TRUTHS WE LIVE BY (3)
About Jesus Christ
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“...We believe that Jesus Christ is true God and true man having been conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He died on the cross as a perfect sacrifice for our sins and He rose bodily from the dead, later ascending triumphantly into heaven where He intercedes for us in God’s presence.”

What we believe

—The story of Jesus is the greatest _______ ever ________. The _______ is the _______.

—The central question:
_________________________?

1. “We believe that Jesus Christ is true God and true man having been conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.”

—God entered our world of _______ and _______. _______ and ________. on a specific _______ in a specific _______.

—Jesus was a real _______, taking up an _______ humanity. Although He could not _______. He was truly _______, and He also knew the _______ and _______.

—He was _______ born, showing the _______ nature of the incarnation.

—Jesus Christ was fully _______ and fully _______. two _______ (each real and complete without dilution) permanently _______ in one person, without forming some _______ nature (a hybrid). (The Chalcedonian Formula)

—1Tim 2:5,6 > To _______ God and man as a true _______.

2. “He died on the cross as a perfect sacrifice for our sins”

—He became a man like the men He had made, and the men He had made _______ Him and _______. _______ Him and _______. _______ Him.

—Be careful of _______ Jesus.

—Any crucifixion is a _______ way to die. Yet the Father not only _______, but _______ this way for His son to die.

—The cross is what separates the _______ Christ from every other “_______”.

3. “and He rose bodily from the dead”

—Jesus showed Himself _______ after His suffering with many convincing _______ over a period of 40 days (Acts 1:3).

—Why the resurrection?
• As a proof of the _______ of His sacrifice (Rom 4:25)
• As a _______ for His perfect _______ (Ph 2:9)
• As a declaration of His divine _______ (Rom 1:4)

4. “later ascending triumphantly into heaven”

—Jesus, though still and forever human, takes up the _______ He had with the Father before the _______ was (Jo 17:5)—plus the additional glory of His _______ victory (Ph 2:9-11).

5. “where He intercedes for us in God’s presence”

—He makes a _______ for us (Jo 14:2). He _______ for us as a heavenly prayer warrior (Rom 8:34). He _______ for our continuing salvation whenever we sin (1John 2:1).
Why we believe


2. If we’re going to disbelieve a thing, it seems reasonable that we should first find out what, ____________, we are disbelieving.

Why we behave

The George Bailey Question: What if __________ had never been _________? How would that __________ the _________?

—1. We would lose the greatest picture of the self-humility that makes human relationships beautiful (Ph 2:1-8).

—2. We would be overwhelmed by the works of the devil (1Jo 3:8). If not Jesus, then evil wins in this world instead of Him.

—3. We would be lost—without the cross, followed by the resurrection, we are still in our sins (1Cor 15:17).

—4. We have no hope for when we die, and no reason to have peace for the days we live (Rom 5:1).

—5. If Jesus is not man, we have no reason to find honor in man at all (Heb 2:5-12).

—6. We have lost our interceding helper, and do not have the Holy Spirit for our daily life (John 16:7). We have no companion for suffering and shame.

What YOU believe

—You could miss Him. That would be an intolerable loss.