

Theme: The Apostle's Creed: "Jesus was born from the Virgin Mary"

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Scriptures: Mt 1:18, 24-25; Lk 2:6-7; Jn 1:14; Hb 2:14; Jn 1:12

Jesus Christ, the second Person of the Triune God in whom we believe, is wholly God and wholly man.

Jesus was born from Mary and made in human likeness, the same as us. Thus he can empathize with all of our weaknesses and suffering. Not only that, but he took on human form, in order that he may die for us.

Jesus was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. Therefore, he is different from all of humanity: he had no original sin, nor did he sin himself. He is the Word who became flesh and made his dwelling among us, living out God's perfect nature, full of truth and grace. Moreover, he ultimately gave his holy, flawless life by dying on the cross for us.

He himself, by his death, has broken the power of the devil who holds the power of death; by his resurrection from the dead on the third day, he was appointed the Son of God in power. To all who believe in him, he gave the right to become children of God, and to share in the eternal life of God.

Reflections:

- Have I accepted the salvation that Jesus has accomplished for humankind?
- Do I have assurance that I possess the eternal life God has granted to his children?
- Do I cast all my burdens and cares on to Jesus?
- Do I fear death?

Renewal Prayer: Lord Jesus, I would like to renew my relationship with you. I am willing to open my heart and accept you into my heart as my Savior and Lord of my life. Thank you for giving me the right to be God's child, so that I can enjoy eternal life, and peace and joy in my heart.