

**Statement of Faith** Paragraph 3:

*We believe that Jesus Christ is fully God and fully man, conceived of the Holy Spirit and virgin-born to Mary. He died on the cross as our substitute, taking upon Himself the penalty for our sin. He was buried and was physically resurrected to prove the completeness of His work, providing our victory over sin and death.*

**I. FULLY GOD:**

- A. Colossians 1:15-20; 2:9; John 8:58
- B. Application: “Who do you say that I am?” (Matt 16:15-16)

**II. FULLY HUMAN:**

- A. John 1:1, 14; 10:30-33; 14:9; 20:28, 30-31; Isaiah 53:2
- B. Application: Jesus is someone we can identify with:
  - 1. *Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin* (Hebrews 4:14-15)

**C. THE COUNCIL OF CHALCEDON, A.D. 451 (Orthodox)**

THE STATEMENT: *We, then, following the holy fathers, all with one consent, teach men to confess one and the same Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, the same perfect in Godhood and also perfect in manhood; truly God and truly man, of a reasonable [rational] soul and body; consubstantial [coessential] with the Father according to the Godhood, and consubstantial with us according to the Manhood; in all things like unto us, without sin; begotten before all ages of the Father according to the Godhood, and in these latter days, for us and for our salvation, born of the virgin Mary, the Mother of God, according to the manhood; one and the same Christ, Son Lord, Only-begotten, to be acknowledged in two*

*natures, inconfusedly, unchangeably, indivisibly, inseparably; the distinction of natures being by no means taken away by the union, but rather the property of each nature being preserved, and concurring in one Person and one subsistence, not parted or divided into two persons, but one and the same Son, and only begotten, God the Word, the Lord Jesus Christ, as the prophets from the beginning [have declared] concerning him, and the Lord Jesus Christ himself has taught us, and the Creed of the Fathers has handed down to us.*<sup>1</sup>

**III. CONCEIVED OF THE HOLY SPIRIT AND VIRGIN BORN TO MARY:**

- A. Genesis 3:15; Isaiah 7:14; Matthew 1:18-24 (20; 23); Luke 1:26-38 (27; 34-35)

**IV. HE DIED ON THE CROSS AS OUR SUBSTITUTE, TAKING UPON HIMSELF THE PENALTY FOR OUR SIN:**

- A. 2 Corinthians 5:21; 1 Peter 3:18; Galatians 3:13; Isaiah 53:5; Romans 3:25-26; 5:8-9

**V. HE WAS BURIED AND WAS PHYSICALLY RESURRECTED TO PROVE THE COMPLETENESS OF HIS WORK, PROVIDING OUR VICTORY OVER SIN AND DEATH:**

- A. 1 Corinthians 15:3-4; 13-14, 17, 19, 32; Hebrews 7:25, 9:28; Romans 6:6-11
- B. Application: He is our example—
  - 1. 1 Peter 1:21-23; Mark 10:45; Philippians 2:5-8
- C. Application: He is provider and intercessor—
  - 1. Romans 8:32, 36-37; Hebrews 9:24; John 17:20-26
- D. Application: He has taken away our shame and guilt—
  - 1. Hebrews 12:2-3; 1 John 1:7, 9; Revelation 19:7-8

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<sup>1</sup> Schaff, *Creeeds of Christendom*, Vol. 2, pp 62-63.