

I think that we probably all understand that Christ was tempted by the devil. Three specific instances are recorded in Mt 4. But we find in Heb 4:15 that even though he was 'tempted like as we are,' he was found 'yet without sin.' I find it hard to understand the real meaning of all this unless it was indeed possible for Christ to sin. If it was possible, then, the question jumps into my mind: what would have been the consequences for God (and Christ) if He had sinned? I hope you realize the nature of my speculation here. But how could the morally perfect God of the universe have accepted himself or His unique son if Christ had not lived a perfect life? How could God have been God anymore? Now I don't know about the real structure or meaning of Good and Evil in the spiritual universe, but would he not have been subject to condemnation, just as we are who sin? I know this seems very strange and useless to you, but there is a further point that has really deepened my understanding for the nature of God's love for us. It seems from this line of thought that God indeed gambled his whole nature for the safety of man. He put himself on the line for us. Could God have loved us so much that he sacrificed his nature for us? He did it temporarily, anyway, Phil 2:5-11. I believe that his love is capable of the other, too!

We know that Christ was a perfect sacrifice. 2 Cor 5:21 says that Christ was made to be sin though there was no sin in him. He bore our sins to the tree. God loved us enough to gamble, and he loved us enough to bear the extreme distastefulness of man's sin for a while. I believe that man has not yet scratched the surface of understanding God's real love for him. Do you love him in return?