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## “The Truth of Christ: Unclean Spirit Verses Professed Christianity”

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“And there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit; and he cried out, Saying, Let us alone; what have we to do with thee, thou Jesus of Nazareth? Art thou come to destroy us? I know thee who thou art, the Holy One of God” (Mk. 1:23-24).

Our Lord Himself warned of false Christs and false prophets (Matt. 24:24). The Apostle Paul warned of “another Jesus,” “another spirit” and “another gospel” (II Cor. 11:4). This “another gospel” is in fact not “another” but is rather a perversion of the gospel of Christ (Gal. 1:6-7). Even so it is with the person of Jesus of

By: Joe Galuszek *Isa 40:28-31*

**I**sa 40:28 Hast thou not known? hast thou not heard, that the everlasting God, the LORD, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary? there is no searching of his understanding.

God is not weary, fainthearted or unknowing. It is unfortunate that most do not believe this statement, even in churches today. The Creator of the ends of the earth is not weary, not tired of His labor. God continues to work as He has always

Nazareth. Although there are many opinions as to the person of Jesus Christ, there is but one truth as to the person of Christ. That which deviates from the truth is a perversion of truth and is damnable to those who preach it (Gal. 1:8-9). The truth of Christ, yea even more to the point, the truth of Jesus of Nazareth, is that He is “the Holy One of God.”

It is sad to have to write but true nonetheless, that at least some of the demonic minions of Satan know more of the truth of Christ than many professed Christians. Jesus of Nazareth (Jesus – the saviour, Emmanuel or God with us; of Nazareth – an actual town occupied by mankind, thus

worked, perfectly. Christ is sitting on the right hand of the Father, expecting His enemies to be put under His feet. The enemies of God will be a footstool for the Lord of Creation. This is being worked out as the world turns today. Have you heard? Do you know? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of all things. Most people do not know, even if they have heard.

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Jesus the God-man) is the Holy One of God. The son (the virgin’s kindred child) brought forth of Mary is God (Matt. 1:23). That which was born of Mary the virgin was “holy” (Lk. 1:35, this includes Christ’s humanity for Mary conceived and gave birth to a human child) thus would be called the Son of God. The whole of the truth here is that both Christ’s deity and His humanity was Holy in the purist sense and that holiness was intrinsic and of Divine origin. Jesus of Nazareth was and is man but He was and is the unique man. This man is the Lord from heaven (I Cor. 15:47). Jesus of Nazareth did not receive His humanity by mere human means, even from

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the virgin. Christ's humanity was the product of God the Spirit producing in the virgin something holy (Matt. 1:18, 20).

The humanity of Jesus of Nazareth is certainly superior to that of fallen man (Heb. 7:26-27), and His humanity is even superior to that of Adam (I Cor. 15:45-49). The creation, including man (Adam and Eve), was seen by God to be good and even very good. However, never was the creation or man declared to be holy because all was susceptible to the fall and the curse by the fall. Man was created in the image of God (Gen. 1:27) but the Son is the express image of God's person (Heb. 1:1-3). Again, the first man (Adam) was of the earth, earthy: the second man (Jesus of Nazareth) is the Lord from heaven (I Cor. 15:47). Plainly stated, those who teach that Jesus of Nazareth could have sinned are saying that He could have ceased to be holy, He could have ceased to be God, He could have failed, He could have gone to Hell for His own sin and sins, and that God's sovereign purpose could have been thwarted. Whether intentionally or otherwise, what a horror to promote such a Christ! We must say that either God got lucky and Jesus did not fail or God's purpose could not fail because even Jesus of Nazareth was the Holy One of God. Scripture prophesied of Christ that: "He shall not fail..." (Isa. 42:4). To say He "shall not" but yet there was the possibility that He "could have" is contradictory.

There certainly is not

space enough to try and answer the many objections to the truth. But one thing will be clear to any spiritually minded person: The manner in which we interpret scripture must be based upon precedent! Those passages which deal directly with the person of Christ, these passages are to guide our minds in those passages which deal with circumstances in the life of Christ. In other words, scripture says Christ was tempted of Satan. What does this "tempt" mean? Is this negative temptation? Did Christ, as is with fallen man, inwardly struggle with lust being enticed (Js. 1:14-15) but He was able to fight it off? Some people teach this yet where does any of those passages which deal with that temptation even hint at such? They do not! Eve, even before the fall, manifest the inward susceptibility by negative desire (Gen. 3:6 cf. I Jn. 2:16), with Adam then knowingly, willingly, and apart from deception (cf. I Tim. 2:14) joining her. Christ never had that inner, negative desire (Jn. 7:18; 8:46; 14:30; II Cor. 5:21; I Jn. 3:5). We have at least these preceding five passages which refute any inner susceptibility in Christ and yet men want to still teach that it existed. Why? They want to make their god altogether like unto themselves. As a matter of fact Christ was tempted (put to a test) by Satan for forty days (Mk. 1:13; Lk. 4:2) not with three enticements. The actual forty day temptation [testing] preceded what people call the three-fold temptation of Christ. In Luke 4:2 note that the forty day temptation

