

“For there is not a just man upon the earth that doeth good and sinneth not.”

Some have gone on to ponder the question whether it was possible for Christ to have fallen as well. Since Christ was in all points tempted as we are, would it not have been possible for Jesus to sin? The answer is absolutely not for **“God cannot be tempted with evil”** (James 1:13). Jesus was tested and proved in every way, but even in His humanity He did not cease to be God. *“God is light”* (1John 1:5), and Jesus is *“the light of the world”* (John 8:12). *“In him is no darkness at all”* (1John 1:5), *“neither shadow of turning”* (James 1:17).

The devil tempted Christ in the wilderness for 40 days (Matthew 4:1-11) to prove that Jesus was the Son of God. He was tested with *“all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life”* (1John 2:16). But when He was tried, He was found to be **“holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners”** (Hebrews 7:26). This test was not so much as to see whether Christ could sin or not, but to prove that He was the Son of God, the *“Lamb without spot or blemish”*.

He lived on this earth for 33 spotless years. Many eyewitnesses could testify to this. As for His actions, the people *“were beyond measure astonished, saying, He hath done all things well”* (Mark 7:37). Likewise, Luke records that He *“went about doing good”* (Acts 10:38), and Isaiah said, *“he had done no violence”* (Isaiah 53:9).

Jesus challenged His adversaries saying, *“Which of you convinceth me of sin?”* (John 8:46), and none could put a finger on Him for **“no unrighteousness is in him”** (John 7:18). Jesus alone could say *“I do always those things that please him (God)”* (John 8:29), and rightly declare to all *“yet none of you keepeth the law”* (John 7:19).

But they bore false witness against Him (Mt. 26:57-62). They tried to say He broke the Sabbath (John 5:18). They charged Him with blasphemy for saying He was the Son of God (Mark 14:60-64). But when Christ stood before the judgment seat of Pilate, he said *“to the chief priests and to the people, I find no fault in this man”* (Luke 23:4).

Finally they accomplished what they set out to do from the beginning (John 5:18) and crucified Him for saying He was the Christ, the Son of God (John 19:7). When crucified alongside Jesus, the thief testified that he was justly condemned for his deeds but Jesus **“hath done nothing amiss”** (Luke 23:41).

As for His conversation, there was no *“deceit in his mouth”* (Isaiah 53:9), *“neither was guile found in his mouth: Who, when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, he threatened not”* (1Peter 2:23). In fact *“all bare him witness, and wondered at the gracious words which proceeded out of his mouth”* (Luke 4:22). Likewise, John with heartfelt and deep adoration recorded: *“And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and*

truth” (John 1:14). Truly, Jesus Christ was the embodiment of grace and truth, the Glory of God the Father.

The psalmist record looked forward to Him, *“Thou art fairer than the children of men: grace is poured into thy lips: therefore God hath blessed thee for ever”* (Psalm 45:2). **“His mouth is most sweet: yea, he is altogether lovely”** (Song of Solomon 5:16). *“How sweet are thy words unto my taste! yea, sweeter than honey to my mouth”* (Psalms 119:103)!

Even at a young age *“all that heard him were astonished at his understanding and answers”* (Luke 2:47). Later in life, His countrymen questioned, *“Whence hath this man this wisdom”* (Matthew 13:54)? But He would tell them *“My doctrine is not mine, but his that sent me”* (John 7:16), *“as my Father hath taught me, I speak these things”* (John 8:28). *“For I have not spoken of myself; but the Father which sent me, he gave me a commandment, what I should say, and what I should speak”* (John 12:49). He *“is in the bosom of the Father”* (John 1:18) and was never once outside of His Fathers will.

We might ask, why is this so important? If Jesus sinned, what’s the big deal? Listen, if Jesus would have sinned we could not be saved. If He had sin of His own He could not die for ours, but *“he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world”* (1John 2:2). *“He was manifested to take away our sins”* (1John 3:5), so God *“made him to be sin for us”* (2Corinthians 5:21). We were all as sheep

going astray, but the Good Shepard loved us and “*giveth his life for the sheep*” (John 10:11).

