

throughout the Gospel Dispensation; on that Day the facts of the Gospel were proclaimed *as facts* for the first time; on that Day the firstfruits of the spiritual harvest—some three thousand precious souls—were waved before the Lord; and on that Day the Church of Christ was incorporated and launched upon her Divine task of preaching the Gospel for a testimony unto all the nations (Matt: 24:14).

Truly, God has piled the evidence so high that the way-faring man, though he be a fool, need not err therein. There is no more reliably attested truth in all human history and experience than the fundamental truth of Christianity,—that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God, and the only Savior of men.

9. Questions for Review of Part Twelve

1. What relationship prevailed, as far as the Scriptures reveal, between the Holy Spirit and the Incarnate Messiah?
2. What measure of Spirit-Power characterized this relationship?
3. What was the chief activity of the Spirit, throughout Old Testament times, in relation to the ministry and work of the Messiah?
4. Summarize the facts concerning the relationship of the Spirit with reference to the ministry of John the Baptizer.
5. From whom did John inherit "the mantle of prophecy"?
6. When and in what way did the Holy Spirit bear witness to John concerning the identity of the expected Messiah?
7. When and where did the Anointing of Jesus take place? In what way did it take place? What was the full import of this Divine Anointing?
8. In what sense was this Divine Anointing the climactic event of John's ministry?
9. What kinds of baptism did John declare that Jesus Himself would administer?
10. In what sense is our present (Christian) Dispensation that of Divine Judgment?
11. What was the substance of John's preaching to the multitude? To what people was His ministry especially directed?
12. State the various revelations, in the order of their disclosure, concerning the Messianic genealogy of Jesus.
13. How harmonize the genealogies given by Matthew and Luke in relation to the Virgin Birth?
14. What was the sign specified by Isaiah as the proof of the begetting and birth of the Messiah?
15. What Old Testament prophecy foretold the *place* of the Messiah's appearance of the earth?
16. What was the role of the Holy Spirit in the begetting of the Messiah?
17. What was the prophetic statement of the Suffering Servant of Jehovah with respect to the ministry of the Messiah?
18. Relate the story of the Virgin Birth as given by Matthew.

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19. Relate the story of the Virgin Birth as given by Luke. What important fact gives special weight to Luke's account?
20. How does the Apostle Paul describe Him as "The Mystery of Godliness"?
21. Explain as best you can, the relation between the Spirit and the Word in the begetting of Jesus.
22. Discuss the statement in Hebrews 10:5, "a body didst thou prepare for me," in its relevance to the doctrine of the Virgin Birth.
23. What facts give special significance to the begetting of the physical body of Jesus?
24. What is the relation of the doctrines of Atonement and Resurrection to that of the Incarnation by the Virgin Birth? Why do we say that these three doctrines constitute the "mosaic" of the Christian Faith? Show each contributes to the authenticity of the other two?
25. What other instances in the Old Testament do you recall in which physical effects are ascribed to the agency of the Spirit?
26. Summarize the substance of H. B. Swete's presentation of the "miracle of the Holy Conception."
27. What significance is inherent in the fact that Jesus never recognized any human being as his father? Whom did He always recognize as Father?
28. In what sense was the begetting and birth of Jesus an antitype of that of Isaac in olden times?
29. In what sense is natural conception a profound mystery? Why, then, should men reject the Divine Begetting and Birth?
30. Is it possible for one to confess Jesus as the Christ, the Son of the living God and at the same time reject the doctrine of His Miraculous Conception? Explain your answer.
31. What is the real answer to the objection that Incarnation by Divine Begetting *occurred only once* in human history?
32. In what most significant passage of Scripture (two questions) does Jesus state the issue between the Christian faith and the secular world? Why do we say that the answer to the second of these questions determines the correct answer to the first?
33. List the contemporary personages through whom the Holy Spirit authenticated the Divine Begetting and Birth of the Messiah.
34. In what act did the Anointing of Jesus take place? What significance did this ceremony have in Old Testament times? Who did the Anointing in the case of Jesus the Messiah?
35. In what sense was this Divine Anointing of Jesus an *official* act of the Government of Heaven?
36. Explain fully the threefold significance of the title, *Christ*. What is the import of this title as incorporated in the Good Confession?
37. What significance is there in the fact that the Spirit descended upon Him "in bodily form, as a dove"? What did the Heavenly Father do at the very same time?
38. In what sense do all obedient believers in Christ have "an anointing from the Holy One"? When does this anointing take place? In what sense is it the *Seal* of the Divine Government? In what sense is it the *earnest* of the Christian's inheritance?
39. Explain how God's avouching of the Sonship of Jesus, at the time of his baptism, was a direct challenge to Satan.
40. With what opening words did Jesus begin His public ministry in the synagogue in Nazareth?

THE ETERNAL SPIRIT — HIS WORD AND WORKS

41. State the passages in which the fact is emphasized that His preaching was in *the power of the Spirit*.
42. By what divine Power did He perform His miracles? Explain, in this connection, the significance of the metaphor "the finger of God."
43. State the full import of the statements that He *rejoiced in the Holy Spirit*, that He *exulted in the Spirit*, etc.
44. State the antinomy that is often assumed by the unbelieving between the goodness of God and the omnipotence of God.
45. In what specific doctrine of the Christian faith is this apparent antinomy reconciled? Explain.
46. From what two points of view was the Divine Begetting of JeJesus an absolutely necessary prerequisite to the Atonement?
47. Explain why the Humiliation of the Logos was an absolutely necessary event in God's Cosmic Plan. How is this fact related to the *modus operandi* of redemption?
48. What were the two problems which God of necessity dealt with when man introduced sin into the world, that is, when he mortgaged himself to sin?
49. How did the voluntary offering of the Son of God meet each of these requirements? How do we know that the Son made this offering voluntarily?
50. Explain fully the twofold statement: *Divine justice demanded a perfect offering; Divine Love provided it.*
51. Explain the declaration that Christ offered Himself *through the Eternal Spirit* and that He offered Himself *without blemish unto God*.
52. Explain how this qualified Him for His eternal High Priesthood.
53. What further did the Holy Spirit do through the Christ after the latter's Resurrection?
54. What part did the Spirit play in the raising of our Lord from the dead? What significance did this have for all the redeemed?
55. Explain what is meant by the phrase, "The Great Demonstration." State clearly the developments that took place, sequentially, in the working out of this Divine Demonstration.