**God the Son- Annotated**

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| Q. | What do we mean when we say that Jesus is the only Son of God? |  |
| A. | We mean that Jesus is the only perfect image of the Father, and shows us the nature of God. | * “only” = exclusively. * “nature” = substance, essence in some creeds. |
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| Q. | What is the nature of God revealed in Jesus? |  |
| A. | God is love. | What about:   * God is light? (I Jn 1:5)   + Nicene Creed: “light from light”? * God is spirit? (Jn 4:24) * God is holy? (I Pt 1:16) * Jesus saying if anyone has seen him, they have seen the Father? (Jn 14:7) |
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| Q. | What do we mean when we say that Jesus was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and became incarnate from the Virgin Mary? |  |
| A. | We mean that by God’s own act, his divine Son received our human nature from the Virgin Mary, his mother. |  |
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| Q. | Why did he take our human nature? |  |
| A. | The divine Son became human, so that in him human beings might be adopted as children of God, and be made heirs of God’s kingdom. | * Rom 8:23- we are adopted into God’s family. * Heb 1:14- humans inherit salvation. * What about “partakers”?   + Comes up in the Eucharist. |
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| Q. | What is the great importance of Jesus’ suffering and death? |  |
| A. | By his obedience, even to suffering and death, Jesus made the offering which we could not make; in him we are freed from the power of sin and reconciled to God. |  |
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| Q. | What is the significance of Jesus’ resurrection? |  |
| A. | By his resurrection, Jesus overcame death and opened for us the way of eternal life. | What about:   * Defeating the devil? (Heb 2:14) |
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| Q. | What do we mean when we say that he descended to the dead? |  |
| A. | We mean that he went to the departed and offered them also the benefits of redemption. |  |
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| Q. | What do we mean when we say that he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father? |  |
| A. | We mean that Jesus took our human nature into heaven where he now reigns with the Father and intercedes for us. |  |
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| Q. | How can we share in his victory over sin, suffering, and death? | Sin, suffering and death…? |
| A. | We share in his victory when we are baptized into the New Covenant and become living members of Christ. | Baptismal Covenant:   * Sin * World * Devil |

**Compare this section with any of the Creeds:**

1. There is very little about God the Son being fully divine with the Father.
2. Very little about the Father!
3. Even less about the Holy Spirit even in the Incarnation.