Because we are sinners, we are hopeless to save ourselves. When we are both drowning in the river of iniquity as it flows to the lake of fire, my “helping hand” will do nothing for you. There is none who “*can by any means redeem his brother, nor give to God a ransom for him*” (Psalm 49:7) for “*all have sinned and come short of the glory of God*” (Romans 3:23). All of mankind needs to be redeemed for all are under the bondage of corruption due to sin. The soul that sins, it shall die. The payment for sin is death, but if we die in our sins we shall perish in hell and never see light but “*blackness of darkness forever*” (Jude 13) “*in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone*” (Revelation 20:8).

What then “*shall a man give in exchange for his soul*” (Matthew 16:26) that he might “*live for ever, and not see corruption*” (Psalm 49:9)? The Bible tells us “*the redemption of [our] soul is precious*” (Psalm 49:8), more costly than “*silver and gold*”, even the “*whole world*” for these are “*corruptible things*” (1 Peter 1:17) “*that perisheth*” (1 Peter 1:7).

There is however one thing that is “*precious*” in the sight of God, that is, His beloved Son. He was “*disallowed indeed of men, but chosen of God, and precious*” (1 Peter 2:4). Indeed the redemption of our soul is precious for it cost “*the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot*” (1 Peter 1:18-21).

The Impeccability of Christ

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The Scriptures are absolutely clear as to the perfection, faultlessness, immaculateness, excellence and purity of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Although He “*was made in the likeness of men*” (Philippians 2:7), “*in the likeness of sinful flesh*” (Romans 8:3), and took part of “*flesh and blood*” (Hebrews 2:14), He “*knew no sin*” (2 Corinthians 5:21), He “*did no sin*” (1 Peter 2:22), “*and in him is no sin*” (1 John 3:5).

One man was asked the question if it was ever possible for man to refrain from sinning. He resounded “*Absolutely! But I know not a man.*” However, Jesus Christ “*was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin*” (Hebrews 4:15). To the contrary, you and I are sinners in every aspect. First of all, we have sin imputed to us from Adam. When Adam sinned, the whole of humanity was in his loins, genetically speaking, and when He fell, we fell with him. We are therefore born “*of corruptible seed*” (1 Peter 1:23). But Jesus birth was on this wise, “*for that which is conceived in (not of) her (Mary) is of the Holy Ghost*” (Matthew 1:20).

As well, our thoughts are tainted with sin, but Jesus never knew an impure thought. Lucifer had one impure thought and he was cast down to the earth out of heaven (Isaiah 14:12). The mind is the breeding ground for sin and when “*lust hath conceived it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death*” (James 1:15). In Ecclesiastes 7:20 we read,

He was without spot or blemish, as was the Levitical sin offering, therefore He needed not to offer sacrifice “*first for his own sins, and then for the people’s: for this he did once, when he offered up himself*” (Hebrews 7:27). Jesus Christ “*offered himself without spot to God*” and “*by his own blood he ... obtained eternal redemption for us*” (Hebrews 9:14, 12). “*After he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, [He] sat down on the right hand of God*” (Hebrews 10:12). God raised Him from the dead and gave Him glory exalting Him “*with his right hand to be a Prince and a Saviour, for to give repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins*” (Acts 5:31).

Jesus is now at Gods right hand, alive forevermore, to intercede for us. If you have not yet trusted in the Lord Jesus Christ, “*Repent and believe the gospel*” (Mark 1:15). Christ “*bare our sins in his own body on the tree*” (1 Peter 2:24) and is able “*to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by Him*” (Hebrews 7:25). He is the “*gate ... called Beautiful*” (Acts 3:2), alive forevermore, and promises, “*by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved*” (John 10:9). “*O taste and see that the LORD is good: blessed is the man that trusteth in him*” (Psalms 34:8).

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