

“TO SIN OR NOT TO SIN?” – THE IMPECCABILITY OF CHRIST

I. Impeccability defined

- A. The sinlessness of Christ - 2 Corinthians 5:21; I John 3:5; I Peter 3:18; Hebrews 4:15; John 8:46;
- B. Peccability of Christ - Hebrews 2:17, 18; and 4:15 - the possibility of sinning when tempted.
- C. Impeccability of Christ - James 1:13, 14; Hebrews 7:26-28; John 3:13; Hebrews 13:8; John 4:34; - the impossibility of sinning, when tempted.

II. Impeccability challenged

A. Atheists and anti-Christian religious

- 1. Debate.org's 50-50 survey
- 2. List of arguments
 - a. Pig killer - Matt. 8:32
 - b. Admitted he wasn't good - Mark 10:18
 - c. Anger is a sin - John 2:15
 - d. Broke the Sabbath - John 5:18
 - e. Said he would return before his hearers died - Matt. 24:34 - He lied
 - f. Destruction of property - Matt. 21:18-21
 - g. Didn't care about his parents - Luke 2:49
 - h. Advocated hating his family - Luke 14:25, 26
 - i. Was baptized for remission of sins - Matt. 3:13-15
 - j. He must have sinned - he died - Mark 15:37
 - k. Others?

B. Professing Christian quote on Hebrews 2:17 and Hebrews 4:15

C. Radio preacher on KCBC saying that Jesus had bad thoughts, just like we do.

III. Impeccability proven

- A. Let's answer the radio heretic's statement: Mark 7:17-23
- B. John 8:46 - Jesus was conscious of His own sinlessness. He knew He came from heaven. He knew He would only do His Father's will. He knew that Satan had nothing in Him. John 14:30
- C. James 1:13, 14
- D. Hebrews 7:26-28
- E. John 3:13 with Hebrews 13:8 - If God never sinned in eternity past, it would be true that God in Christ could never sin on earth or in heaven.
- F. John 4:34 - Christ is one Person - two natures in one Person. He is not divided in any way (part unable to sin and part able to sin).
- G. Hebrews 2:17 and 4:15 - Tempted, yes, but not as we are tempted.

IV. Impeccability applied

- A. Note how great a distance between our condition and Christ's.
- B. Note how great a reason to hunger and thirst after righteousness.
- C. Note how great a change will accompany our next life.
- D. Note how great a God who works this greatest of miracles.