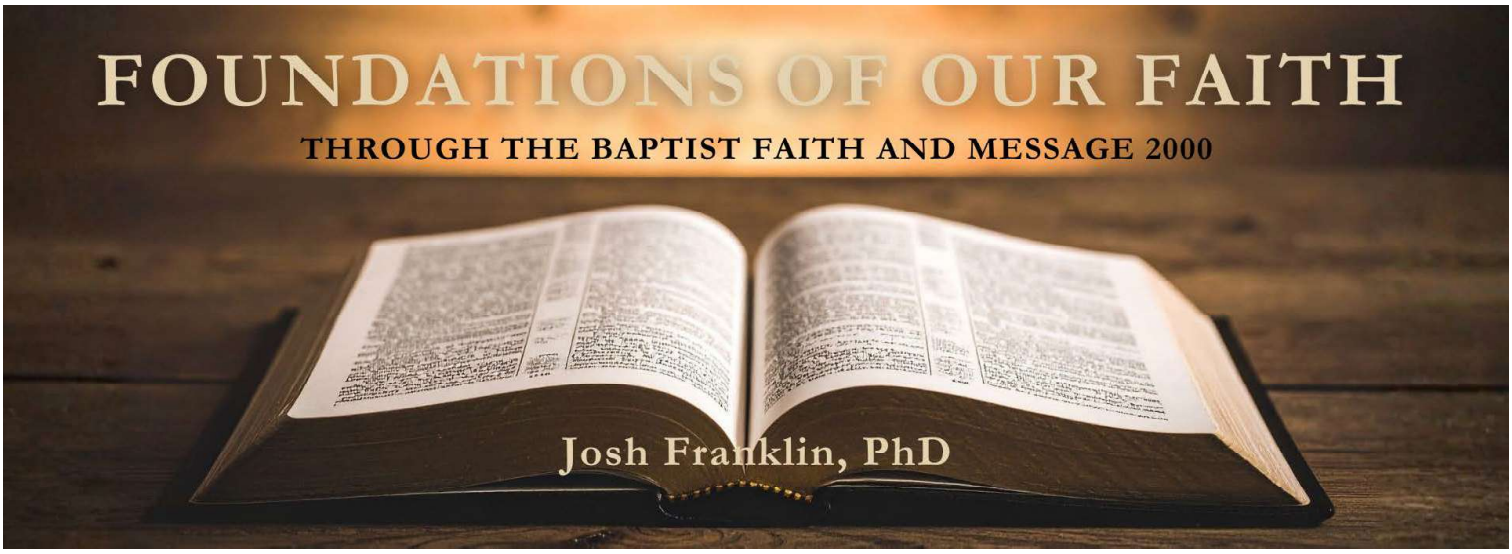



# When God Walked Among Us

**Article 2B: God the Son -** "Christ is the eternal Son of God. In His incarnation as Jesus Christ He was conceived of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. Jesus perfectly revealed and did the will of God, taking upon Himself human nature with its demands and necessities and identifying Himself completely with mankind yet without sin. He honored the divine law by His personal obedience, and in His substitutionary death on the cross He made provision for the redemption of men from sin. He was raised from the dead with a glorified body and appeared to His disciples as the person who was with them before His crucifixion. He ascended into heaven and is now exalted at the right hand of God where He is the One Mediator, fully God, fully man, in whose Person is effected the reconciliation between God and man. He will return in power and glory to judge the world and to consummate His redemptive mission. He now dwells in all believers as the living and ever-present Lord."

***John 1:1, 14 - "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God... The Word became flesh and dwelt among us."***
***Romans 5:8 - "God proves His own love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us!"***

## 1) The Eternal Son of God

- Jesus is the eternal Son of God and the Center of Scripture.
- Jesus' preexistence and divinity (John 1:1-3, 17:5, 8:56, 8:58, 10:30, Revelation 22:13).
- Jesus is the Agent of creation and the Lord over all creation (John 1:3, Colossians 1:17).

## 2) The Life of Christ

- **The Incarnation: God in human flesh** (John 1:14, Philippians 2:7).
- **The Virgin Birth: Conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary** (Luke 1:37).
- Jesus is fully human and fully divine.
- Jesus' perfect obedience and identification with humanity (Hebrews 4:15-16, Isaiah 61:1-2).

***R. G. Lee contrasted Jesus' humanity and deity:***

*As a man, He got tired; as God, He said, "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."*

*As man, He got hungry; as God, he fed thousands with a lad's lunch.*

*As man, He got thirsty; as God, He gave living water.*

*As a man, He prayed; as God, he made, in praying, no confession of sin.*

*As man, He was tempted in all points like as we are; as God, He was without sin, baffling his enemies with the question, "Who convinceth me of sin?"*

*As man, He slept; as God, He arose from sleep and stilled the raging tempest. …*

*As man, a ship carried Him; as God, He walked on the rolling, tumbling sea.*

*As man, He accepted a village girl's invitation to her wedding; as God, He there changed water into wine. …*

*As man, He wept at Lazarus' grave; as God, He raised Lazarus from the dead.*[1]

# 3) The Death and Resurrection of Christ

- Jesus' death was the Father's plan (Acts 2:23, John 10:11).
- Jesus' death was necessary to forgive sins (Hebrews 9:22, 1 Peter 1:18-19, Ephesians 1:7).
- **Propitiation: Jesus' death satisfied God's righteous demand against sin** (Romans 3:25-26).
- **Substitutionary Death: Jesus died in our place** (Romans 5:6, 5:8, 2 Corinthians 5:21).
- The resurrection is essential to the Christian faith (1 Corinthians 15:14, 15:17).
- Jesus' resurrection body (John 20:28, 1 Corinthians 15:50, 15:53, Romans 8:11).

# 4) The Ascension and Return of Christ

- Jesus' ascension and future return (Luke 24:51, Acts 1:11).

**Application Points:**

1. Have you accepted Christ's substitutionary atonement on your behalf? Do you trust in Him alone for your salvation? Talk to God in prayer and receive Christ as your Savior and Lord.

2. How is Christ at work in your life daily through His Holy Spirit? Spend regular time in God's Word and prayer to deepen your relationship with Him and allow Him to transform you more into His likeness.

3. Look for opportunities to share the good news of Jesus with others. Be prepared to give a reason for the hope you have in Christ. Pray for and invite non-Christian friends to church.

4. Stay involved in ministries of the church that are pointing others to Jesus. Teach a Sunday school class, help with an outreach event, participate in a mission trip. Let your light shine for the Savior.

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[1] Robert G. Lee, *Beds of Pearls* (Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan Publishing House, 1936), 36–37.