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## Why Fundamentals?

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## The Virgin Birth Of Christ

While some fundamental doctrines find repeated mention from our pulpits and in our teaching ministries, there are other equally important doctrines that at times do not receive the same attention. Virgin Birth is one such doctrine and it is high time that we gave due attention to it in our generation. Here is a doctrine that is an important part of

Christology, the doctrine of Christ. It is mentioned many times in the Bible, in prophetic as well as historic contexts. In historic context (in the gospels) it is narrated in great detail. Yet we do not hear much about virgin birth of Christ because over time people tend to overlook the fundamentals and instead start emphasize things which are visible, which are related to good life, and which are good to induce emotions.

In other words, when the Christian faith becomes “purpose-driven” instead of biblically based “principle-driven” then a lot of important principles are forgotten. As a result, the purpose-driven Christian life eventually begins to resemble the practical life of good Hindus, Muslims, or Buddhists. This is why one needs to study Bible doctrine.

The doctrine of Virgin Birth: According to this doctrine, Lord Jesus Christ was born of a virgin. Or rather, the pregnancy of his human mother was a virgin-pregnancy. In this case, there was no sexual union of a man and a woman, but rather the embryo was formed in her as a result of a miracle performed by God the Holy Spirit.

**Biblical References:** The earliest direct reference to Virgin Birth is found in Genesis 3:15 which says "And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel." Here the Messiah is specifically referred as the seed of the "Woman" and not of man, though a person is always referred as the offspring of his father.



The above passage in Genesis is explained and reinforced through a direct prophecy in Isaiah 7:14 which says "Therefore the Lord Himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel." This prophecy makes it clear that rather than being a seed of man and woman, the Messiah would be born of a woman without any contribution

from man. Thus the Messiah would be virgin-born.

The fact that the Messiah was to be born of a virgin was a crucial aspect of the messianic expectations of the time, and it signified the unique and divine nature of the Messiah. These references to the Virgin Birth in the Old Testament helped to establish the concept as a central tenet of Christian belief.

A few centuries after this prophecy comes the narratives related to the conception and birth of Christ. They make clear that Mary conceived not through Joseph, but through a direct divine intervention of God the Holy Spirit. We read:

Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came

together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost. Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not willing to make her a publick example, was minded to put her away privily. But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is

conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost. And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins. Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being

interpreted is, God with us. Then Joseph being raised from sleep did as the angel of the Lord had bidden him, and took unto him his wife: And knew her not till she had brought forth her firstborn son: and he called his name JESUS. (Matthew 1:18-25),

And in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee,

named Nazareth, To a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. And the angel came in unto her, and said, Hail, thou that art highly favoured, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women. And when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and cast in her mind what manner

of salutation this should be.  
And the angel said unto her,  
Fear not, Mary: for thou hast  
found favour with God. And,  
behold, thou shalt conceive in  
thy womb, and bring forth a  
son, and shalt call his name  
JESUS. He shall be great, and  
shall be called the Son of the  
Highest: and the Lord God  
shall give unto him the throne  
of his father David: And he  
shall reign over the house of



Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end. Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man? 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 1:26-35)

The two passages above make it clear that Mary was a virgin when she conceived the Lord Jesus. That the prophecy about the Virgin-birth of the Messiah that came through Isaiah was fulfilled is then affirmed in Matthew 1:23 where we read, "Behold, a virgin shall be with Child, and shall bring forth a Son, and they shall call His Name

Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us."

Thus, starting from the prophetic passage in Genesis about the Seed of the Woman up to the gospels the theme of the Virgin-birth of Christ is found repetitively in the Bible. It is found in the form of prophecy, as historical report, and also as confirmation that the prophecy has been fulfilled via the virgin-conception of Mary. There

are scores of other verses that we can cite on this topic, but the above-mentioned key verses would suffice for our present study.

**Reason For The Virgin Birth:** The Savior of mankind had to be sinless. At the same time, we read in Psalms, 51:5 "Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me". This is a reminder that conception is the

point when human sin nature is passed on to the next generation. This means that if Lord Jesus had to be free from sin, His coming into Mary's womb should take place in some way other than normal man-woman related conception. The divine solution is Virgin-conception and virgin-birth: a conception and birth without the intervention of humans in the formation of an embryo.

