

## **Luke 1:35; Lord's Day 14**

# **CONCEIVED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT; BORN OF THE VIRGIN**

1. The significance.

1. Our Mediator must be very man as well as very God.

1. The Son of God entered human nature (the incarnation).

2. He is God and man in one Person.

3. His conception and birth was a willing deed on His part (Phil. 2:7).

- The incarnation implies the virgin birth.
- This truth has been repeatedly denied under the instigation of the devil.

1. Why is this true so attached and denied?

2. Scripture is clear that the Spirit, not Joseph, was the Conceiver (Luke 1:35; Matt. 1:18).

- The benefits of Jesus' holy conception and virgin birth.

1. First, Jesus has a perfect human nature.

2. Second, Jesus' holy conception shows that we are sinful at the root.

3. Third, He is equipped to be the Savior.

- The great comfort is that He, being completely human, knows all of our infirmities.

1. He assumed a weakened human nature with all of our infirmities, except sin (Belgic Conf., art 18).

2. Especially does this enable Jesus to be our Mediator.

1. His real humanity enables Him to take on Himself all my sinfulness and sin.

2. His deity assures me that His birth and death are of infinite value to satisfy God's justice for all my sinfulness and sin.

3. He is able to translate our guilt into His righteousness and our pollution into holiness.

- And it enables the Son of Man to be a fitting Judge of all.