

# The Five Fundamentals of the Faith

## I. THE DEITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. John 1:1

The Deity of Jesus Christ, or “His God Nature,” is well established in the New Testament by His Divine names, Attributes, Offices and Scriptures about Jehovah God, that refer to the Lord Jesus Christ.

In the Word of God we see that:

1. He is called God by the Apostle John. (John 1:1)
2. He is called God by the Apostle Thomas. (John 20:28)
3. He is called God by God the Father. (Hebrews 1:8)
4. He claimed to be God in that He was with the Father before creation. (John 17:5)
5. He claimed to be God in that He was before Abraham. (John 8:51-58)
6. He received worship and only God is to be worshipped. (Matthew 14:33)
7. He forgives sin. (Mark 2:5-11)
8. He is the creator and maker of all things. (Colossians 1:16,17; Genesis 1:1)
9. He is the sustainer of all things. (Hebrews 1:1-3)
10. He claimed to have all power in heaven and in earth. (Matthew 28:18)

## II. THE VIRGIN BIRTH.

And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God. Luke 1:35

The virgin birth of Jesus Christ is without parallel in all of human history. It was by the virgin birth that God became man, one perfect person but two natures: one nature being that of Almighty God, the other being that of man – man without sin (Hebrews 4:15). The union of the two natures became the God–man Christ Jesus.

1. The first hint of the virgin birth is found in (Genesis. 3:15).
2. Isaiah prophesied that “a virgin would conceive, and bear a son and shall call His name Immanuel (God with us)” (Isaiah 7:14).
3. Again Isaiah prophesied saying... “Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given” (Isaiah 9:6). This means that God gave His only begotten Son who was with Him from eternity, and was born of a virgin the child Jesus. God gave His Son “unto us”.
4. He was to be born in Bethlehem (Micah 5:2). Joseph and Mary went up to Bethlehem to be taxed, thus fulfilling prophecy (Luke 2:1-7).

## III. THE BLOOD ATONEMENT.

And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. Philippians 2:8

The death of Jesus Christ is mentioned more than one hundred twenty times in the New Testament and is spoken of many times by the Prophets in the Old Testament.

### III. THE BLOOD ATONEMENT. (CONTINUED)

1. The death of Jesus Christ was sacrificial. (Hebrews 9:26)
2. The death of Jesus Christ was brutal. (John 19 31-37)
3. The death of Jesus Christ paid our sin debt. (Romans 6:23)
4. The death of Jesus Christ was for all. (John 3:16)
5. The resurrection of Jesus Christ was supernatural. (John 10:17-18)

Jesus said, "No man taketh it from me". Then He said, "I lay it down of myself". "I have power to take it again". He took life up again when He arose from the dead.

Therefore doth my Father love me, because I lay down my life, that I might take it again. No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This commandment have I received of my Father. John 10:17-18

### IV. THE BODILY RESURRECTION.

Jesus said, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. John 11:25-26

His resurrection was witnessed by the following people:

1. He first appeared to Mary Magdalene. (John 20:11-18)
2. He appeared to the women returning from the sepulcher. (Matthew 28:5-10)
3. Then He appeared to Peter. (Luke 24:34)
4. To the Emmaus disciples. (Luke 24:13-31)
5. To the apostles, (Thomas not present). (Luke 24:36-43)
6. Again to the apostles, (Thomas present). (John 20:24-29)
7. To the seven by the Sea of Tiberias. (John 21:1-23)
8. To over five hundred brethren. (1 Corinthians 15:6)
9. He was seen again by the eleven apostles. (Acts 1:3-12)
10. He was seen of Stephen, the first martyr. (Acts 7:55)
11. He was seen of Paul on his way to Damascus. (1 Corinthians 15:8)

Many of these eye witnesses died martyrs' deaths because they preached the resurrection of Jesus Christ. They were glad to die for a living Christ. They had the "infallible proof."

### V. THE INERRANCY OF THE SCRIPTURES.

All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness. 2 Timothy 3:16

The Scriptures claim to be the inspired word of God. By "inspiration" we mean the Holy Spirit exerted His supernatural influence upon the writers of the Bible.

1. The Holy Spirit is the author of the Bible. (2 Peter 1:21)
2. Man is the instrument used by the Holy Spirit to write the Bible.
3. Results: the infallible Word of God.

Therefore the Bible is free from error and absolutely trustworthy (Psalms. 119: 89; Matthew 24:35).