

Investigation Report on Sam Kyung Chae's

Tritheism and his theory of Jesus birth through Mary's menstrual blood

Conclusion of the investigation on Rev. Sam Kyung Chae's Theory of God

1. The triune God is Spirit in essence. The term spirit does not signify persona (hypostasis) but substantia (substance, essence). In Trinitarianism, it is wrong to express persona as Spirit. Whenever the statement "God is Spirit" is made in the doctrine of God, the Spirit means

God's attributes, in another words, the substance.

The word Spirit can be sometimes used to mean a personal being in one God. But the assertion that 'the triune God is God of three Spirits' denies the unitarity of the substance, and thus it is tritheism. Regarding this issue, among the theologians who wrote answers to the General Assembly of Presbyterian Church of Korea(Tonghap) stating that Rev. Sam Kyung Chae is not a tritheist, Dr. Young Jae Kim(professor at Hapdong Theological Seminary) pointed out that "persona cannot be translated as Spirit" and criticized Chae for asserting that God is three Spirits (personas).

Therefore, Rev. Sam Kyung Chae's assertion, "God the Father is one persona and one Spirit; the

God the Son is one persona; and one Spirit; and God the Holy Ghost is one persona and one spirit. Therefore, God is God of three Spirits," makes God three and is the basis of tritheism, which contradicts with the Athanasius Creed which all Christian churches believe and confess.

2. Rev. Sam Kyung Chae's assertion "Each of Spirit of the Father, Spirit of the Son and the Holy Spirit is one, respectively. They are parts of the three." divides God into three, making the Father, the Son, and the Spirit as 1/3 of the whole. It damages the individual whole persons of the Trinity, which are distinct, not divided, not mixed and not mutually subordinate in one divine substance. Rev. Chae's assertion means that God can be a complete God only when three beings become one. Therefore, it denies that existence of the Triune God.

3. Although Rev. Sam Kyung Chae acknowledges that the 'spirit' signifies the substance of God, namely, acknowledges the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit are one spirit, he claims, "Both in the Old Testament and the New Testament, Father God is one spirit and the Holy Spirit is one spirit. Then how can it be said that the two are one?" His assertion means that the spirit of God and the Holy Spirit are different spirits. It denies that the spirit of the Father and the Holy Spirit are one, and say they are different spirits from each other. Thus his theory is either ditheism or tritheism.

Rev. Sam Kyung Chae's Theory of Conception through Menstruation

The main point of Chae's theory of conception through menstruation is claiming that "Jesus was born through the menstruation (blood) of Mary," "Saying that Jesus was born without Mary's menstruation is same as saying that Jesus was born without through Mary's body," "Saying that Jesus was born without

menstruation denies the human nature of Jesus,” and “The virgin birth means Mary didn't become pregnant because of Joseph's semen.”

He stated, “Menstruation means human blood. Menstruation means blood, not eggs. Having menstruation demonstrates with blood that the woman has the ability to reproduce a child. So when pregnant, there is no more menstruation. The blood goes to the child. With the blood (Mary's blood) the child grows.”

Taken all his claims together, it can be said that he asserts that Jesus was conceived, grew and was born through Mary's menstruation, that is Mary's blood.

Rev. Sam Kyoung Chae's claims, which were released through a writing published in the Contemporary Religions[HyunDaeJongKyo] in August 2005, the writing distributed to the representatives of the 95th General Assembly of Presbyterian Church of Korea(Tonghap), an internet newspaper, Church and Faith(amennews.com), which he serves a standing director, etc, can be summarized as the following:

1. Jesus was conceived and born through Mary's menstruation.
2. When pregnant, a woman's menstruation stops and the menstruation goes to the fetus and through “the blood” the baby grows.
3. Without Mary's menstruation, Jesus could not have been born.
4. If it is said that Jesus was born without Mary's menstruation, his human nature is denied.
5. Jesus grew for ten months in Mary's womb through her menstruation, and if it were not for the menstruation, then Jesus did not need to stay in Mary's womb for ten months.
6. If it is said that the theory of conception through menstruation denies Jesus' divine nature, it logically makes sense.
7. It is heretical to say that Jesus was not born through menstruation.
8. Calvin also said Jesus was born through Mary's blood (menstruation) and seed (egg).
9. God made Mary conceive Jesus using her egg, genes, phakoma, etc.
10. Virgin birth means Mary did not become pregnant through Joseph's semen.

“We do not know clearly how the parents' sin is inherited down to children. Therefore we cannot know how the Holy Spirit did the work of sanctification for Christ but (through the work of sanctification by the Holy Spirit) He prevented Christ from being polluted by sin.” (Louis Berkhoff, Christology p74, 75)

“Virgin birth is done by the God of Yahweh, who dominates the natural law and transcends it. So it took place without the natural law, reason, senses, and biological things.” (Jong Sung Lee, Systematic Theology p398)

“Jesus was born irrelevant to Mary's menstruation” (Hyung Ki Lee, Ecclesian 2010.6.)

