

Mysteries of the Virgin Birth Revealed

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Division in the church is proof to the world and to ourselves that much of what we believe and practice is not by faith but by intellectual consent with religious tradition exactly the same as it was with the religious Pharisees and Scribes who resisted the earthly ministry of Jesus of Nazareth.

We obviously do not all have the truth, as Truth (deliberate capital “T”) is revealed by the Spirit of truth concerning matters of doctrine and practice. But there is one truth that we must be in agreement about and be able to share with those who are perishing because of unbelief, the truth concerning the birth, life, death, and resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth.

The “new” information and so-called “discoveries” about Jesus Christ and “lost” gospels being promoted on the Discovery Channel, the History Channel, in magazines, and even in movies, are not new. The religious Jews of the Lord’s own day resisted the truth of who He was even as it was played out in front of their very own eyes, and the Gnostics of Paul’s day constantly attempted to undermine the truth about the Lord’s birth, life, death, and resurrection.

This “new” information is nothing more than a modern day re-discovery of the ancient lies of evil men under the influence of their own god, the father of lies, Satan, who opposes God’s plan for mankind by distorting the truth.

And, yet, there are questions that we, who are enabled to receive truth by the supernatural illumination of the Holy Spirit, need to be able to answer.

Adam was created as a spiritual being who inhabited a physical body. Adam’s body of flesh was able to perceive and respond to the natural creation in ways that are similar to those of all

living creatures. His spirit was able to receive impressions from the spiritual realm, and his soul, his mind, emotions and will, received information from both his natural body and his spirit so that he was able to choose a response to either.

Other creatures have “souls” (mind, emotion, will), but they were not created as spiritual beings connected to both the natural world and to the spiritual.

They may be influenced and controlled by spirit beings, but they cannot choose their response.

An enormously important aspect of God’s creation of the spirit-being, man, who was intended from the beginning to be in covenant communion with God, is that man, through procreation, is a co-creator of other spirit-beings, who from the moment of conception, become eternal beings. Thus, the murder of millions of unborn infants, sanctioned by the government of the United States of America, is a burden of sin for which the nation will experience judgment if there is no national repentance.

As a unique spirit-being Adam’s free-will relationship with God was through covenant. The original covenant between God and the man, Adam, contained only one prohibition, “you must not eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil”, and one curse, “for if you eat it, you will surely die.”

Adam, in his original sinless condition communed freely with God, because, in his innocence, he was without shame or fear. But Adam’s sinless innocence was untested, and, when tested, he failed.

Adam was originally “generated” (created) as a spiritual being inhabiting a natural body who was in communion with a holy God. When Adam sinned (missed the mark of the covenant requirements), the covenant was broken, and Adam suffered the curse of the broken covenant. This curse of “death”, included his immediate separation from the life and covenant blessings of God and his soul and his body became corrupt (i.e. de-generated). As a result, every man and woman born after that time has been born “in Adam” (having Adam’s spiritual and natural DNA) with the de-generated sin nature or fallen nature, separated from the life and covenant blessings of God.

Man is still a spiritual being with a “living soul” who inhabits a physical body, but in the fallen or de-generated state of being he is disconnected from the life and direct spiritual influence of God. He is not, however, disconnected from the influence of other fallen spirit beings such as Satan and his followers.

In this de-generated condition he cannot live up to the righteous requirements of the covenant, no matter how good he is in natural, worldly terms, and his judgment for not living up to the requirements of the covenant is the same as the judgment received by the god he knowingly or unknowingly follows. Every man and woman since Adam are, therefore, condemned to this curse of the broken covenant at whatever point in their lives God begins to hold them accountable.

(I am reminded in this of Bob Dylan’s song, “You’re Gonna Serve Somebody”...”it may be the devil or it may be the Lord, but you’re gonna serve somebody...”)

From the very beginning God, who created mankind for fellowship with Him, is not willing that any be lost, and the eternal Creator, for whom time is meaningless, who knew the end from the beginning, provided a means of restoring man’s covenant status with Him through an atoning sacrifice.

God's provision of this atoning sacrifice is required to be received by faith (by the supernatural revelation of this truth and man's obedient faith response to this revelation), and it was symbolically represented through an elaborate and symbolic blood sacrifice system, even providing coverings of skin from innocent animals for Adam and Eve. However, man's outward obedience to the covenant requirements progressively revealed as the "Law" and the prophets could not "save" or restore any man to covenant status with God.

No Jew or Gentile has ever been, or ever will be, redeemed by outward obedience to the requirements of the Law and the prophets. These merely provided a definition of the requirements of God's covenant with man and the need for an atoning sacrifice.

