

Element 5F: Virgin Birth & Sinless Life of Christ Jesus In Didactic Perspective

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I. Eight Essential Elements: Outline & Overview

0. Intro: Proclamation / Pre-Evangelism / Disciples / Pole Fishing / Diagnostic Tools / 7 Missing Elements
1. God: Essential Biblical Attributes: (Non-Communicable & Communicable)
2. Man: Essential Biblical Attributes: (3 Issues / Culpability / Empowerment)
3. The 10 Commandments: (Exodus 20:1-17) & (Deuteronomy 5:1-21)
4. Historical Narrative of Israel & Warning(s) of Eternal Judgment Day: Gospel Presentations in Acts
5. **Jesus Christ: Only Mediator: Intro to Christology**: Bridge / Solution / Ministry / Atonement / Reign
6. Receiving Jesus Christ: (John 1:12-13) Responding: Key Components & Exchanges of Soteriology
7. The First 5 Steps Into the Kingdom of Christ: Acts 2:37-47 (See Pt. I, E, 3 Above)
8. Maturing in Jesus Christ: 3 Tools of Grace - Vital Growth Ingredients / Necessity of Discipleship

II. Messages 1 - 20: Elements 1 - 4: Defining Bad News (Gap): God, Man, Decalogue & Christ as Israel (Telos)

III. Last 5 Weeks: Element 5: Bridging the Gap: Christology / Jesus, The Only Solution, Bridge, Mediator

(1 Tim. 2:3-6)³ ... God our Savior,⁴ who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

⁵ For there is one God, and one mediator also between God and men, the man Christ Jesus,⁶ who gave Himself ...

IV. Last Five Weeks - Element 5: Introduction to Christology / Parts 5A, 5B, 5C, 5D & 5E

A. 5A & 5B: The "I am" Statements of Jesus in John's Gospel as Archetypical & Quintessential "Logos"
(John 1:1, 14) (1 John 1:1-3) (Ex. 3:13-15) (Jn. 10:7-11) (Jn. 14:6-7, 20) (Jn. 11:1-46) (Jn. 10:11-16)
(Jn. 8:12-19) (Jn. 13:13, 19) (Jn. 15:17) (Jn. 8: 21-28; 31-32; 42-43, 58-59) (Jn. 18:4-9; 33-48) (Jn. 6:35)

B. 5C: The Crucial Role of Christology: Why Our Understanding of Who Jesus is - is Critical or Vital.
(Matthew 16:13-18) ¹³ Now ... Jesus ... was asking His disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?"
¹⁴ And they said, "Some say ..., and others" ¹⁵ He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?"

Key Verses: (1 Jn 5:12) (1 Jn 2:18-25; 4:2-3, 15; 5:1, 5) (Jn 8:24, 28) (Rom. 1:1-5) (1 Cor.15:3-6a) (2 Jn 1:7-11)

Key Issues: All Pseudo Christian Cults & All False Religions: Are Anti-Christ (See Key Scriptures Above.)

C. 5C & 5D: Deity & Humanity of Jesus Christ in Didactic Biblical Perspective:

Didactic Defined: In Scriptural usage, straightforward or plain language teachings (doctrines / statements) that contain Theological, moral or exhortative instruction to which aesthetic & literary considerations are subordinated.

Deity of Jesus Christ in Didactic Perspective: (1 John 2:18-25) (2 John 1:7-11) (Jn. 1:1-5, 14) (Matt. 21:9, 15-16) (Heb. 1: 1-13) (1 Jn. 1:1-3) (Jn. 20:28) (Lk. 18: 18-22; 19:37-40) (Mk. 14:61-64) (Rom. 9:5) (Tit. 2:13)(2 Pet. 1:1.1)

Humanity of Jesus Christ in Didactic Perspective & Implications: (John 1:14) (Ephesians 2:19-22) (Rev. 21:2-3)

Christ or Anti-Christ: (1 John 4:1-3) (Mark 15:7-15) (Luke 23:18) (John 18:40)

A Very Ever-Present Help: (Hebs. 2:14-18; 4:12-16) (Psalm 46) (John 14:1; 16:33) (1 John 5:4) (Rev. 5:5)

V. Today – Element 5F: The Virgin Birth & Sinless Life of Emmanuel, Jesus the Christ:

A. Conceived by the Holy Spirit & Born of the Virgin Mary: Explanation & Critical Importance (Necessity)

I (We) believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, ... (Apostle's Creed)

I (We) believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. ... (Nicene Creed)

(**Isaiah 7:14**) Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, a virgin will be with child and bear a son, and she will call His name Immanuel.

