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THE SECOND ARTICLE (PART 1)

DEVOTION

I BELIEVE IN JESUS CHRIST, HIS ONLY SON, OUR LORD, WHO WAS CONCEIVED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT, BORN OF THE VIRGIN MARY.

What does this mean? I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord.

She will bear a son, and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins. (Matthew 1:21)

FOR SHARING

1. Share your most cherished Christmas memory. What makes Christmas special in your home or family?
2. “The coming of Jesus into the world is the most stupendous event in human history” (Malcolm Muggeridge).
“Filling the world he lies in a manger” (St. Augustine).
“Because eternity was closeted in time, he is my open door to forever” (Luci Shaw).
Describe, in your own words, the wonder and glory of the incarnation.
3. Thomas confessed of Jesus, “My Lord and my God!” (John 20:28). What does the divinity of Christ mean for your daily life?
4. Jesus is also true man. What does it mean to you that Jesus is fully and completely human—yet without sin?
5. The names *Jesus* (“the Lord saves”) and *Christ* (“the Anointed”) show us a glimpse of God’s relationship to us. What has Jesus Christ saved you from? What has He saved you for?

PRAYER

My Lord Jesus, thank You for being true God and true man. Thank You for saving me from sin, death, and the devil. Give me Your encouragement to confess You to my family, friends, and neighbors. Help me to serve You by serving others. In Your name I pray. Amen.