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DAILY DOCTRINE
Qualifications of the Lord Jesus Christ to be Savior

1. Only the Lord Jesus Christ was qualified to die for the sins of the world.
2. Jesus Christ, in His deity could not be Savior because deity as such is immutable and impassible—God cannot change (on the importance of philosophy here, see point 9 below):
 - a. Sovereignty: not subject to death.
 - b. Righteousness: absolute righteousness cannot have contact with sin.
 - c. Eternal life: eternal life cannot die.
 - d. Omnipresence: cannot be reduced to one point as per the cross.
 - e. Omnipotence: able not to die—not able to die.
 - f. Immutable: None of the characteristics of deity as such can change.
3. The second member of the Trinity had to become true humanity, Heb. 2:14-16.
4. Adam was created innocent. However, he sinned through negative volition and died spiritually, acquiring an OSN (old sin nature). The OSN is the source of temptation to personal sin from that point, Rom. 5:12.
5. Since then all members of the human race have been born spiritually dead,
6. Jesus Christ, in His humanity, was qualified to become Saviour:
 - a. He became true humanity, “word became flesh,” John 1:14.
 - b. He had no inherent sin, 2 Cor. 5:21.
 - c. He had no personal sin, 2 Cor. 5:21.
 - d. He became the *unique person of the universe: the God-man*.
7. He was qualified because through the Virgin Birth:
 - a. The sin of Adam was not imputed to Him.
 - b. He did not inherit an OSN.
 - c. He had not committed any personal sins.
8. He was qualified to
 - a. die with reference to the OSN, condemning it.
 - b. bear the sins of the OSN.

9. A word about the importance of *classical* philosophy (logical thinking). The early or classical development of philosophy enabled believers to understand the immutability and characteristics of divine attributes listed in point two above. With the erosion of these philosophical foundations, increasing number of Christians are denying the classical attributes of God—as per Open Theism. If you have ever been taught the classical attributes of God, you can thank philosophy—logic and Scripture! Even if your former teacher was not aware of it, when he teaches on the omniscience and omnipotence of God, he is doing philosophy. It is no accident that those who throw away philosophy end up with three gods who live on a planet called heaven which they left to visit the likes of Abraham—gods who have face, hair, lips, and look very much like man (cf. Finis Dake Study Bible). It is no accident that once logic is thrown out as a tool in developing doctrine, an increasing number of Christians end up with a god who does not even know the future (Open Theism). In their ignorant “piety” they never really sat down long and *thought* hard on the true nature of God. They just open the Bible and read it superficially and presto: they get a god that is not very much different than them. If you are ever tempted to reject classical philosophy, just realize that by doing so you have absolutely no grounds for believing in the omnipotence, omniscience, and immutability of God. Still tempted to discard philosophy?
10. Come Lord Jesus! Come *ho logos!* When we get to theology proper at FBC we will look at the various attributes of God and see why we must (logical necessity) hold to the classical attributes of God. This will enable us to have a much better appreciation of the God whom we love and serve—the God that we are one day closer to being with.

Let's keep advancing in Doctrine!

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