THE SINLESS SAVIOR; A MORAL MIRACLE John 18:28-John 19:7, I John 3:5

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INTRODUCTION:

A. <u>A Sinless Man</u>: (Eccles. 7:20, I Kings 8:46; Prov. 29:9, Psalm 14:1-3, 5:9)

B. The Sinless God-Man:

Proposition: Jesus Christ is shown to be sinless according to the Scriptures, and that purity makes possible our salvation.

I. THREE EVIDENCES OF CHRIST'S SINLESSNESS:

- A. No Sin In His NATURE : (1 John 3:5; Heb. 4:15)
- B. No Sin In His ACTIONS:
 - 1. Five recorded temptations
 - 2. Tests in experience (Heb. 2:17-18; 4:15; 12:3-4)
 - 3. Declarations of Scripture (I Peter 2:22-23; II Cor. 5:21)
 - 4. Purpose of God
 - 5. Illustration of the Passover Lamb
- C. No Sin In His RELATIONSHIPS:
 - 1. As High Priest (Heb. 7:26)
 - 2. As Helper of our infirmities (Heb. 4:15-16)
- D. Therefore His sufferings were unjustified and undeserved (I Pet. 3:18), except that they were <u>FOR US</u>! Indeed, Jesus Christ is the <u>MORAL MIRACLE</u>.

II. THREE REASONS FOR CHRIST'S SINLESSNESS:

- A. The OMNIPOTENT Christ:
 - 1. In creation (John 1:3-4)
 - 2. In miracles (John 2:7-8)
 - 3. Since sin overcomes those who are weak in the area of their weakness, Christ could not succumb to sin, for His human nature was indissolubly united with His divine nature.
 - 4. Illustration of match and crowbar

B. The OMISCIENT Christ:

- 1. Jesus knew all things (John 2:24; 16:30; Heb. 4:13)
- 2. Sin often enters through ignorance
- 3. Jesus had no area of ignorance
- As the all-knowing one who is <u>full</u> of wisdom; it is impossible for Christ to sin <u>IMPECCIBLE</u>!
- C. The IMMUTIBLE Christ:
 - 1. Verses on unchangeability (Heb. 13:8; Ps. 102:27; Mal. 3:6)
 - 2. Immutibility relates to Person and nature, but NOT to God's methods of operation
 - Creation
 - Miracles
 - Sign gifts, such as tongues-speaking
 - Healing of bodily ills
 - 3. Character of God is <u>HOLY</u>
 - 4. Unchanging in Character
 - 5. Therefore, Jesus Christ is IMPECCIBLE!

III. THREE KINDS OF WITNESSES TO CHRIST'S SINLESSNESS:

- A. Superhuman Witnesses Are TRUE Witnesses:
 - 1. Angel Gabriel (Luke 1:35)
 - 2. Demon with unclean spirit (Mark 1:24)
 - 3. Satan (John 14:30)
 - 4. Christ Himself (John 7:18; 8:40)
- B. Governmental Witnesses Are EXPERIENCED Witnesses:
 - 1. Pilate (6 recorded instances John 18:38; John 19:4, 6: Luke 23:4, 14, 22)
 - 2. Pilate's Wife (Matt. 27:19)
 - 3. Centurion (Luke 23:47)

C. Contemporary Witnesses Are INFORMED Witnesses:

- 1. John (I John 3:5)
- 2. Peter (I Peter 2:22)
- 3. Paul (II Cor. 5:21)
- 4. Judas (Matt. 27:4)
- 5. Thief on the Cross (Luke 23:40-41)
- 6. Pharisees (John 8:46)
- 7. All the people who witnessed Christ's crucifixion (Luke 23:48)
- 8. Totals Twelve individuals and two groups give united testimony of Christ's sinlessness.

IV. RESULTS OF CHRIST'S SINLESSNESS:

A. Jesus Christ Is QUALIFIED To Be Our ...

- 1. Savior
- 2. Mediator
- 3. Prophet
- 4. Priest
- 5. King

B. Jesus Christ Is WORTHY To Be WORSHIPPED:

- 1. Worship is improper toward men (Acts 10:26; 14:11-18)
- 2. Worship is improper toward angels (Rev. 22:9)
- 3. ONLY God is to be worshipped (Rev. 22:9; Matt. 4:10)
- 4. Jesus Christ received worship on earth on eleven separately recorded occasions

CONCLUSION:

- A. Outline Of The Facts:
 - 1. Thoroughly tested EVIDENCES of Christ's sinlessness
 - 2. Thoroughly logical REASONS of Christ's sinlessness
 - 3. Thoroughly reliable WITNESSES to Christ's sinlessness
 - 4. Thoroughly life TRANSFORMING results from our Lord's sinlessness
- B. Outcome Of This Truth To You?: