

Refutation of the Doctrine of the “Impeccability” of Jesus

The belief that Jesus could not sin, and thus was not tempted in all things as we are, yet without sin, is a heresy. It doesn't matter how many theologians agree with this heresy. God and His Word don't agree.

Some theologian made the statement, “Jesus was fully God and fully man.” The spirit of assumptions would conclude that if a theologian said it, it must be true. Yet the Bible doesn't support this declaration.

Pastor Joseph stated that anyone who minimized the truth that Jesus was fully man was preaching heresy. That's exactly what he is stating, that Jesus wasn't really tempted to where he could possibly sin. Jesus said the flesh was weak, and He was in the flesh. Satan wouldn't have wasted his time in tempting Jesus to worship him if such a thing weren't possible.

Jesus had to be like us His brothers “in all things” (Heb. 2:17) in order to truly understand us and be our High Priest. He said He could do nothing of Himself, without the Father's help, and He says we can do nothing without Him (John 15:5).

John says, “...because as he is, so are we in this world” (1 John 4:17). Why can't we believe that? Why can't we believe that *we* can calm the storm exactly as Jesus did? He said we would do the same works as He did, and greater (John 14:12)!

When accused of blasphemy because He claimed to be God, Jesus essentially responded, “Why are you accusing me, a man, of claiming to be God? Is it not written in your law, “...you are gods” (Psalm 82:6, John 10:34)?

Can we simply believe God's Word, that as Jesus is, so are we in this world? He was fully man while not being fully God, yet He *was* God, in His case, a part of the triune Godhead. We aren't in the Trinity, but we are part of the God Family just as much as Jesus. We are gods on this earth under the Most High God. We have the same power available to us that Jesus had.

He clearly said He could do nothing of His own initiative (John 5:30), the same thing He says of us (John 15:5).

We rely on the power of God of heaven, as did Jesus when on earth. No difference exists, except for the fact that He actually was a part of the triune Godhead. As far as the power He had of Himself on earth, no real difference exists between Jesus and us.

Jesus can understand our temptation to sin, because He was a man like Adam and like we are. The first Adam sinned under temptation. The last Adam, tempted to sin, said no every time to that real temptation (1 Cor. 15:45).

Merriam Webster's definition of temptation is: something that causes a strong urge or desire to have or do something and especially something that is bad, wrong, or unwise. Something that is bad or wrong by biblical definition is sin.

Wikipedia says, "In the context of some religions, temptation is the inclination to sin." That's also a definition that agrees with the Bible. Testing doesn't have to imply a possibility of sin, but the word temptation does indeed have that implication. Hebrews 4:15 uses the word sin in connection to being tempted. Other verses use the same Greek word for tempted to mean tempted to sin, not simply to be tested, as Joseph claims.

The old argument, "the Greek says, " is usually a copout, and it is indeed a false proof here. The meaning of this Greek word means nothing, because it has different meanings according to the context.

If Jesus had been fully God on the earth and hadn't emptied Himself of the trappings of His God status while on this planet, He would have been exactly like His Father in heaven at the time, incapable of being tempted to sin (James 1:13).

The fact that He was "tempted in all things, yet without sin" (Heb. 4:15) is proof that He wasn't fully God, who can't be "tempted by evil."

If this heresy were true, we as men couldn't identify with Jesus, and He couldn't identify with us in our fleshly state. Joseph and all the theologians who teach this popular but false "impeccability" of Jesus are in essence denying that Jesus was fully man. They deny that He is a faithful and empathetic High Priest who went through exactly what we go through.

Joseph's statement should have been, "Those who deny the deity of Jesus or the truth that He was fully man are teaching heresy." And in denying that Jesus could be tempted to sin, he is admitting that he is teaching heresy.