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1. Impeccability is that doctrine of Christology which recognizes the fact that during the entire course of the dispensation of the Messiah, between the time of our Lord's incarnation and His death on the cross, our Lord Jesus Christ did not sin, though He was tempted in His humanity and the temptations were real.

2. In Church history this doctrine has been affirmed since the earliest days of the church, even the heretics in the early church did not challenge this doctrine.

3. In the Middle Ages further understanding of this doctrine developed the terminology *posse non peccare* and *non posse peccare*: able not to sin and not able to sin. In Christ's deity He was NOT able to sin, but in His humanity He was able not to sin.

4. The doctrine of the impeccability of Christ is related to understanding the nature and reality of His temptations.

Heb. 4:15, “For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but One who has been tempted [*peirazo*–tested] in all things as we are, yet without sin.”

Heb. 7:26, “For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, innocent [*akakos*], undefiled [*amieino*], separated from sinners and exalted above the heavens;”

5. The Old Testament precedent was the type of the lamb that was without spot or blemish.

Ex. 12:5, “Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male of the first year: ye shall take it out from the sheep, or from the goats:”

Ex. 29:1, “And this is the thing that thou shalt do unto them to hallow them, to minister unto me in the priest’s office: Take one young bullock, and two rams without blemish,”

John 1:29, “The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, ‘Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.’ ”

**1 Pet. 1:19, “But with the precious
blood of Christ, as of a lamb
without blemish and without spot:”**

6. The Background: Jesus had to demonstrate as a man that He could pass the test Adam failed. (5 subpoints)

James 1:14, “But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed.

James 1:15, “Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.”

7. The Last Adam is Jesus Christ in hypostatic union. The hypostatic union describes the union of two natures, divine and human, in the one person of Jesus Christ. These natures are inseparably united without loss or mixture of separate identity, without loss or transfer of properties or attributes, the union being personal and eternal. Jesus is undiminished deity and true humanity in one person forever.

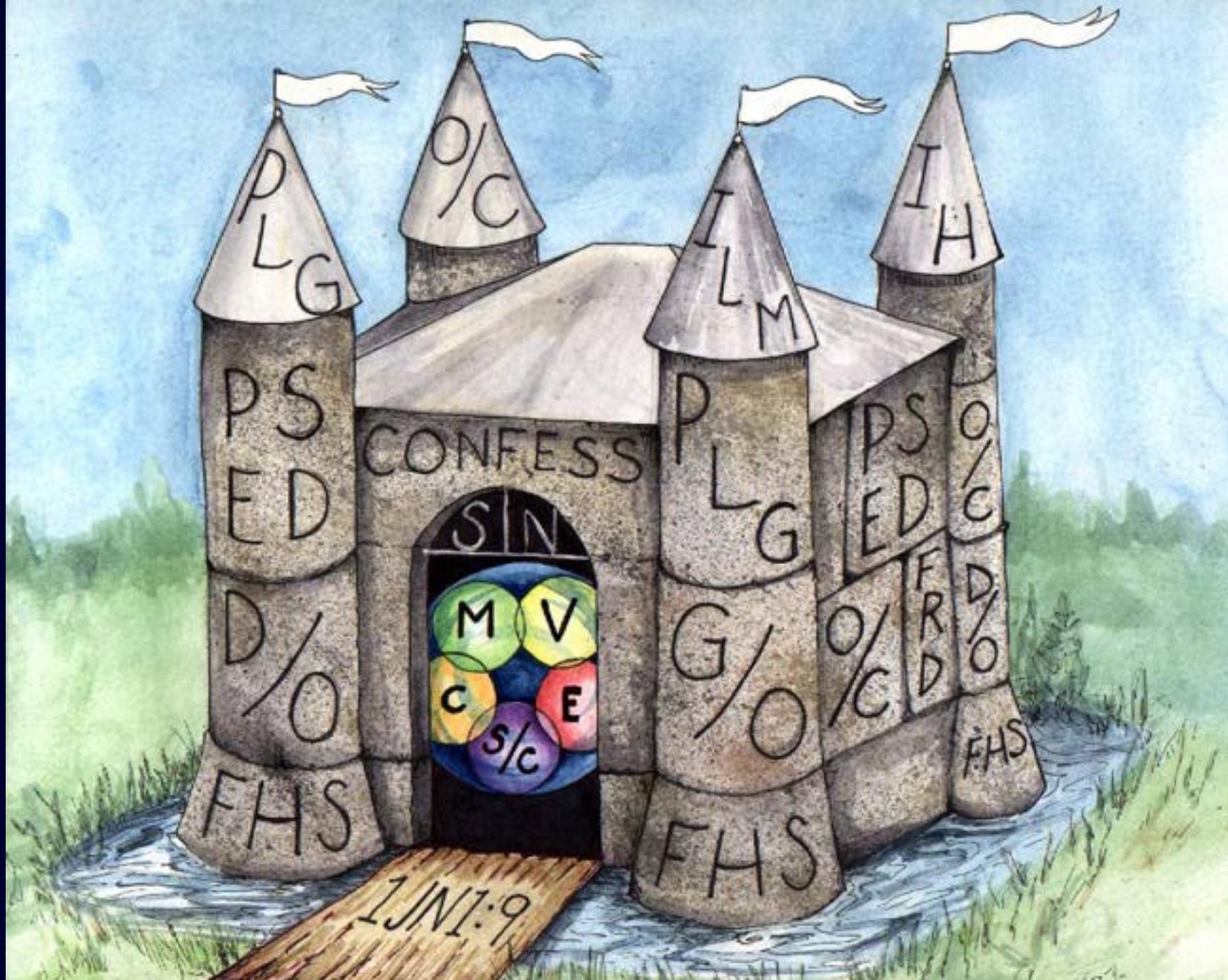
8. As Deity Jesus was not temptable and He could not sin:

