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We believe in the Virgin Birth, Sinless Life, Miraculous Ministry, Substitutionary Atoning Death, Bodily Resurrection, Triumphant Ascension and Abiding Intercession of the Lord Jesus Christ and in His personal, visible, bodily return in power and glory as the blessed hope of all believers.

In the previous fundamental truth, we have established the triune God and that Christ is a part of the God Head. In this Fundamental truth, we establish that Christ was fully man, yet was also fully God. This is an essential doctrine to understanding Christ and His ministry but also to being able to understand Salvation. Hebrews 4:15 tells us that Christ was tempted in all points but this means nothing if we don't understand that he had the same weaknesses that we also did.

In the narrative of the last supper as told by the gospel of John the disciples asked for Jesus to show them the Father because they struggled at times to believe that the human who stood before them could be fully God. Why? well they saw human weakness, Jesus need to eat and drink as we do, and the other elements of Humanity, after all should the Lord of Heaven really need to go to the toilet?

It is a paradox of Christ being fully God and Fully Human that makes people struggle with believing both equally. but without being Fully God He could not have taught the disciples, who in turn would teach the church. without being fully human He could not take our place as a substitutionary sacrifice. This is all summed up in Philippians 2:8-11, which then goes on to tell us, as the book of revelation confirms, Jesus inherits the world and is worthy to open the seven sealed scroll because of the obedience to death on the cross, a thing only made possible by His humanity.

And it is in his humanity that He was resurrected, as a sign to us, that we to will be resurrected as Jesus was our first fruits. a fundamental understanding that we are not spirits floating in some lofty cloud filled kingdom, but resurrected beings, given a new glorious eternal body. considering all that humanity the claim to Christ being fully God was in the end why the Pharisee's rejected Jesus, and was also a struggle for the disciples. And even though it was in His humanity that Christ beat the power of sin, death and hell only God could have achieved it. beginning with His virgin birth, so as not to inherit original sin, the laws of biology were broken; He rose from the dead and broke the laws of entropy; He ascended to heaven in front of the disciples and thus the laws of gravity were broken; only God can break the very laws of creation and it would require God to do it. But more and much more that Jesus said to the man on the mat, lowered down by His four friends, your sins are forgiven you. The Phari-sees were outraged, only God can forgive sins, and they were right, for sat before them was the lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world, an act only of God. Therefore we can conclude the deity of Jesus, fully man and yet fully God.