God did reckon men's individual obedient faith responses to the revelation of His will as "righteousness," just as he "reckons" those who cannot respond (such as the unborn, young children, and the mentally challenged) but the true covenant atonement for these men, including Adam, Moses, Abraham, David, the prophets, the priests, and many others, including Gentiles completely unaware of the Law and the prophets, would not be complete until a permanent and lasting sacrifice could be made.

For that reason all mankind thus "reckoned" by God to be "righteous," either because they were not held accountable (like unborn babies) or through their individual responses to the supernatural revelation of His will prior to the birth, life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, did not go immediately into the presence of a Holy God. Upon death they entered the supernatural region of the dead ("Hades"), but, unlike the unrighteous dead, they entered a state of "Paradise," not of suffering, as they awaited the completion of an atoning sacrifice.

But it is also important for us to note that the "Paradise" of Hades, also known as "the bosom of Abraham," though it was "paradise," was not in the heavenly presence of the Father.

God's eternal intent was to redeem fallen mankind by establishing a new covenant through the atoning blood sacrifice of a sinless man who would fulfill all the righteous requirements of the covenant ("the Law").

In order to qualify, that man had to be born in the flesh, but not born with the de-generated Adamic nature (a.k.a. "original sin") and thus contaminated by this fallen nature. Then he had to walk perfectly in the will of God (i.e. all of the covenant requirements, the "Law"), and, as the sinless "Lamb of God", become a scapegoat for the sins of all mankind.

But how could that be accomplished since all men and women since Adam are born as "sons of Adam," de-generated and subject to the curse of the original broken covenant?

Bible critics like to point out that there are two different genealogies for Jesus Christ. However, they miss the singular point that the genealogy in Matthew 1:1-17 is the legal line from Abraham through Mary's husband, Joseph, and the genealogy in Luke 3:23-38 is the blood line from Adam through Mary. So, we have the genealogies of the legal line through Joseph, the step-father, and the blood line through Mary, the birth mother, both of whom are in the lineage of David and Abraham.

In the legal line, one of Joseph's ancestors is Jehoiachin (also "Jeconiah" or "Coniah") whom Jeremiah prophesied would never sit on the throne of David (Jeremiah 22:24-30).

In verse 30 we see that the curse applies only to his "offspring", and, although Jesus is Joseph's legal heir, he is not his "offspring". Therefore, this curse did not pass down through the legal line. It passed down through the blood line.

If it were otherwise, Jesus would not be an heir to the throne of David.

Matthew 1:1-17 Legal Line

Luke 3:23-38 Blood Line

Abraham
David
Jeconiah (curse)
Joseph (Mary's husband)

Adam
Abraham
David
Joseph (Mary's father)
Mary

The greater problem, though, is that in order to fulfill His purpose as the "Son of Man" and the "Lamb of God," Jesus had to be born of the flesh, but without the de-generated sin nature.

That part of the holy trinity known as the "Son", Jesus Christ, could not become a man simply by inhabiting or possessing the body of a man. He had to be **born** in the flesh by the "seed" of the Holy Spirit quickening Mary's egg. Thus He was born "the Son of Man" through Mary, and, at the same time, "the Son of God" by the Holy Spirit.

It was also necessary that Jesus be born without inheriting the curse of the broken covenant "in Adam", because that which is cursed cannot "become a curse" for us. Nor would He have qualified as the *Lamb of God without spot or blemish* who became sin for us in order that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

We understand how Jesus escaped the curse on Joseph's bloodline because Joseph was the step-father and not the biological father, and that is instructive for us. But how is it that Jesus also escaped inheriting the de-generated sin nature from Mary, who was His biological mother and an inheritor of original sin herself?

The Blood Line Inheritance

God
> Jesus Christ
Adam (curse) > Abraham > David > Mary

In Genesis 1:28-30 God defines His covenant with man to both the man and the woman, but in Genesis 2:15-17 it is clear that God commanded the man first and that the covenant prohibition was given to the man, but not repeated in God's expansion of the covenant to both the man and the woman.

We know that Eve was aware of the covenant prohibition, but she either received that knowledge from Adam or from an unrecorded communication with God. Either way, God's covenant provisions were given to the man prior to the creation of the woman.

Thus Genesis 1:28-30 actually occurred after Genesis 2:15-17, and the covenant that was originated with Adam in Genesis 2:15-17 was defined and expanded to the covenant man and his partner, the woman, Eve, afterwards.

The reason Satan chose to tempt Eve apart from Adam, was that her spiritual covering was "in Adam". She had communion with God, the same as Adam, and equality with Adam in dominion over the natural creation. But because she was created out of Adam's flesh and because God's original covenant was with Adam as the prototype of man, Eve's covenant covering was "in Adam".