James 1:13, “Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man:”

9. But Jesus passed every test and during His first Advent—He was temptable but did not sin, He was temptable but impeccable.

10. Our Lord Jesus Christ during His First Advent was NON POSSE PECCARE, not able to sin in His deity, and POSSE NON PECCARE, able not to sin in His humanity.

11. Conclusion: In His humanity Jesus Christ faced every category of testing that any human being will face many times over, yet He refused to succumb to these external temptations by reliance upon God the Holy Spirit.



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1. The ministry of God the Holy Spirit was prophesied in the Old Testament (Isa. 11:2–3, 42:1, 61:1–2)

Isa. 11:2, “And the Spirit of the LORD will rest on Him, The spirit of wisdom and understanding, The spirit of counsel and strength, The spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.”

Isa. 11:3, “And He will delight in the fear of the LORD, And He will not judge by what His eyes see, Nor make a decision by what His ears hear;”

**Isa. 42:1, “Behold, My Servant,
whom I uphold; My chosen one in
whom My soul delights. I have put
My Spirit upon Him; He will bring
forth justice to the nations.”**

**Isa. 61:1, “The Spirit of the Lord
GOD is upon me, Because the
LORD has anointed me to bring
good news to the afflicted; He has
sent me to bind up the
brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty
to captives, and freedom to
prisoners;”**

Isa. 61:2, “To proclaim the favorable year of the LORD, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn,”

2. This ministry of God the Holy Spirit supplied an enabling ability, often called power, for Jesus to live in His humanity.

John 16:13, “But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth; for He will not speak on His own initiative, but whatever He hears, He will speak; and He will disclose to you what is to come.”

John 17:19, “And for their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they themselves also may be sanctified in truth.”

3. This ministry of God the Holy Spirit is the same ministry available to the believer today in the soul fortress under the name filling of the Holy Spirit and walking by the Holy Spirit.

4. This walking by the Holy Spirit enabled Jesus to maintain His purity.

5. This is exemplified in Matt. 4:1.

6. Jesus operated in His humanity in relationship to testing and fulfilling His humanity related objectives in the power of the Holy Spirit.

**Matt. 12:18, “Behold, My Servant
whom I have chosen; My Beloved
in whom My soul is well-pleased; I
will put My Spirit upon Him, and He
shall proclaim justice to the
Gentiles.”**

Matt. 12:28, “But if I cast out demons by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God has come upon you.”

Luke 4:14, “And Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit; and news about Him spread through all the surrounding district.

Luke 4:15, “And He began teaching in their synagogues and was praised by all.”

Luke 4:18, “The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor. He has sent Me to proclaim release to the captives, and recovery of sight to the blind, to set free those who are downtrodden,”

7. Thus Jesus maintained His purity and established a system for every believer to live in purity. That purity is possible only when we are abiding in Him.