

Theology Simply Explained — WSC22 “How God Became the God-Man”

Pastor walks his children through Westminster Shorter Catechism question 22—especially explaining how God the Son became the God-Man.

Q22. How did Christ, being the Son of God, become man? *Christ, the Son of God, became man, by taking to Himself a true body and a reasonable soul, being conceived by the power of the Holy Ghost in the womb of the virgin Mary, and born of her, yet without sin.*

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Our shorter. Catechism question this week is number 22. How did Christ being the son of God become, man? And the answer is Christ. The son of God became, man. By taking to himself a true body and a reasonable soul.

Being conceived by the power of the Holy Ghost, and the womb. Of the Virgin, Mary. And born of her yet without sin. So, the first part there Christ, the son of God became Man by taking And we need to stop there. Because it was very important that we realized that being the Eternal Son of God.

Being God himself, the second person of the godhead. It is impossible that he could become Man by some sort of subtraction. The use of the Language of kenosis, emptying. In Philippians chapter 2. Must be understood as emptying by addition, not emptying by subtraction. And so he is not converted into a man.

Nothing happens to his deity at all. Rather, the Divine person adds to himself, A human nature. And this is something that, of course. God acts as one in doing the Father, the Son and the Holy But we focus here in this catechism, answer especially on what the sun has done.

Taking to himself. Now, he takes to himself, then a full and true human nature. Which means he takes to himself a true body. And he is subject. Growth. Physically. Growth intellectually. Things like hunger and thirst and exhaustion. Is needy. He is affected by the things that happen around him.

And so he has passions. There's things which happened to him. you may have heard the phrase, The Passion of Christ, it means that which happens to them. It's related to the word passive. All of these things are. unique to the human nature, as opposed to the As opposed to the Divine.

God is without body parts or passions things. Do not happen to God. any language of affection in him. As something within his unchangingness and unchangeableness. That comes, that is from him. Moved towards the creatures. Who are themselves changing? But when Jesus adds creaturelyness to himself, Things happen to him.

And the greatest thing, the most immense thing that has ever happened to him. Is the bearing of the wrath of God on the cross and that is why. The cross is called his passion. So he takes himself to takes to himself a true body. And a reasonable soul and it is here.

That that which happens to him, affects him. He reasons he interacts with things in time as they impact him. So, they impact him intellectually. They impact him emotionally. They impact impact him volitionally. We are reasonable creatures. We are impacted in our soul in the various faculties of the Soul.

And these faculties are are mind our affections and our will. The Lord Jesus also was impacted and his mind his affections and his will and continues to be. So he still has a true body, he still has a reasonable soul. Now, how did he come to have a true body?

How did he come to have a reasonable soul? Well, he created for himself by his Spirit. Our body within Mary. Mary had the question. Which many have had, how can it be? That the Sun that is within her and from her has to be from her substance or else, he would not be the son of David as the angel announced to her and the scriptures frequently call him.

How can it be that the son that is of her substance would also be called the son of the most high. Because he is also the son of God. Which was most revealed to be. When he rose again from the dead with power, As we hear in the opening verses of Romans and so she wanted to know how he could be.

Well, the answer to that is the Holy Spirit takes from her substance. And the Holy Spirit conceives, then forms a human being. From the substance of Mary not only making his body from From her cells. Making a body for the second person of the godhead, but creating a human soul.

And since he does not have, Earthly father. This human soul is properly rightly created sinless. And of course, the Divine person, Being the one who acts according to each of his Natures as is appropriate to each nature. It is impossible that this sinless person. Or sin less. Yes, nature.

would be Employed sinfully. By the Divine person. And so Jesus is a full and true man, but it is impossible that he would sin. Because he he is a sinless. Person. And so our new Adam Is much better than the first atom. The first Adam was created Paso, pakari able to sin.

Jesus is non-pase, picari sin is offered to him. He has the capacity to it. But it is impossible that he would do it. Because he is God, the son, the righteous one. This is why. When we have faith in Jesus Christ, we receive not just the perfect righteousness of a man.

Although the righteousness that was,

Expressed by the Lord. Jesus on our behalf is Expressed, according to his human nature. Yet, he is a Divine person. And so it is his Divine righteousness expressed in and by and through his human nature. So when he who knew no sin was made to be sin, It was so that we who believe in him.

That we might become the righteousness of God in him. And the righteousness that stands for you, then when you believe into Jesus, Is the righteousness of God. this of course. It shows how ridiculous it is that a man could ever add to or improve upon has standing with God by that righteousness, which he lives even as God the Holy Spirit, applies to you, the righteousness of God, the son in your character and in your conduct, all of the righteousness that you live out.

In your character and conduct is still merely human righteousness. Even in the last day, and Forever. It will be merely. Perfect. Human righteousness. Which still is not to be compared to the divine righteousness of the second person of the godhead expressed in the human nature that he had taken to himself.

See, how great is your righteousness before? God, your right standing with God. When it is through faith in Jesus Christ and it is he it is and his righteousness. Which are imputed to you. And so, This is what God had determined for us. And when the fullness of time came, he sent his son into the world, Born of a woman born under the law.

and that's The Marvelous answer to this catechism question. How did Christ being the son of God become, man? Christ, the son of God became, man. By taking to himself a true body and a reasonable soul. Being conceived by the power of the Holy Ghost in the womb of the Virgin, Mary.

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