

This is a letter I wrote to a minister who never answered me. R.F.

COULD JESUS HAVE SINNED ?

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Mr. Meredith, I know you are extremely busy, doing the work, reaching the world with the gospel, expounding on the importance of keeping God's law, of repentance, and accepting the truth of the Bible. You are presenting facts from the Bible about what the future holds. This is all very commendable. It is what God requires of his people.

It is important that we all become involved in sharing this responsibility. But it is even more important that what we teach is truth, and not error. Christ warns you, and I, not to put a stumbling block in any potential child of God's pathway. In the following scriptures, I hope you can see teaching that Jesus could sin does just that.

Beginning in HEB.6:17-20, 9:15 AND TITUS 1:2

HEB. 6:17 Wherein God, willing more abundantly to show unto the heirs of promise the IMMUTABILITY of his counsel, confirmed [it] by an oath:

Please take a look at this word "IMMUTABILITY". In Strong's Conc. it means "UNCHANGABLE".

6:18 That by two immutable things, in which [it was] impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us:

6:19 Which [hope] we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which entereth into that within the veil;

HEB 9:15 And for this cause he is the mediator of the new testament, that by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions [that were] under the first testament, they which are called might RECEIVE THE PROMISE OF ETERNAL INHERITANCE.

TIT. 1:2 In hope of eternal life, which God, that CANNOT LIE, promised before the world began;

If we are to believe the Bible we have to believe that it is impossible for God to lie. When he made the promise of eternal life to mankind, he took an oath that his promises were absolutely sure!

Heb. 6:13 For when God made promise to Abraham, because he could swear by no greater, he swore by himself,
Again listen to Paul:

6:18 That by two IMMUTABLE things, in which [it was] impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us:

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Jesus explains to some disciples:

Luk. 24:44 And he said unto them, These [are] the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and [in] the prophets, and [in] the psalms, concerning me.

Does it sound as though there was any doubt that it would happen exactly as written?

How could Paul call God's promises "IMMUTABLE", If it was possible for Jesus, as God, to sin, and had he sinned, would this not make God a liar?

Jesus came to fulfill what he had planned to do.

Luk. 24:46 And said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day:

24:47 And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.

24:48 And ye are witnesses of these things.

24:49 And, behold, I send the PROMISE OF MY FATHER upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high.

Where in the Bible does Jesus ever even hint that there was a remote chance these promises would not be fulfilled? He instructed them to go to Jerusalem where he again promised they would receive the holy spirit.

Acts. 1:4 And, being assembled together with [them], commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the PROMISE OF THE FATHER, which, [saith he], ye have heard of me.

1:5 For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence.

1:8 But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

This, too, had been preplanned thousands of years (before the

foundation of the earth) previously.

Deu.7:9 Know therefore that the Lord thy God, he [is] God, the FAITHFUL God, which KEEPETH COVENANT and mercy with them that love him and keep his commandments TO A THOUSAND GENERATIONS;

7:12 Wherefore it shall come to pass, if ye hearken to these judgments, and keep, and do them, that the LORD thy God shall keep unto thee the covenant and the mercy which he sware unto thy fathers:

7:13 And he will love thee, and bless thee, and multiply thee: he will also bless the fruit of thy womb, and the fruit of thy land, thy corn, and thy wine, and thine oil, the increase of thy kine, and the flocks of thy sheep, in the land which he sware unto thy fathers to give thee.

Notice God is FAITHFUL...no gambling; if God says it, you never have to think it may not happen. It will happen! The word "FAITHFUL" means = SURE. If God is faithful it means he has to keep his word. There can be no doubt that what he promised would absolutely materialize.

10:23 Let us hold fast the profession of [our] faith without wavering; (for he [is] FAITHFUL that promised;)

Heb.11:11 Through faith also Sara herself received strength to conceive seed, and was delivered of a child when she was past age, because she judged him FAITHFUL who had promised.

11:17 By faith Abraham, when he was tried, offered up Isaac: and he that had received the promises offered up his only begotten [son].

The reason the people mentioned in Heb. 11 is an example of faith is because they believed God was FAITHFUL. If they had any thought that God was unfaithful, they would not have had this kind of faith. How then can we have faith in God, or his Promises, if we are lead to believe that God could possibly be Unfaithful, that Jesus could have sinned, making his promises null and void?

Rom. 15:8 Now I say that Jesus Christ was a minister of the Circumcision for the TRUTH OF GOD, TO CONFIRM THE PROMISES [made] unto the fathers:

Paul never hinted that he thought Jesus could sin...where then do we get the idea that he could sin? Paul states that everything that he taught concerning Jesus was only positive.

11Cor. 1:19 For the Son of God, Jesus Christ, who was preached among you by us, [even] by me and Silvanus and Timotheus, was not yea and nay, but in him was yea. 1:20 For ALL THE PROMISES OF GOD IN HIM ARE YEA, and in him Amen, unto the glory of God by us.

We teach that we must live by faith to please God. We teach

that it is impossible to please God without faith. Then is it not CRUCIAL that we believe God IS faithful? If we teach that Jesus was 100% human with (carnal) human nature, and he could have sinned, that attacks logical thinking, and puts one's faith in SERIOUS jeopardy. If we think Jesus could have sinned, we have to think that his plan could have failed. To question God's FAITHFULNESS is to destroy faith in God!

Rev.2:2 ".....thou canst not bear them which are evil: and thou hast tried them which say they are apostles, and are not, and hast found them liars:"

This church was commended by Christ for having tried teachers who claimed they were apostles, but they actually were not. Why? Because they were not teaching the truth. In a sense we are being told that we, too, are required by Christ to test every teaching whether it is truthful or not. We are told in 1Thes. 5:21 to "PROVE all things; hold fast that which is good."

Regardless of how dedicated we are to "the whole picture" we, as God's people have to PROVE all things, and teach, or accept, nothing but the TRUTH. The church is also obligated to building up the faith of its weaker members. Anyone who questions the doctrine of "Jesus could sin" and understands the dangers it presents, may question just how FAITHFUL are the promises of the Bible? If God's promises hinged on a gamble, it stands to reason Christ is not immutable, either.

Is it not that one of the proofs of God's church is that it is willing to make changes when proven there is an error in its doctrine?

These are but a very few scriptures, taken from the Bible, that encourages one to believe Christ could not have sinned. Actually there is so much support one would have to print out most of the Bible to get it all. He was God in the form of flesh who "is the same yesterday, today, and forever", who could not lie, or sin, in any manner. He was still the same God who made all those promises in the old testament. His promises were immutable and so was Jesus Christ's character.

When an error in teaching robs people of their FAITH, it is time to take a new look at it and PROVE its source. Admitting this doctrine, "Christ could sin" needs Biblical support, would be another proof that this is indeed God's true church, led by a TRUE servant of Jesus Christ, who is willing to admit to error.