(Matthew 1:18-25) ¹⁸ Now the birth of Jesus Christ (Messiah) was as follows: when His mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child by the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹ And Joseph her husband, being a righteous man and not wanting to disgrace her, planned to send her away secretly. ²⁰ But when he had considered this, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife; for the Child who has been conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. ²¹ She will bear a Son; and you shall call His name Jesus, for He (He Himself) will save His people from their sins.” ²² Now all this took place to fulfill what was spoken by the Lord through the prophet: ²³ “BEHOLD, THE VIRGIN SHALL BE WITH CHILD AND SHALL BEAR A SON, AND THEY SHALL CALL HIS NAME IMMANUEL,” which translated means, “GOD WITH US.” ²⁴ And Joseph awoke from his sleep and did as the angel of the Lord commanded him, and took Mary as his wife, ²⁵ but kept her a virgin (Lit. “was not knowing her”) until she gave birth to a Son; and he called His name Jesus.

(Luke 1:26-37) ²⁶ Now in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city in Galilee called Nazareth, ²⁷ to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the descendants of David; and the virgin’s name was Mary. ²⁸ And coming in, he said to her, “Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you.” ²⁹ But she was very perplexed at this statement, and kept pondering what kind of salutation this was. ³⁰ The angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary; for you have found favor with God. ³¹ And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name Him Jesus. ³² He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David; ³³ and He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and His kingdom will have no end.” ³⁴ Mary said to the angel, “How can this be, since I am a virgin?” ³⁵ The angel answered and said to her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; and for that reason the holy Child shall be called the Son of God. ³⁶ And behold, even your relative Elizabeth has also conceived a son in her old age; and she who was called barren is now in her sixth month. ³⁷ For nothing will be impossible with God.” ³⁸ And Mary said, “Behold, the bondservant of the Lord; may it be done to me according to your word.” And the angel departed from her. (Cf. Luke 3:23) (Galatians 4:4-5)

1. Virgin Birth and the Deity & Humanity of Jesus: (Zygote)
2. Virgin Birth and the Sinless Nature and Sinless Life of Jesus: (Zygote)

B. Sinless Nature & Sinless Life: Explanation & Critical Importance (Necessity)

(Hebrews 2:14-18) Therefore, since the children share in flesh and blood, He Himself likewise also partook of the same, that through death He might render powerless him who had the power of death, that is, the devil, ¹⁵ and might free those who through fear of death were subject to slavery all their lives. ¹⁶ For assuredly He does not give help to angels, but He gives help to the descendant of Abraham. ¹⁷ Therefore, He had to be made like His brethren in all things, so that He might become a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. ¹⁸ For since He Himself was tempted in that which He has suffered, He is able to come to the aid of those who are tempted.

(Hebrews 4:12-16) ¹² For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. ¹³ And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are open and laid bare to the eyes of Him with whom we have to do. ¹⁴ Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. ¹⁵ For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but One who has been tempted in all things as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶ Therefore let us draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

(2 Corinthians 5:21) He made Him who knew (γινώσκω / ginōskō) no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him. (Contrast Decision w/ Exchange or Discipleship or Following)

VI. Next Week: Element 5G: Prophetic Witness & Miracles of Jesus Christ In Didactic Perspective

VII: Upcoming: Elements 5H – 5I: Critical Christological Characteristics Continued in Didactic Perspective:
Passion; Atoning Death; Resurrection; Ascension; Glorification; Present Reign & 2nd Coming