Her covenant relationship with God was not individual. It was **in** Adam just as our covenant with God is not individual but **in** Christ.

The proof is that Eve did not enter into a fallen state immediately upon sinning (missing the mark of the covenant requirements). In Genesis 3:6 Eve ate the fruit first and later gave some to her husband to eat.

Then the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked;
Genesis 3:7 NIV (emphasis is the author's)

In this passage we see that the fall did not occur until Adam ate the fruit, and it occurred simultaneously for both of them. When Eve sinned, she did not experience the immediate consequences of her sin, but when Adam sinned the result was instantaneous. Therefore, the fall is a result of Adam's disobedience and not because of Eve's individual sin, even though she sinned first.

It is also noteworthy that in Genesis 3:21-24 God says, "**The man** has now become like one of us..."; "**He** must not be allowed..."; So the Lord God banished **him**...from the ground from which **he** had been taken...; "After he drove **the man** out..."

In these passages the only consideration is for **the man**, Adam, because Adam was the one originally in covenant with God. Eve suffered his fate because she was "in Adam".

Eve being physically created from Adam's rib is the physical representation of this spiritual truth. In the beginning she was literally "in Adam" physically just as she was "in Adam" spiritually.

Since Eve did not fall until Adam sinned, even though she sinned first, we can assume that if Adam had sinned first, Eve would have been condemned by his fall, even if she did not sin, because Adam was God's covenant man and Eve was "in Adam".

We also are "in Adam" at birth and inherit the sin nature even though, as infants, we have not sinned.

Eve's sin did not, therefore, condemn mankind. It was not until God's covenant man, Adam, deliberately sinned, that all men "in Adam" were cursed.

Therefore, since it was Adam who broke the covenant, the sin nature is passed down through the blood line of the man, not the woman, and since Jesus was not fathered by man but by the Holy Spirit, he did not inherit the de-generated sin nature.

This particular inheritance is unique to Jesus alone. No other man or woman has ever or will ever be born without a man's sperm fertilizing the mother's egg, and no other man or woman has ever or will ever be born without inheriting the sin nature from the blood line of the biological father.

Early Roman Catholic fathers were aware of the need for Jesus of Nazareth to be born without original sin (the inherited sin nature). But, because they did not have revelatory insight from the Spirit of truth, they invented their own convenient "truth."

These men were unaware that the woman, Mary, though born with original sin like the rest of mankind, was not the carrier for that broken covenant inheritance. And their "solution" for this problem was to claim that the blessing of the angel who visited Mary to announce that she would give birth to the Messiah caused the miraculous erasure of Mary's original sin.

Because every lie needs to be supported by additional lies, they claimed that Mary lived a sinless life as a virgin from that point forward, and they explained away Jesus's brothers and sisters as being adopted.

This false, unscriptural claim, then led to the additional heretical invention of a coronation in heaven wherein the Father and the Son deified Mary by crowning her "Queen of Heaven," and millions upon millions of Roman Catholics through the centuries have been thus misled,

even unto eternal separation from the God who gave His only Son that they might experience eternal life and blessing in Him.

But by the revelation of the Holy Spirit, we have the scripturally based truth of Jesus Christ's unique birth as the Son of Man without original sin and Son of God through the seed of the Holy Spirit.

This is why Paul called Jesus the "last Adam". Although Jesus was born in the flesh as the "Son of Man" and was not a created man, he was "generated" at the moment of conception by the Holy Spirit, and He became the last Adam, the covenant man of God through whom all mankind would be blessed.

In his unique conception He became both the *Son of Man* and *the Lamb of God without spot or blemish*. As the Son of Man He fulfilled all of the covenant requirements, known as "the Law", and He fulfilled all the prophecies concerning His conception, birth, life, death, and resurrection (the mathematical probabilities of which are astronomical.)

Thus this man took all the sin of man from Adam forward upon Himself, and His sinless blood was shed as an acceptable sacrifice and atonement for all the sins of all mankind "in Adam".

When the sacrifice and atonement was complete, God raised Him from the dead so that all men who believe by faith will also be resurrected from the dead, not only at the appointed time, but even in this life as they are raised up to become "new creations" whose spirits are indwelt by the Holy Spirit of God.

And God made Him the mediator and High Priest of a new eternal covenant between God and man that all who believe would be baptised into Him and adopted as sons and joint heirs with Christ.

This is the "good news" that Jesus, Himself preached to the righteous dead in "Paradise" before His resurrection in order that their redemption might be complete.

This is also the "good news" that the angels proclaimed to the shepherds at the time of His birth and the "good news" that we continue to proclaim as a living Truth imparted to us by the Holy Spirit.

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