

Coffee with Calvin

Book 2, Chapter 13

- Section 1

- Describe the errors of the Manichees and the Marcionites. How does the title “Son of Man” serve to prove Christ’s true humanity?
- Explain the following quotation, *“Nay, in no other way could it hold true as is said, that the Spirit was given to him without measure (John 1:16), and that out of his fulness have all we received; since nothing could be more absurd than that God, in his own essence, should be enriched by an adventitious gift.”*

- Section 2

- How do we answer the objection that Jesus came only in the “likeness” of sinful flesh (Rom 8:3) or in the “form” of a human (Phil 2:7) but not *actually* in the flesh?
- Explain the following quote: *“Manes dreams of an aerial body, because Christ is called the second Adam, the Lord from heaven. But the apostle does not there speak of the essence of his body as heavenly, but of the spiritual life which derived from Christ quickens us”* (I Cor. 15:47).
- How does Calvin treat the Manichees’ twisting of the “Son of Man” title?
- How did these heretics interpret “first born” so as to deny Jesus his human nature?

- **Section 3**—How do Christ’s genealogies in Luke and Matthew’s gospels work together to prove Christ’s humanity?

- Section 4

- Explain the following quote: *“It is childish trifling to maintain, that if Christ is free from all taint, and was begotten of the seed of Mary, by the secret operation of the Spirit, it is not therefore the seed of the woman that is impure, but only that of the man. We do not hold Christ to be free from all taint, merely because he was born of a woman unconnected with a man, but because he was sanctified by the Spirit, so that the generation was pure and spotless, such as it would have been before Adam's fall.”*