had ended, then the final validation of Christ's holy natures (divine and human) in three great statements from Christ as to who He was and where He stood in view of Satan's last three assaults. Far from showing Christ could have sinned it clearly reveals that sin was abhorrent to Him. Some suggest Christ was tempted [negatively] in His humanity but not in His deity. In other words, as God He could not sin but as man He could. But we must note that He was tempted as to His actual deity: "If thou be the Son of God" in two of the three assaults. Christ was tempted [tested] not to see if He would sin but to show that He completely abhorred sin. Christ was tempted in all points like as we are, but let us never forget "yet without [apart from] sin [inward sinfulness or a sinful nature]" (Heb. 4:15). Thus He can be touched with the feeling of our infirmities (the weakness of our human maladies – hunger, thirst, physical weariness etc.) but He is not moved to feel with us in our sin. Sadly, some professed Christians want a Christ to sympathize with their sinfulness rather than their human weaknesses. This Christ does not do!

It must be granted, our human maladies stem from our sinfulness, but Christ partook of those human maladies apart from sin. He was made in the likeness of sinful flesh, but never did He have sinful flesh. Moreover, He was made in the likeness of sinful flesh, not to sympathize with our sin but to condemn sin in the flesh by the

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sacrifice of Himself (Rom. 8:3). To say otherwise is to say even more than He could have sinned, it is to say He was sinful. Herein is the real difference between the Holy One of God and the Jesus of so-called Christian religion. The elect have a Holy person who was the sacrifice for their sin and sins, thus securing their acceptance by God. In other words, He was the perfect sacrifice! False religion has a Jesus who died for their sins but since that could not secure them he can feel sorry for their sins and maybe let them go free. Since Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever, then Jesus Christ is not better now than He ever was. A Jesus who could have sinned then could still sin now or even in eternity. There is no hope in such a Jesus! But there is a sure hope in the Holy One of God!

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before this. "To whom then will ye liken God?" (Isa 40:18) "To whom then will ye liken me, or shall I be equal? saith the Holy One" (Isa 40:25). There is no one to compare with God. "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts" (Isa 55:8,9). The nations of the world are to God as a drop in the bucket. They are of no consequence. God knows. This is our hope, that believers are known of

God. "Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his. And, Let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity" (2 Timothy 2:19). God gives power to the faint. Christ gives strength to the weak. I can "liken" Christ to no one. He is unique. He is light, life, love, power, wisdom, righteousness, sanctification and redemption. Jesus Christ is salvation, to the Jew and Greek. There is no other. There is none like Him. Christ, being God, came down from heaven to earth to die, so that His people would live. He, being sinless, took upon Himself ALL of the sins of His children. He, being perfect, offered Himself to God in the place of His chosen ones as a perfect, atoning sacrifice. Christ, being accepted by the Father, calls His brethren to Himself and brings them into the light, the family of God. To whom will you liken Him? No one.

**Ephesians 3:1-21**

1 For this cause I Paul, the prisoner of Jesus Christ for you Gentiles,  
 2 If ye have heard of the dispensation of the grace of God which is given me to you-ward:  
 3 How that by revelation he made known unto me the mystery; (as I wrote afore in few words,  
 4 Whereby, when ye read, ye may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ)  
 5 Which in other ages was not made known unto the sons of men, as it is now revealed unto his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit;

6 That the Gentiles should be fellowheirs, and of the same body, and partakers of his promise in Christ by the gospel:  
 7 Whereof I was made a minister, according to the gift of the grace of God given unto me by the effectual working of his power.  
 8 Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, is this grace given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ;  
 9 And to make all *men* see what *is* the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ:  
 10 To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly *places* might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God,  
 11 According to the eternal purpose which he purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord:  
 12 In whom we have boldness and access with confidence by the faith of him.  
 13 Wherefore I desire that ye faint not at my tribulations for you, which is your glory.  
 14 For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
 15 Of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named,  
 16 That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man;  
 17 That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love,  
 18 May be able to comprehend with all saints what *is* the breadth, and length, and depth, and height;  
 19 And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God.  
 20 Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us,  
 21 Unto him *be* glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.



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