

Lord's Day 14

Suggested Devotional Readings Prior to Class
Psalm 110, Matthew 1:1- 25, Luke 1:26-55

QUESTION 35:

What do you confess when you say: He was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary?

ANSWER: The eternal Son of God, who is and remains true and eternal God,¹ took upon Himself true human nature from the flesh and blood of the virgin Mary,² through the working of the Holy Spirit.³ Thus He is also the true seed of David,⁴ and like His brothers in every respect,⁵ yet without sin.⁶

QUESTION 36:

What benefit do you receive from the holy conception and birth of Christ?

ANSWER: He is our Mediator,¹ and with His innocence and perfect holiness covers, in the sight of God, my sin, in which I was conceived and born.²

Proof Texts for Lord's Day 14

Lords Day 14 [Q&A 35.1]

John 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God;

John 10:30-36 "I and the Father are one." The Jews picked up stones again to stone him. Jesus answered them, "I have shown you many good works from the Father; for which of them are you going to stone me?" The Jews answered him, "It is not for a good work that we are going to stone you but for blasphemy, because you, being a man, make yourself God." Jesus answered them, "Is it not written in your Law, I said, you are gods'? If he called them gods to whom the word of God came—and Scripture cannot be broken—do you say of him whom the Father consecrated and sent into the world, 'You are blaspheming,' because I said, 'I am the Son of God'?"

Romans 1:3 ...concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh...;

Romans 9:5 To them belong the patriarchs, and from their race, according to the flesh, is the Christ, who is God over all, blessed forever. Amen;

Colossians 1:15-17 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together;

John 5:20 And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding, so that we may know him who is true; and we are in him who is true, in his Son Jesus Christ. He is the true God and eternal life.

Lords Day 14 [Q&A 35.2]

Matthew 1:18-23 Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of

David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet:

“Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel”;

John 1:14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth;

Galatians 4:4 But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law;

Hebrews 2:14 Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil.

Lords Day 14 [Q&A 35.3]

Luke 1:35 And the angel answered her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God.

Lords Day 14 [Q&A 35.4]

II Samuel 7:12-16 When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son. When he commits iniquity, I will discipline him with the rod of men, with the stripes of the sons of men, but my steadfast love will not depart from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I put away from before you. And your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me. Your throne shall be established forever.” ;

Psalms 132:11

The LORD swore to David a sure oath
from which he will not turn back:

“One of the sons of your body
I will set on your throne;”

Matthew 1:1 The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham;

Luke 1:32 He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David;

Romans 1:3 ...concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh....

Lords Day 14 [Q&A 35.5]

Philippians 2:7 ...but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men;

Hebrews 2:17 Therefore he had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people.

Lords Day 14 [Q&A 35.6]

Hebrews 4:15 For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin;

Hebrews 7:26, 27 For it was indeed fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, innocent, unstained, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. He has no need, like those high priests, to offer sacrifices daily, first for his own sins and then for those of the people, since he did this once for all when he offered up himself.

Lords Day 14 [Q&A 36.1]

1 Timothy 2:5, 6 For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time;

Hebrews 9:13-15 For if the blood of goats and bulls, and the sprinkling of defiled persons with the ashes of a heifer, sanctify for the purification of the flesh, how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God. Therefore he is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal

inheritance, since a death has occurred that redeems them from the transgressions committed under the first covenant..

Lords Day 14 [Q&A 36.2]

Romans 8:3, 4 For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit;

II Corinthians 5:21 For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God;

Galatians 4:4, 5 But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons;

I Peter 1:18, 19 ...knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot.