CHRISTOLOGY

Christology—Summary

Jesus Christ is the eternal Son of God and true man in one person forever. This means that He is true and complete God and true and complete man. As God he has existed forever, fellowshipped with God the Father and the Holy Spirit forever, and he created all things. The man Jesus was born, lived, died, arose, ascended to the Father, is the head of the church, mediator, high priest, advocate, to be worshipped, and is waiting to call his church to heaven. He is the only Savior. Believers trust him, watch him, fellowship with him, worship him, and follow him. Jesus Christ's relation to believers emphasizes that he is mediator, priest, advocate, authority, leader, and protector. This topic of Bible doctrine is called Christology.

Christology—Basic

- 1. Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is the eternal God, a member of the trinity, and to be worshipped (Micah 5:2; Matthew 28:19; John 1:1-14; 8:58; 10:30; Romans 1:4; 10.9-13; John 20.28-29; Philippians 2.9-11; Hebrews 1.6, 8).
- 2. Jesus is his human name, Hebrew Jeshua, later form for Joshua (<u>Matthew 1:21</u>); Christ is his title, the anointed one, Messiah; and Lord indicates he is God (<u>Luke 2:11</u> John 20.).
- 3. Jesus Christ became true man with human characteristics (<u>John 1:1-14</u>; <u>Luke 1:35</u>; <u>John 4:6</u>; <u>Philippians 2:5-11</u>). He was a descendent of David (<u>Romans 1:3</u>) and had a human mother (<u>Luke 2:1-20</u>), yet no sinful nature (<u>Luke 1:35</u>). He never sinned (<u>Hebrews 4:15</u>), and He fulfilled the Father's will (<u>John 6:38</u>; <u>19:30</u>). He died, arose, ascended (John 19-20).
- 4. He became man in order to solve the sin problem (<u>John 1:29</u>; <u>1 Timothy 1:15</u>; <u>2:3-6</u>) and restore God's rule (<u>Luke 1:32-33</u>; <u>1 Corinthians 15:28</u>). He is the only Savior (<u>John 3:16-18</u>; <u>14:6</u>; <u>1</u> Timothy 2:5-6)
- 5. Jesus Christ is the Head of the Church (<u>Colossians 1:18</u>), mediator (<u>1 Timothy 2:5</u>), high priest (<u>Hebrews 4:14-15</u>), advocate (<u>1 John 2:1</u>), and is waiting to call his church to heaven (<u>John 14:1-6</u>),.
- 6. Jesus Christ is the believer's leader and object of faith dependence and service. (<u>Hebrews 12.2</u>; <u>Galatians 2.20</u>; <u>Colossians 3.24</u>).

Christology Outline

- 1. Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is the eternal God (Micah 5.2; Jn 1.1; 8.58).
 - The Word of God states this (John 1.1; Acts 9.4-5; Hebrews 1.8).
 - He performs the works that God performs (Mt 9.1-8; Mark 4.35-42).
 - He is worshipped (Exodus 20.4-5; John 20.28-29; Phil 2.9-10; Heb 1.6; Rev 5.13-14).
 - His names indicate that He is God (Mt 1.23).
 - The attributes of God are His attributes (Col 2.9)
 - He is a member of the trinity (Mt 28.19).

- 2. Jesus Christ, the Son of God, became true man.
 - He was physically born into the world ($\underline{Jn 1.14}$) from a human mother ($\underline{Lk 2.1-20}$).
 - He did not have a sin nature (Lk 1.35).
 - His humanity consisted of soul and human spirit (Mt 26.38; Lk 23.46) and body (Heb 10.5).
 - He had human characteristics:
 - 2.4.1. such as hunger (Mt 4.2)
 - 2.4.2. physical exhaustion (Jn 4.6)
 - 2.4.3. emotion (Jn 11.35)
 - 2.4.4. and tests (<u>Heb 4.15</u>).
 - He has human names and titles:
 - 2.5.1. Jesus (Mt 1.21)
 - 2.5.2. Son of David (Mk 10.47)
 - 2.5.3. Son of Man (Lk 19.10)
 - 2.5.4. Man (<u>1 Tim 2.5</u>)
 - 2.5.5. King of the Jews (Matthew 2.2)
 - He physically died and was physically resurrected (Jn 19-20).
- 3. Jesus Christ, the Son of God, has a specific mission to accomplish.
 - Explain God to man (John 1.18).
 - Save sinners (1 Timothy 1.15).
 - Head the church (Ephesians 1.22-23).
 - Propitiate the father (Romans 1.25; 1 John 2.1-2).
 - Rule Israel (Micah 5.2)
 - Be merciful and faithful high priest (Hebrews 2.17).
- 4. While Jesus was on earth he never sinned (<u>Hebrews 4.15</u>) and he completely fulfilled the will of the Father (<u>John 6.38; 19.30; Hebrews 10.7</u>).
- 5. Jesus Christ, as the mediator, solved the sin problem.
 - Save sinners (1 Timothy 1.15)
 - Defeated Satan (John 16.11)
 - Reconciled man to God (2 Corinthians 5.18-19)
 - He was resurrected because he completed justification (Romans 4.25)
 - He overcame physical death (1 Corinthians 15.4, 20-22, 57).
 - He neutralized man's sinful nature (Romans 6.6)
- 6. Right now Jesus Christ
 - Is head of the church (Colossians 1.18; Ephesians 1.22-23)
 - The believers leader and object of faith and service (<u>Hebrews 12.2</u>; <u>Galatians 2.20</u>; <u>Colossians 3.24</u>)
 - King of Israel (Matthew 2.1-6)
 - King over all mankind (Psalm 2; Revelation 1.5)