



## Statement of Faith - God – The Son – Part 1

**God the Son** – Jesus Christ is the eternal Son of God, fully God and fully man. As God incarnate He was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He therefore lived a sinless life and perfectly fulfilled God’s law, imputing this righteousness to those who believe. He glorified God by saving mankind from their sin, taking sins upon Himself, dying on the cross under the punishment of God as the atoning sacrifice. Having raised from the dead, He ascended into heaven and is at the right hand of God where He ever lives to make intercession for His saints. Christ is the only means whereby mankind can be forgiven of their sins and their guilt removed. At the appointed time He will return bodily in power and glory to judge the living and the dead, and to consummate His redemptive purpose. (Matt 5:17, Luke 1:26-33, 2:6-7, John 1:1-3, 5:22-29, 14:6, Acts 4:12, 17:31, Rom 3:21-26, 8:34, Col 1:15-18, 2 Thess 2:7-10, Heb 9:14, 1 Pet 2:21-24, 1 John 3:5)

### **Jesus Christ is the eternal Son of God, fully God and fully man.**

The fact that Jesus Christ is eternal is manifest to us by His Divine Nature. Jesus is in fact fully God and therefore eternal. This is made explicitly clear in the scripture, that is Jesus Christ is an eternal being who was and is and is to come. (Rev 1:17, 2:8, 22:13)

**1 John 1:1-3** - 1:1 **What was from the beginning**, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we beheld and our hands handled, **concerning the Word of Life** — 2 and the life was manifested, and we have seen and bear witness and proclaim to you the eternal life, which **was with the Father** and was manifested to us . NASB

**John 8:58** - 58 Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, **before Abraham was born, I am.**" NASB

**Colossians 1:17** - 17 And **He is before all things**, and in Him all things hold together. NASB

As we ponder the nature of Jesus Christ, it is important to understand that He is the Son of the One true and living God. Jesus is referred to in Holy Scripture as the only begotten Son of God. There over (50) references in the New Testament to Jesus being the Son of God such as Eph 4:13, Heb 4:14, 6:6, 7:3, 1 John 3:8, etc. Not only is this emphatically stated, but belief in this truth is held up by Holy Writ as a test for orthodoxy, whether one truly is a Christian.

**1 John 4:15** - 15 Whoever confesses that **Jesus is the Son of God** , God abides in him, and he in God. NASB

To say then that He is the Son of God is also to say that He is God. That He has possessed the nature of God follows, seeing that the only offspring which can come from God is God. And so we confess with all the saints that Jesus is **“fully God.”** He is in fact God the Son, and all the attributes and divine Excellency are fully His. He is ascribed with act of creation, called God in the scripture, and manifested His power and deity with His own words and actions.

**Colossians 2:9** - 9 For **in Him all the fulness of Deity dwells** in bodily form, NASB

**John 1:1-3** - 1:1 **In the beginning was the Word**, and the Word was with God, and **the Word was God**. 2 **He was in the beginning with God**. 3 All things came into being by Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being. NASB

**Colossians 1:15-17** - 15 And **He is the image of the invisible God**, the first-born of all creation. 16 **For by Him all things were created**, both in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities — all things have been created by Him and for Him. 17 And He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together. NASB

Although this is expressly clear in scripture, it is also or additionally true that Jesus was **“fully man.”** And so the scripture affirms the humanity of Christ. Having existed throughout the eons of eternity past, God the Son had a body prepared for Him (Hebrews 10:5) which He began to indwell at the immaculate conception which was implemented by the Holy Spirit. In fact, this **“humanity of Christ”** is also held forth by the scripture as a test for orthodoxy, whether one truly is a Christian (1 John 4:2). It could not be more clear in scripture that Jesus who was **“in the form of God” was in fact “found in appearance as a man”** and came to give His life in sacrifice for the sins of mankind.

**Philippians 2:6-9** - 6 who, although **He existed in the form of God**, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, 7 but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and **being made in the likeness of men.** 8 **And being found in appearance as a man**, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. NASB

**1 John 4:2** - 2 By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit **that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God;** NASB

Therefore the fact that God the Son has taken on an **“additional nature”** (humanity) follows necessarily. He was God in the beginning, but took on a human nature being born of a woman, and humbled Himself to be led as a lamb to be slaughtered. In Christ human nature He has faced the limitations and sufferings which are common to man so that he is able to sympathize with mankind in their suffering.

