

## The Heidelberg Catechism

### **35. What is the meaning of “conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary?”**

That the eternal Son of God, who is and continues true and eternal God,<sup>1</sup> took upon Himself the very nature of man, of the flesh and blood of the virgin Mary,<sup>2</sup> by the operation of the Holy Spirit;<sup>3</sup> so that He might also be the true seed of David,<sup>4</sup> like unto His brethren in all things,<sup>5</sup> except for sin.<sup>6</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Jn 1:1-4, 10:30-36; Rom 1:3-4, 9:5; Col 1:15-17; 1 Jn 5:20; <sup>2</sup> Mt 1:18-23; Jn 1:14; Gal 4:4; Heb 2:14; <sup>3</sup> Mt 1:18-20; Lk 1:35; <sup>4</sup> 2 Sam 7:12-16; Ps 132:11; Mt 1:1; Lk 1:32; Rom 1:3; <sup>5</sup> Php 2:7; Heb 2:17; <sup>6</sup> Heb 4:15, 7:26-27