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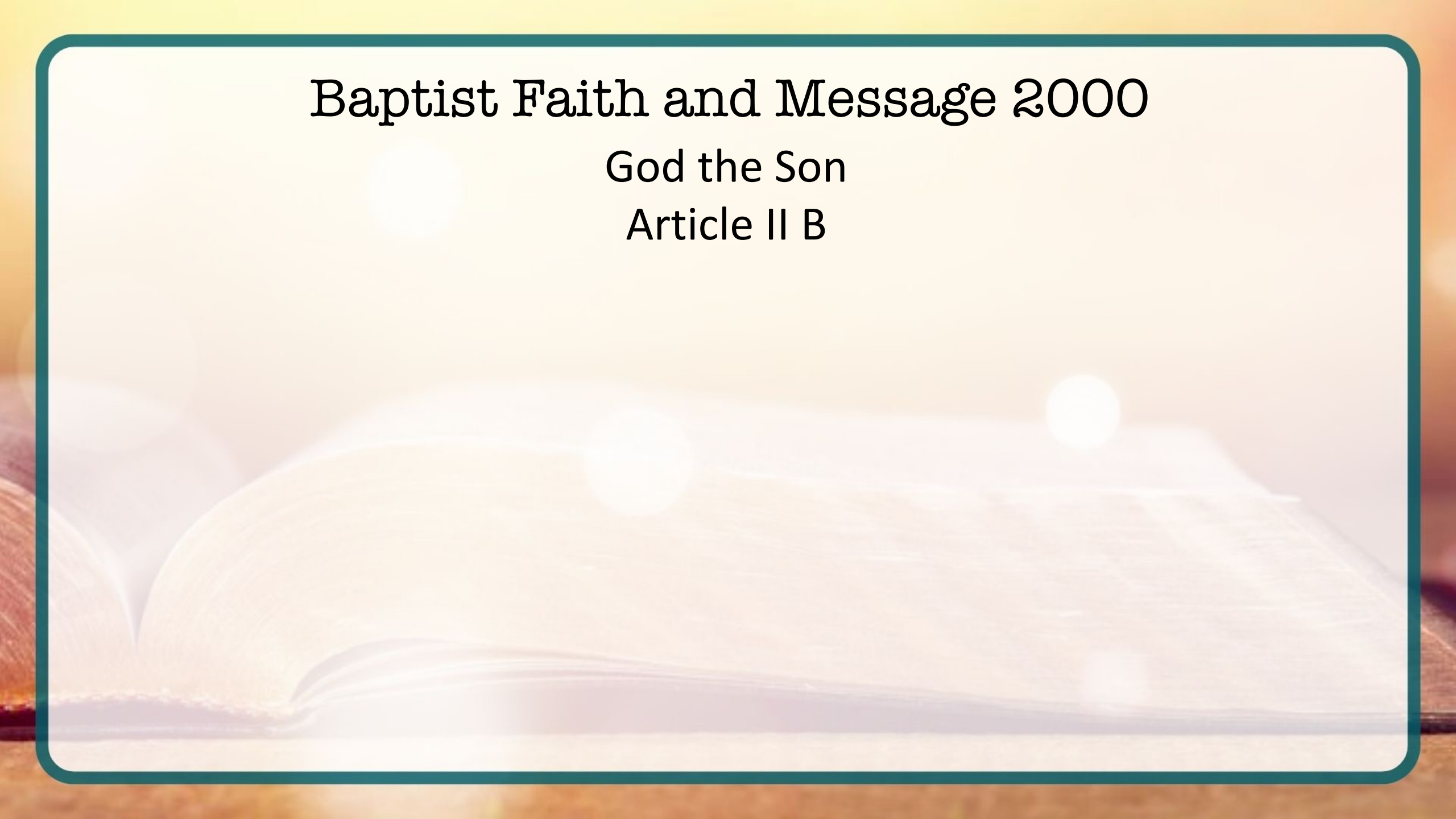
WHAT WE BELIEVE

THE
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God the Son

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Christ is the eternal Son of God. In His incarnation as Jesus Christ He was conceived of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. Jesus perfectly revealed and did the will of God, taking upon Himself human nature with its demands and necessities and identifying Himself completely with mankind yet without sin.

He honored the divine law by His personal obedience, and in His substitutionary death on the cross He made provision for the redemption of men from sin. He was raised from the dead with a glorified body and appeared to His disciples as the person who was with them before His crucifixion.

He ascended into heaven and is now exalted at the right hand of God where He is the One Mediator, fully God, fully man, in whose Person is effected the reconciliation between God and man. He will return in power and glory to judge the world and to consummate His redemptive mission. He now dwells in all believers as the living and ever present Lord.

Key Texts

Psalm 2: 7-9: “I will declare the decree: The Lord has said to Me, **You are My Son, today I have begotten You.** Ask of Me, and I will give You the nations for Your inheritance, and the ends of the earth for Your possession. You shall break them with a rod of iron; You shall dash them to pieces like a potter’s vessel.””

Key Texts

Psalm 110:1-4: “The Lord said to my Lord, “Sit at My right hand, till I make Your enemies Your footstool.” The Lord shall send the rod of Your strength out of Zion. Rule in the midst of Your enemies! Your people shall be volunteers in the day of Your power; in the beauties of holiness, from the womb of the morning, You have the dew of Your youth. The Lord has sworn and will not relent, “You are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.”

Key Texts

Isaiah 7:14: “Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel.”

Isaiah 53:6: “All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned, every one, to his own way; and the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.

Key Texts

Matthew 11:27: “All things have been delivered to Me by My Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father. Nor does anyone know the Father except the Son, and the one to whom the Son wills to reveal Him.”

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Hebrews 1:1-3: “God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds; who being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high.”

Key Texts

1 John 2:1-2: “My little children, these things I write to you, so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world.”

Major Theological Observations

God the Son is pre-existent (Phil. 2:6). The term "pre-existent" conveys the claim that the existence of God the Son did not begin with his earthly life.

- The BF&M highlights the preexistent state by two key concepts, "eternal" and "Son of God."

Major Theological Observations

God the Son humbled Himself (Phil. 2:7-8). God the Son became incarnate (in flesh) as Jesus Christ.

- The BF&M 2000 states, "...taking upon Himself human nature with its demands and necessities."

Major Theological Observations

The Spirit of God conceived the incarnate Son in the womb of the virgin Mary. The BF&M states, Jesus was "born of the virgin Mary."

- **Truly God and Truly Man**

Major Theological Observations

Jesus died in place of us for our sin.

in His substitutionary death on the cross He made provision for the redemption of men from sin.

- The substitutionary death of Jesus means that Jesus became our sacrifice for sin, substituted Himself for us, and bore our iniquities and curse

Major Theological Observations

God the Father exalted God the Son

He ascended into heaven and is now exalted at the right hand of God where He is the One Mediator, fully God, fully man, in whose Person is effected the reconciliation between God and man.

Major Theological Observations

The Son is Still at Word to Save and Restore.

He will return in power and glory to judge the world and to consummate His redemptive mission. He now dwells in all believers as the living and ever present Lord.

Major Theological Observations

The Gospel or good news centers on God the Son.

Jesus is the eternal Son of God, the Incarnate Son, the Sacrificial Son, the Reigning Son, and the Returning Son.