The ONE TRUE CHURCH of GOD, part 7 quotes

1 What kind of human nature did Christ have?

"For verily he (Christ) took not on him the nature of angels; but <u>he took on him the</u> seed of Abraham." Hebrews 2:16.

Christ did not take upon Him the nature of holy angels - which is unfallen, but He took upon Him the nature from the linage of Abraham onward - which was fallen.

What about the belief that Christ did become a human being like Abraham, but that He did not have the same sinful, fallen nature that Abraham had.

"Wherefore **in all things it behooved him** <u>to be made like unto his brethren</u>, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people." Hebrews 2:17.

Christ was made just like Abraham and his offspring were "in all things". This means that also partook of the same fallen human nature and sinful flesh when He was born into fallen and sinful humanity, so that He could be a merciful and faithful high priest for His fellow human brethren!

The Greek word for "merciful" used in this verse is "eleemon", and this word translates and means "actively compassionate, merciful" (Strong's Exhaustive Concordance, word #1655).

The dictionary meaning of the word "compassionate" is that "you feel other people's pain and struggles as though they were your own." Vocabulary.com definition of compassionate" (<u>https//www.collinsdictionary.com/us/dictionary/english/compassionate</u>).

In order to "feel" the pain and struggles of others as though they were your own, means that you have had to first personally experience these painful struggles for yourself. Otherwise how could you feel their pain or understand their struggles? Without personal experience you would just be guessing at what someone was going through, and thus could not truly "feel" what they were enduring. The same with Jesus! This is why He partook of our fallen nature and sinful flesh so that He could personally experience what all human beings experience, and so He could truly be compassionate and merciful to them because He knows what they are going through! **2** These painful struggles that Christ personally experienced was not just the result of ordinary life experiences common to fallen humanity, such as tiredness, thirst, hunger, etc., but especially were these experiences in regards to temptation!

"For we have not a high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points **tempted like as we are**, yet without sin." Hebrews 4:15.

Not only "in all things" was Christ made like fallen humanity, but He was also "in all points tempted like as we are". And exactly how is fallen humanity tempted?

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

The Bible very clearly reveals that Christ was "in all points tempted like as we are" and each human is tempted "when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed". This then amazingly shows us that Jesus not only became a human, but that He also had the fallen sinful human nature upon Him so that He could personally experience the same natural lustful desires when tempted or enticed to sin, and yet He was without sin. This meant that Christ always refused and overcame these natural desires of the sinful flesh in order to perform the good will of God and thus never committed sin.

3 "For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, **God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, <u>condemned sin in the flesh</u>". Romans 8:3.**

This verse reveals that Christ partook of the fallen nature of man and lived in sinful flesh. This meant that Christ personally experienced the natural lustful inward desires of the sinful flesh, but He always resisted these in order to always perform the good will of God - thus He was without the least taint of sin.

This verse also revealed that Christ resisted and condemned all these enticements to sin "in the flesh"! This meant that Christ did not condemn sin from outside of His flesh which would occur if He had an unfallen human nature, but He condemned sin from within His flesh! This then proves that Christ had a fallen nature and therefore actually experienced these natural internal lustful desires of the sinful flesh as enticements or temptations to sin, but He never once gave into any of these desires of sinful flesh, but condemned them all in His flesh in order to perform the good will of God. **4** Exactly what caused Christ suffering every time He was tempted and then resisted each and every one of these lustful enticements to evil from the sinful flesh He was living in?

"Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not commit adultery: But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart. And **if thy right eye offend thee**, **pluck it out**, **and cast it from thee:** for <u>it is profitable for thee</u> that one of thy members should perish, and not that thy whole body should be cast into hell. And if thy right hand offend thee, cut it off, and cast it from thee: for <u>it is profitable for thee</u> that one of thy members should perish, and not that thy whole body should be cast into hell." Matthew 5:27-30.

How much will power would you have to exert to actually pluck out your right eye or cut off your right hand to prevent or deny them from causing you to sin? Every bit of will power within you would need to be exerted in order to do such violence to your body. But if you actually did this violent course of action to your entire body, then you would experience excruciating pain and suffering! But all this pain and suffering would be proof that you did not commit that sin, but instead had gained the victory over it - no matter what it cost you to overcome!

Jesus was not recommending anyone physically harming their bodies in order to keep themselves from sinning, because our bodies are the temple of the Holy Spirit, and if we harm this body temple then we will be destroyed, not saved (see 1 Corinthians 6:19-20, 3:16-17).

Spiritually speaking, how much will power would you have to exert to actually prevent or deny your eye or hand from causing you to sin? It could take up to the same amount of will power as if you physically removed them! And just like with the excruciating pain and suffering you would experience in physically doing this, so a similar amount of internal pain and suffering can occur every time you resisted the temptation to indulge in evil lusts! Yet all this pain and suffering would be proof that you did not commit that sin, but instead gained the victory over it - no matter what it cost you to overcome! Thus your character would have become more sanctified and perfected by the things which you suffered when tempted. The same with Christ.

The suffering Christ experienced occurred because He did not give in to the natural lustful inward enticements or temptations of His sinful flesh, but instead used every bit of His will power to resist and deny these in order to follow the will of God! The very fact that Christ suffered was the proof that He did not commit sin, but instead resisted and denied it!

5 The Bible reveals that any who persistently continues to deny, or who stubbornly refuses to believe, that Christ did have the fallen nature of mankind and that He did personally experience and resist all the natural evil lustful desires of sinful flesh, cannot be saved!

"Little children, it is the last time: and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come, even now are there many antichrists; whereby we know that it is the last time....And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world....For many deceivers are entered into the world, who confess not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist." 1 John 2:18, 4:3; 2 John 1:7.

Some believe, just like the Pope of Catholicism, that the word flesh used here only meant that Christ came in a human body with an unfallen nature. And if this is exactly what these verses are really saying, then according to this Biblical description the Pope is not an antichrist!

The Greek word for "flesh" used in these verses is "sarx", which translates and means "the flesh as stripped of the skin, the human nature with its frailties whether physical or moral and passions, carnal, flesh or fleshly" (Strong's, word #4561). This means that the word "flesh" used in these verses refers to Jesus taking the internal nature of mankind, with all its physical and moral frailties, passions and carnal fleshly desires!

The Pope is a deceiving antichrist because he denies that Christ actually partook of the fallen nature and sinful flesh of mankind! In fact, anyone who believes or teaches that Christ did not have the fallen nature of mankind and did not experience these natural inward lustful desires of sinful flesh, are going directly against this pure Gospel truth of Jesus Christ and are therefore antichrists and deceivers right along with the Pope! That means there are many deceiving antichrists in these last times!