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1. Miraculous Conception: God owns everything including the physical life or the full being called the soul Reference Ezekiel 18:4.

2. This event in Scripture proves that mankind's physical body is designed to be eternal. Therefore, is fully capable of being renewed incorruptible Reference Matthew 1:18-23. The physical body was made subject to the curse of sin. An arm is an arm, a foot is a foot, an ear is an ear they do not sin. Nor the arm, nor the foot, nor the ear go to trial. The individual goes to trial. What man does in the mind and in the heart corrupts the physical body as man engages in sinful actions Reference James 1:14-15. This makes the physical life accountable unto the spiritual life.

3. Therefore, our physical body is the temple of God Reference First Corinthians 6:19- 20. This explains why our physical body decays and at a point in time ceases. It also explains why the spiritual life and the physical lives are accountable under the literal law and the moral law of God. God fully fulfilling the literal law (Reference Matthew 5:17-18 and Galatians 5:14) provides opportunity for mercy and grace under the moral law (Matthew 22:37-40).

4. The mind and heart birth sinful actions in the physical body (mind, body, spirit). Notice upon passing, the spirit goes immediately and directly to be with God, the physical body returns to the dust of the ground (Ecclesiastes 12:7). The spirit and the body are then joined for a whole new eternal existence (Second Corinthians 5:10 and First Corinthians 15:35-58).

5. The significance of points (1), (2), (3) and (4) are that God infused Salvation into the human race fully being spiritual first then physical body second (eternal perspective God's view BUT the FLIP FLOP for mankind being physical body then spiritual) (Henry, 2008). However, both physical and spiritual being joined equally in the image of God in eternity but not equal with God. The miraculous conception proves that our physical body is fully renewable and incorruptible.

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6. God's view: Spiritual first because God is a spirit and is eternal never having a beginning nor an ending (Reference John 4:24). God's view: The creation of the physical life came afterwards. Man's Flip Flop Reality: Mankind is not to take Scripture to the Extreme, but to put matters into spiritual perspective first even though the physical came beforehand OR Man's Flip Flop.