



“Jesus Christ - Conceived by the Holy Spirit, Born of the Virgin Mary”

Series: The Apostles' Creed, #4

Selected Scriptures

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What Does This Statement Mean?

1. The Bible's description.

(Matthew 1:18-25; Luke 1:26-38)

2. A few specifics.

(cf., John 1:14, 17:5; Colossians 1:15-17; Galatians 4:4-5; Philippians 2:5 ff.)

Why Do We Believe This Statement?

1. Because the Bible teaches it.

(Matthew 1:18-25; Luke 1:26-38; cf. 1 Corinthians 15:12-19)

2. More specifically, God's unfolding of this truth in the Bible.

(Genesis 3:14-15; Isaiah 7:14; Matthew 1:18-25; Luke 1:26-38)

Why Is This Truth Important?

1. It explains Emmanuel, God with us, the incarnation.

2. It demonstrates God's sovereignty and faithfulness.

3. It explains how Jesus Christ can be our Savior.

4. It means God in Jesus Christ does know how we feel in the tough times, when suffering, experiencing pain, temptation, and facing death.

5. It proves God's great love for us.

The Apostle's Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; He descended into hades; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God, the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

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

* or "catholic"

In My Life This Week

(As you use this daily guide, write out your observations and responses on a separate piece of paper and save them with this sheet for reference.)

Monday. Jesus Christ was "conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary." Read Matthew 1:18-25 and Luke 1:26-28. Think through these verses and make a list of observations and questions about "the Virgin Birth," as well as a brief statement of what this phrase describes.

Tuesday. On Sunday we cited Genesis 3:14-15 and Isaiah 7:14 with respect to the truth of the Virgin Birth. As you review these verses (and the verses around them), why do you think these are linked to Matthew 1 and Luke 1? What is the significance?

Wednesday. Matthew 1:18 and 20 tell us directly, clearly that Jesus was conceived by the Holy Spirit. How is belief in the miracle of the Virgin Birth related to the miracle of the resurrection of Jesus? What is the implication of rejecting Christ's resurrection (see 1 Corinthians 15:12-19)?

Thursday. The importance of the Virgin Birth is great, the implications are many. One Sunday we listed just five implications. Review and interact with them. Thank God for His plan of the Virgin Birth and our salvation, for Christ's love and humility to be your Savior.

Friday - Saturday. Next Sunday is Thanksgiving Sunday. Pastor Tyler will be speaking. We will resume the series in the Apostles' Creed on October 15.