**Hebrews 2:16-18** - 17 Therefore, **He had to be made like His brethren in all things**, that He might become a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. 18 For since He Himself was tempted in that which He has suffered, He is able to come to the aid of those who are tempted. NASB

### **As God incarnate He was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.**

This truth is therefore called the **“incarnation”** meaning that God Himself became incarnate, which means to **“assume human form or to be clothed in.”** We say that God was incarnated in the flesh or took on human flesh. The scripture clearly states that God took on human flesh in the person of Jesus Christ.

**1 Timothy 3:16** - 16 And by common confession great is the mystery of godliness: **He who was revealed in the flesh**, Was vindicated in the Spirit, Beheld by angels, Proclaimed among the nations, Believed on in the world, Taken up in glory. NASB

**John 1:1-3** - 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and **the Word was God.** - 14 And **the Word became flesh**, and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth. NASB

In order for this incarnation to take place, God put His seed in the virgin Mary and she became pregnant by God and bore the Son of God, the only begotten of the Father.

**Matthew 1:20-22** - 20 But when he had considered this, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife; for **that which has been conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit.** 21 "And she will bear a Son; and **you shall call His name Jesus**, for it is He who will save His people from their sins." NASB

**Luke 1:34-35** - 34 And Mary said to the angel, "**How can this be, since I am a virgin?**" 35 And the angel answered and said to her, "**The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; and for that reason the holy offspring shall be called the Son of God.**" NASB.

Thus God took on a human nature and was found in appearance as a man.

**He therefore lived a sinless life and perfectly fulfilled God's law, imputing this righteousness to those who believe.** Because Jesus was born of God, He did not take on the sinful nature of an earthly father but rather was born with a sinless human nature. This is distinguished from every other human who has ever lived after Adam, being that we have all taken on the sinful nature of Adam (Romans 5:12) and were conceived in sin (Psalm 51:5). This is called "original sin" and will be dealt with in a later teaching. Because Jesus had a sinless human nature, He was not given sin to like as we, and therefore lived a sinless and holy life.

**Hebrews 7:26-27** - 26 For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, **holy, innocent, undefiled, separated from sinners** and exalted above the heavens; 27 who does not need daily, like those high priests, to offer up sacrifices, first for His own sins, and then for the sins of the people, because this He did once for all when He offered up Himself. NASB

**2 Corinthians 5:21** - 21 He made **Him who knew no sin** to be sin on our behalf, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him. NASB

**1 Peter 1:18-19** - 18 knowing that you were not redeemed with perishable things like silver or gold from your futile way of life inherited from your forefathers, 19 **but with precious blood, as of a lamb unblemished and spotless**, the blood of Christ. NASB

In this sinless life then was the fulfillment of God's law. Jesus walked in perfect blameless righteousness fulfilling the commandments of God all the days of His life. The requirements of the law were fully met in Him. It is for this purpose that He came and this also qualified Him to die for the penalty of every sin which was ever committed, for He would not and could not die for his own sins.

**Matthew 5:17**- 17 "Do not think that I came to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I did not come to abolish, but to fulfill. NASB

Having fulfilled all righteousness, Christ now offers this blameless righteousness to all who will receive it by faith. In this faith we receive a pardon from sins, being that Christ has paid the penalty of our sins in full.

**Romans 10:4** - 4 For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes. NASB

Further we are said to have a righteousness from God which is through faith, not based on the merit of works of our own, but based on the perfect merits of the work of Christ. We have become the righteousness of God in Christ through faith. This is called the doctrine of "*imputation.*"

**Philippians 3:8-9** - 8 More than that, I count all things to be loss in view of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them but rubbish in order that I may gain Christ, 9 and may **be found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own derived from the Law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which comes from God** on the basis of faith, NASB

**Romans 3:21-25** - 21 **But now apart from the Law the righteousness of God has been manifested, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets, 22 even the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all those who believe;** for there is no distinction; 23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, 24 being justified as a gift by His grace through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus; NASB

**2 Corinthians 5:21** - 21 He made **Him who knew no sin** to be sin on our behalf, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him. NASB

**Hebrews 10:14** - 14 For by one offering He has perfected for all time those who are sanctified. NASB