Through Virgin-conception and Virgin-birth God simply bypassed the normal route of birth through sexual union. Instead, He used Mary as a vessel to carry the Messiah, but the conception took place through the miraculous outworking of the Holy Spirit. This is Virgin birth.

**Importance Of The Doctrine:** The Lord Jesus had to be both God and true man to be man's Savior. The

same thing was necessary for Him to be an intermediary. At the same time, He had to be totally sinless. These, and many other requirements to become a God-man-savior, are possible only if He came to this world as totally human, but without a sin nature. Virgin-conception is the solution that God offered in this matter. Thus here is a doctrine that is both important as well as non-negotiable.

The virgin birth of Christ is considered to be a cornerstone of the Christian faith and holds great importance in the belief system of Christians. The belief in the virgin birth of Jesus is rooted in the New Testament Gospels of Matthew and Luke, which state that Mary, the mother of Jesus, conceived him through the power of the Holy Spirit, without the involvement of a human father. This event is seen



as a fulfillment of the prophecy in the Old Testament that the Messiah would be born of a virgin. Any compromise with this doctrine will end up with diluting of all other fundamental doctrines.

The virgin birth of Jesus is significant because it establishes his divinity and sets him apart from other human beings. According to Christian theology, Jesus is both fully human and fully

divine, and the virgin birth is a clear indication of his divine nature. It is believed that Jesus was not just a human being but was conceived by the Holy Spirit and therefore, he was born sinless and pure, free from the original sin that affects all human beings. This unique and divine nature of Jesus is what sets him apart from all other human beings and makes him the Savior of the world.

The virgin birth of Jesus is also important because it emphasizes the role of the Holy Spirit in the salvation of humanity. The Holy Spirit is seen as the source of life and the power of God that works in the world, and the virgin birth of Jesus is a clear demonstration of the Holy Spirit's power and presence in the world. Additionally, the virgin birth of Jesus is seen as a sign of the fulfillment of God's promise to

send a Savior to redeem humanity from sin and death. This event is considered to be a pivotal moment in the history of salvation, and it is a clear demonstration of God's love and grace towards humanity.

The virgin birth of Jesus is also significant because it highlights the importance of faith in the Christian belief system. The fact that Mary was willing to accept the

message of the angel and to believe in the miraculous conception of her child is a testament to her faith and trust in God. Her faith and willingness to follow God's plan, despite the challenges and difficulties she faced, serves as an inspiration to Christians and encourages them to trust in God's plan for their own lives.

Another important aspect of the virgin birth is that it reveals the nature of God as a loving and caring God who is involved in the lives of human beings. The birth of Jesus through a virgin demonstrates God's intervention in human history and shows that God is not distant or aloof from the problems and struggles of humanity, but is actively involved and desires to bring salvation to all. This belief in the loving and

involved nature of God is a source of comfort and encouragement for many Christians and helps to deepen their relationship with God.

Finally, the virgin birth of Jesus is also significant because it symbolizes the unity and continuity of the Old and New Testament. The virgin birth is a fulfillment of the prophecies in the Old Testament, and it

demonstrates that the New Testament is not a separate and distinct entity, but is a continuation of God's plan of salvation that was revealed in the Old Testament. This continuity of God's plan is a source of encouragement for Christians, as it shows that God's promises are reliable and trustworthy, and that his plan of salvation is a plan that is meant to last for all eternity.



The virgin birth of Jesus holds great importance for Christians, as it establishes his divinity, sets him apart from other human beings, highlights the role of the Holy Spirit, emphasizes the importance of faith, reveals the nature of God as a loving and caring God, and symbolizes the unity and continuity of the Old and New Testament. This event is a central aspect of Christian belief and continues to inspire and

encourage Christians to trust in God's plan for their lives.

In essence, this is a non-negotiable fundamental doctrine of the Bible. Church History has ample examples to demonstrate that anyone who questions or minimizes this doctrine eventually questions or minimizes EVERY fundamental teaching of the Scripture. He even ends up

questioning the divinity of Lord  
Jesus Christ.

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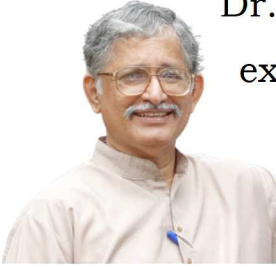
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