Though scholars' assertions are not always accurate of course, the representative conservative scholars' assertions clearly say that the birth of Christ is irrelevant to biological things such as menstruation, and eggs

The first core point of the theory of conception through menstruation is whether Jesus was born through Mary's menstruation. Rev. Sam Kyung Chae contended that "If Jesus was not born through Mary's menstruation, then Jesus' human nature is denied" and "If he was not born through menstruation then he did not need stay in Mary's womb for ten months." This means that Jesus grew up in Mary's womb through Mary's menstruation and was born. Rev. Chae's claims assert that if he was not born through menstruation, his human nature is denied. What is the human nature? The human nature means he became a human. The claim that 'If Jesus was not born through Mary's menstruation, (It is impossible for Jesus to be born in the way Rev. Chae suggests.) it denies his human nature.' eventually means that if it was not Mary's menstruation, then Jesus could not have become a man.

The Chongshin University faculty council said clearly, "Just because he was not born through menstruation, it does not deny his human nature [Rev. Chae's] statement is not accurate."

One of the two claims, "Jesus can become a man if he was born through menstruation." and "Jesus can be a man even if he was not born through menstruation" should clearly be a heretical assertion. That's because through menstruation Jesus could be a man and could not become a man at the same time. If Jesus cannot become a man, then he cannot be the mediator between God and men, and the Savior. Rev. Chae's claims assert that if he were not born through menstruation Jesus couldn't become a man. Thus the issue over menstruation is important. It is directly related Christian faith that believes in Christ who has the divine nature and the human nature as our intercessor and savior.

The Chongshin University faculty council said, "He made such a claim to emphasize the human nature..... So it is not heretical." What does it mean by "to emphasize the human nature"? According to the report by the Chongshin University faculty council, Chae's theory of conception through menstruation and birth is not to emphasize the human nature but denies it completely.

Another core point of theory of conception through menstruation is about whether Jesus' life was created, or whether he is the preexisting God.

Who gave life to Jesus who was conceived in Mary's body? Where did it come from? The Bible says "conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit." That means the life of Jesus was given through the Holy Spirit. The life was clothed with the physical body through Mary.

Leviticus 17:14 "the life of every creature is its blood"

Leviticus 17:11 "the life of a creature is in the blood"

Genesis 9:4 "you must not eat meat that has its lifeblood still in it"

Leviticus 17:11 "it is the blood that makes atonement for one's life"

The Bible says the blood is the life itself. Then, the blood of Mary is the life of Mary. If Jesus was born through Mary's blood, then it is Mary who gave life to Jesus. The Bible clearly says that Jesus was conceived by the Holy Spirit. Rev. Chae's assertion that "Jesus was born through Mary's menstruation" means that it is Mary who eventually gave Jesus life.

The blood of Mary is the life of Mary. Insisting that Jesus was born through the blood of Mary is suggesting that Mary gave life to Jesus. It is denying the Bible stating "conceived by the Holy Spirit." If Mary's blood entered into Jesus (the blood of mother never goes to the baby), Jesus, after all, gained life from Mary. Then, since Jesus was born through the blood of Mary, he becomes a mere man just like us. Therefore, Rev. Chae's claiming "Jesus' human nature is denied if he was not born through Mary's menstruation" is same as asserting that Jesus cannot become a man without Mary's menstruation(blood) (His human nature is denied.). Namely, his assertion is that Jesus' life was through the blood of Mary.

A report of the Special Committee on Heresy Investigation of the 96th General Assembly of Presbyterian Church of Korea (Tonghap) pointed out Chae's so-called theory of conception through menstruation makes people misunderstand that Jesus' divine nature started to exist since he was conceived in Mary, and thus weakens the nature of preexistence of Christ. Rev. Chae's claim that Jesus could not be born without Mary's menstruation (blood) denies the divine nature of Jesus in the end. It eventually supports the statement of Rev. Chae himself, "If it is said that the theory of conception through menstruation denies Jesus' divine nature, it logically makes sense."

Conclusion

On September 20, 2011, General Secretaries from seven denominations in CCK appealed the Council to comprehensively investigate Rev. Sam Kyung Chae's tritheism and the so-called the theory of conception through menstruation. So the board of CCK asked its Church Order Establishment Committee to carry out investigation into it and report the results to the board.

Rev. Sam Kyung Chae's theory of God is a heresy, which denies the Christian orthodox doctrine of the Trinity. Though God exists as three in one, Rev. Chae's theory divides God into three individual entities, making God as three gods. His theory is tritheism

It is a great pity that he didn't apologize for or give explanation on his tritheism to the General Assembly of Presbyterian Church of Korea(Tonghap) where he belongs to or to the Korean Church but instead has been making political efforts to free himself from the dispute over tritheism using his denominational background

In conclusion, the so-called theory of conception through menstruation and tritheism weakens the nature of pre-existence of Jesus and thus damages Jesus' divine nature. Also, his theory denies the human nature of Jesus, who was conceived from the Holy Spirit by claiming that Jesus' incarnation was impossible without Mary's menstruation. His theory is a heretic theory which denies the human nature of Christ.

Moreover, when his theory denies or weakens the divine nature and the human nature of Christ, it makes not only Christology, but also doctrine of God, soteriology, and the doctrine of atonement collapse. Moreover, he distorted Calvin and made the birth of Christ as a biological birth, making it laughable, and shaking the root of Christian faith. It can be said to be the most devilish heresy than all the other heresies in the church history. Therefore, in around two months, with select professors and experts from different denominational backgrounds and collected resources so far, we from Church Order Establishment Committee will draw a conclusion and report it to the board of the CCK.

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