

Jesus: Our Tempted Yet Sinless High Priest
Hebrews 4:14-16
9-4-22

I. Our Confession of the Historical Jesus

Matthew 22:37 – *"And he said to him, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.'"*

II. Our Confession of the Christian Faith

Romans 10:9 – *"If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved."*

Romans 1:4 – *"He was declared to be the Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness by his resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord."*

1 Corinthians 10:13 – *"No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it."*

Psalms 119:11 – *"I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you."*

Philippians 2:3 – *"Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves."*

Romans 12:19 – *"Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, 'Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.'"*

Proverbs 19:17 – *"Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will repay him for his deed."*

1 Corinthians 6:18 – *"Flee from sexual immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the sexually immoral person sins against his own body."*

1 John 1:9 – *"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."*

Growing Deeper This Week

1. Why is it essential that we not compromise on our confession of the historical Jesus and our confession of the Christian faith? How does holding fast to our confession in times of trial and temptation work to reveal the genuineness of one's faith?
2. Describe a situation in which you've seen someone claim the name of Christ and yet compromise on our two-fold confession.
3. Why is it so important that we understand that Jesus can sympathize with sinners? How does that fact affect your outlook on the Christian life? How does it equip you in your fight against sin?
4. Explain the difference between temptation and sin. How could Jesus be tempted and yet remain without sin?
5. How does Christ's sympathy and sinlessness, as identified in Hebrews 4:15, ground the command to boldly approach God's throne in 4:16?
6. Pray for your "one".