

Westminster Shorter Catechism
Question 22
Discussion led by Steven Anderson

How did Christ, being the Son of God, become man?

A. Christ, the Son of God, became man, by taking to himself a true body and a reasonable soul, being conceived by the power of the Holy Ghost in the womb of the virgin Mary, and born of her, yet without sin.

Luke 1:27,31,35.

Matt. 26:38.

Heb. 2:14.

Heb. 4:15.

Heb. 7:26.

Heb. 10:5.

Personal application.

“When Christ took to himself ‘a reasonable soul,’ this means He had a human mind, human emotions, a human will, and a human conscience” (*Bible Truth Explored*, Murdo A. N. Macleod, p. 58).

Heidelberg Catechism
appended for comparison

Q 35. What does it mean that he
“was conceived by the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary”?

A. That the eternal Son of God,

who is and remains
true and eternal God,

took to himself,

through the working of the Holy Spirit,
from the flesh and blood of the virgin Mary,

a truly human nature

so that he might also become David’s true descendant,
like his brothers and sisters in every way

except for sin.