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WE BELIEVE

THE WHAT & THE WHY

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The Deity of Christ

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Q—How is Jesus really God?

Jesus Christ is both truly God and truly man having been conceived of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He died on the cross, once for all, as a sacrifice for sin according to the Scriptures. Furthermore, he arose bodily from the dead, ascended into heaven, where, at the right hand of God the Father, he is now our High Priest and Advocate.
CTK Statement of Belief #3

He is the image of the invisible God... Colossians 1:15a (NIV)

*For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form,
Colossians 2:9 (NIV)*

The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being,.. Hebrews 1:3a (NIV)

*...we wait for the blessed hope—the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us ...
Titus 2:13-14a (NIV)*

Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe." Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." John 20:27-29 (NIV)

Q—Why does Jesus have to be God to be our complete Savior?

*Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death— even death on a cross!
Philippians 2:6-8 (NIV)*

When Jesus saw their faith, he said, "Friend, your sins are forgiven." The Pharisees and the teachers of the law began thinking to themselves, "Who is this fellow who speaks blasphemy? Who can forgive sins but God alone?" Jesus knew what they were thinking and asked, "Why are you thinking these things in your hearts? Which is easier: to say, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Get up and walk'? But I want you to know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins." So he said to the paralyzed man, "I tell you, get up, take your mat and go home." Luke 5:20-24 (NIV)

⇒ **When we are confident in our identity and destination we will have little concern for getting any _____.**

"The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel" -- which means, "God with us." Matthew 1:23 (NIV)

For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed ... but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect. 1 Peter 1:18-19 (NIV)

"He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth." 1 Peter 2:22 (NIV)

"Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father." John 14:12 (NIV)

⇒ **Out of knowing who we are and where we are going, our _____ is to help others find their identity and destination.**

This Week's Challenge: Have "I see in you ..." conversations.

ANSWER KEY: credit, response

Doing Life Together—Summer Experience

A few questions to talk over on the way home to make the message more meaningful this week.

- What is one new thought on Christ's deity that you learned?
- So, of all that you heard why does Jesus have to be God to be our complete savior?
- How did Jesus model what real heroism looks like and what ways do you desire to emulate this to others this week?
- How can we pray for one another this week?