

We teach that Jesus Christ, the second Person of the Trinity, possesses all the divine excellencies, and in these He is coequal, consubstantial, and coeternal with the Father.

- John 10:30 I and the Father are one.
- <u>John 14:9</u> Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all so long and have you not come to know Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; how can you say, 'Show us the Father'?

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We teach that God the Father created according to His own will, through His Son, Jesus Christ, by whom all things continue in existence and in operation.

- <u>John 1:3</u> All things came into being through Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being.
- <u>Colossians 1:15-17</u> Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. ¹⁶ For in 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 through Him and for Him. ¹⁷ And He is before all things, And in Him all things hold together.
- <u>Hebrews 1:2</u> God, having spoken long ago to the fathers in the prophets in many portions and in many ways, ² in these last days spoke to us in His Son, whom He appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds,

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We teach that in the incarnation (God becoming man) Christ surrendered only the prerogatives of deity but nothing of the divine essence, either in degree or kind. In His incarnation, the eternally existing second Person of the Trinity accepted all the essential characteristics of humanity and so became the God-Man.

- Philippians 2:5-8 Have this way of thinking in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, although existing in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷ but emptied Himself, by taking the form of a slave, by being made in the likeness of men. ⁸ Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.
- Colossians 2:9 For in Him all the fullness of Deity dwells bodily,

We teach that Jesus Christ represents humanity and deity in indivisible oneness.

- <u>Micah 5:2</u> But as for you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, *Too* little to be among the clans of Judah, From you One will go forth for Me to be ruler in Israel. His goings forth are from everlasting, From the ancient days."
- <u>John 5:22-23</u> For not even the Father judges anyone, but He has given all judgment to the Son, ²² so that all will honor the Son even as they honor the Father. He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent Him.
- John 14:9-10 Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all so long and have you not come to know Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; how *can* you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father is in Me? The words that I say to you I do not speak from Myself, but the Father abiding in Me does His works.
- Colossians 2:9 For in Him all the fullness of Deity dwells bodily

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- <u>Isaiah 7:14</u> ¹⁴ Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin will be with child and bear a son, and she will call His name Immanuel.
- <u>Matthew 1:23-25</u> "BEHOLD, THE VIRGIN SHALL BE WITH CHILD AND SHALL BEAR A SON, AND THEY SHALL CALL HIS NAME IMMANUEL," which translated means, "GOD WITH US." ²⁴ And Joseph got up from his sleep and did as the angel of the Lord commanded him, and took *Mary* as his wife, ²⁵ but kept her a virgin until she gave birth to a Son; and he called His name Jesus.

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• <u>Luke 1:26-35</u> Now in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city in Galilee called Nazareth, ²⁷ to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David, and the virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸ And coming in, he said to her, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord *is* with you." ²⁹ But she was very perplexed at *this* statement, and was pondering what kind of greeting this was. ³⁰ And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. ³¹ And behold, you will conceive in *your* womb and bear a son, and you shall name Him Jesus. ³² He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David, ³³ and He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and there will be no end of His kingdom." ³⁴ But Mary said to the angel, "How will this be, since I am a virgin?" ³⁵ 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 Child shall be called the Son of God.

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