

THE GIVER IS THE GIFT!

The incarnation/life of Christ is the most unique and important gift given to the human race. Having agreed to execute the eternal plan of redemption by limiting His deity (kenosis) & becoming the God-Man, (Undiminished deity & true humanity in one person forever), He joined His divine personhood with man by being born with a human body & soul (Condescension - stooping from his highest position to become lower than angels). He took the form of a servant (Phil 2:5-8) by adding to His divine personhood a human nature, through his miraculous conception, born as a human baby with a perfect body, soul & spirit. (Mt 26:12, 38, 27:50)

Virgin Birth

Prophecy - Mic 5:2 - Bethlehem will come the ruler out of eternity; Isa 7:14 Virgin shall conceive

Means - Lk 1:26-38 Gabriel appears to Mary – God the Holy Spirit (GHS) will come upon you & overshadow you

- GHS provided 23 male chromosomes to fertilize the pure egg Mary was carrying (woman's cycle allows her to throw off effects of AOS to purify egg).
 - From point of conception as a miracle accomplished by GHS, her pregnancy & delivery were normal.
- Lk 1:35 GHS will come upon you & His power will overshadow you - generated 23 male cells

Limitations - the generation of his body in Mary's womb was not the beginning of his personhood as it is with all other human beings.

- His personhood as God, The Son (GS) existed from eternity past.
- He simply added humanity to His divine personhood. He was not the combining of a divine person and a human person, He was the divine person, limited by kenosis, joined to humanity forever.

Importance

The Virgin Birth (VB) allowed Christ to be born without any of the effects of Adam's Original Sin (AOS) - imputed condemnation & Old Sin Nature (OSN)

Rom 5:12 - AOS & death were passed to all mankind through the medium of father's genetics

· Adam & Eve (A/E) were created perfect; Jesus developed perfect humanity in the womb, lived perfect human life

· He had to be truly human to represent humanity on the cross in the payment for sins

Heb 2:9 - made lower than angels to taste death for every man

- Mediator - 1Tim 2:5 - one mediator between God and man - equal with both
- David's throne - Mt 2:2, Lk 1:32, 2Sam 7:12-16 - establish His throne forever

* **John Baptist** - filled with GHS in his mother's womb; leapt for joy in the womb because of Messiah

Lk 1:15 Gabriel is announcing to Zacharias about the birth/life of JB - filled from mothers womb ἔτι (even) ἐκ (out from) κοιλίας (womb) μητρὸς (mother) αὐτοῦ (his)

- adverb of time **eti** is provided for emphasis & to indicate when the Spirit would be given to him
- preposition **ek** - out from indicates a separation from - after he has been separated from womb.
- The ministry of GHS was not given to him until he was born & separated from (ek) mother's womb

Lk 1:40-44 Mary visit Elizabeth (Gabriel); greets her; baby jumps in Elizabeth's womb

Lk 1:41 And it came about that when Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leaped in her womb; and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit.

Lk 1:44 - leaped in my womb because of gladness

- Those who contend JB filled HS in womb allow him ability to think as a 6 mo. old fetus
- It was Elizabeth who heard Mary's greeting, not the baby (brephos) in the womb.
- It was Elizabeth who responded with joy when hearing Mary's voice, knowing the story.
- Elizabeth's own excitement caused the baby to react & move in the womb

Perfect Humanity - Unhindered Relationship with GF & GHS

1. GHS provided perfect male genetics to form a perfect human being in Mary's womb.
2. In the womb, Jesus experienced perfectly healthy human development.
3. At birth, He was healthy in every possible way.
4. His human growth & development - normal stages of development

Luke 2:40 And the Child continued to grow and become strong, increasing in wisdom; and the grace of God was upon Him.

0 – 2	brephos, nepios	baby
2 – 5	pais	toddler
5 – 13	teknon	training
13 – 21	huios	Adult

5. Each stage develops specific skills & has the goal of mastering these skills/tasks.
6. Early stages are primarily physical with latter stages focusing on mental & belief systems
7. Jesus was indwelt/filled with GHS & in unhindered contact with GF every moment
8. Sp. dead humanity with OSN goes through stages being influenced by the devil who uses the world system to corrupt our beliefs about self, God, others, life. Eph 2:1-3; 4:22
9. Jesus mastered each stage of life, without ever sinning, without ever believing anything false from the devil or the world system - heart/belief system was filled with only pure truth.
10. He was fully & totally adjusted to the divine perspective & followed will of GF every time.
11. He was totally peaceful & confident within, humble & oriented to His mission as Messiah.
 - must be about my Father's business
12. He had no inner belief conflicts in His inner dialogue like we do, only one message

13. Believer begins CWL dominated by OM beliefs - must learn doctrine to develop divine view
14. As he/she matures, erases OM beliefs, replacing them with NM beliefs from doctrine.
- 15 Inner conflicts are resolved permanently by taking off OM beliefs & habituating NM beliefs.
16. Christ only needed to learn the truth and put on NM beliefs in a pure heart & soul.