

Redemption – Jesus paid the ransom and freed us from the bondage and consequences of our sin.

Galatians 3:13; 1 Peter 1:18; 1 Corinthians 6:20

Reconciliation – We can have a good relationship with our heavenly father.

2 Corinthians 5:18-20

HIS RESURRECTION ...

- Fulfilled His promise to rise again
- Proved that His death was a legitimate sacrifice for our sin
- Overcame sin and death.
- Anticipates ours (1 Cor 15:20-28)

HE IS IN HEAVEN AS OUR HIGH PRIEST AND ADVOCATE

Heb 7:25

HIS RETURN...

Accept that He is returning as King and Judge (Acts 1:11). No one is really sure how or when!

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Since He's human, Jesus understands us (Heb 4:15)

Pray confidently (Heb 4:16)

His return should motivate us to holy living (1 Peter 4:7-11)

His return should encourage us (1 Thess 4:13-18)