

Jesus Christ

We believe Jesus Christ to be the one and only Saviour of mankind. We believe Jesus Christ to be eternally God and to possess all the attributes of Deity. We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ was virgin-born, that He was God incarnate, and that the purposes of the incarnation were to reveal God, to redeem men, and to rule over God's kingdom. We believe Jesus Christ never relinquished any attributes of His Deity, but merely veiled them. We believe He lived a perfect, sinless life, at the end of which He was offered for all mankind as a substitutionary sacrifice for man's sin. This sacrifice was a just payment to God for the forgiveness of sin. It was activated by His death through the shedding of His blood on the cross and was accepted by God upon His resurrection. We believe He ascended into Heaven after His resurrection to be seated at the right hand of the Father and is now waiting for the time of receiving His church at the rapture, which is followed by His return to earth seven years later to rule and reign as King for one thousand years. (Psalm 2:7-9; Isaiah 7:14, 9:6, 43:11; Micah 5:2; Matthew 1:25; Luke 1:26-35; John 1:1, 1:3, 1:14, 1:18, 1:29; Romans 3:19-25, 5:6-15; Philippians 2:5-11; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; 1 Timothy 2:5, 3:16; Titus 2:10-15; Hebrews 7:26, 9:24-28; 1 Peter 1:19, 2:2; 1 John 1:3; Revelation 20:1-6)

The Deity of Christ

The Word of God is very careful to guard the deity of Christ in every word and in every aspect of the language that is used (Matthew 1:1-16).

The Lord Jesus Christ referred to Himself as the Jehovah of the Old Testament:

- The _____ (Psalm 23; John 10:11)
- The _____ (Job 3:12; John 5:27)
- The _____ (Isaiah 60:19; John 8:12)
- The _____ and the _____ (Isaiah 42:8; Revelation 1:17)

The Lord Jesus Christ said, " _____ " (John 8:58)

- "I am the bread of life" (John 6:35, 48)
- "I am the light of the world" (John 8:12)
- "I am the door of the sheep" (John 10:7-8)
- "I am the good shepherd" (John 10:11, 14)
- "I am the resurrection and the life" (John 11:25-26)
- "I am the way, the truth, and the life" (John 14:6)
- "I am the true vine" (John 15:1)

Christ is _____ (John 1:1).

Christ _____ (Genesis 1:1, Genesis 1:26; John 1:3; Colossians 1:16-17).

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Christ has the power to forgive _____ (Mark 2:1-12).

Christ has the power to raise the _____ (John 11:1-46; Mark 5:21-23, 35-43)

Christ accepted _____ on at least six different occasions (Matthew 2:11, 14:33, 28:9, 28:16-17; Luke 24:50-53; John 9:37-38).

Christ placed His words on the same level as _____ (Matthew 5:21-22).

Christ commands us to _____ in His name (John 14:13-14).

Christ is _____ (John 3:13).

Christ's _____ substantiated His deity (John 10:37-38).

The Humanity of Christ

The Lord Jesus Christ has one personality with two natures. He is fully God and fully man.

Christ referred to Himself in such a way as to indicate His humanity:

- The Son of _____ (Psalm 2:7).
- The Son of _____ (Matthew 16:27) – This is Christ's favorite title of Himself, used in connection with His coming kingdom.
- The Son of _____ (Matthew 1:1) – This is Christ's royal title.
- The Son of _____ (Matthew 1:1) – This links Christ to both the Abrahamic Covenant (Genesis 12:1-3) and to mankind.

Christ had _____, _____, and _____ (Matthew 26:11-12, 38; Luke 23:46).

Christ _____ (Matthew 4:2).

Christ _____ (John 4:6).

Christ _____ (Matthew 8:24).

Christ _____ physically (Luke 2:52).

Christ _____ pain and agony (Matthew 26:46-50; Hebrews 5:7-9; John 10:17-18).

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Though Christ was 100% man, He was not a sinner having been conceived of the Holy Ghost (Matthew 1:18; Luke 1:35) and virgin-born (Matthew 1:21; Luke 2:26; Isaiah 7:14). Though He was tempted with sin (Matthew 4:1), He lived an impeccable life, qualifying Him to be the one and only Savior (Hebrews 4:15; John 1:29)

Men's Conclusions Concerning Christ

First century Jewish disciples _____ Christ's deity (1 Timothy 3:16; John 20:28).

Simon Peter confessed, "*Thou art the _____, the Son of the living God*" (Matthew 16:16).

Pilate declared, "*I find in him no _____ at all*" (John 18:38).

The Centurion, watching Jesus' crucifixion proclaimed, "*Truly this was the _____ of God*" (Matthew 27:54).

The thief on the cross professed, "*we receive the due reward of our deeds: but this man hath done _____ amiss*" (Luke 23:41).

Peter described our Lord, saying, "*But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without _____ and without _____*" (1 Peter 1:19).

John described our Lord as, "*Jesus Christ the _____*" (1 John 2:1).

The Apostle Paul said, "*For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no _____; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him*" (2 Corinthians 5:21).

The writer of Hebrews states that Christ was, "*yet without _____*" (Hebrews 4:15).

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The Redemptive Work of Christ

The emphasis of the Scripture is not on Jesus' life, but on Jesus' death. One third of the Gospels according Matthew, Mark, and Luke deal with the last hour of Christ's life. Half of the Gospel according to John deals with the final hour our Christ's life.

Jesus' death was:

- _____ (Matthew 9:15, 16:21; John 2:4, 12:27)
- _____ (John 3:14-15)
- _____ (John 10:17-18)
- _____ (1 Peter 3:18)

Jesus' atonement was _____ (Hebrews 2:9; 1 John 2:2).

Jesus' resurrection provides:

- _____ from sin (Romans 4:23-25)
- _____ for eternity (1 Peter 1:3-4)
- _____ of a future judgment (Acts 17:31) and our physical resurrection in the last day (2 Corinthians 4:14).

Jesus' ascension declares the _____ of His redemptive work (Hebrews 1:3, 10:12).

The Continuing Work of Christ

Jesus is _____ (Romans 8:34; John 17; Hebrews 8:1).

Jesus is _____ (John 14:14).

Jesus is _____ (John 14:3).

Jesus is _____ (Matthew 16:18).

Jesus is _____ (Colossians 1:27).

Jesus is _____ (Revelation 22:20).

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The Lord Jesus Christ & My Christian Life

As we consider our Lord Jesus and all He has done, it is only fitting that we give Him His rightful place. According to Colossians 1:16-20, our Lord demands preeminence – “that in all things he might have the preeminence.” Christ should be the theme of our lives for He is our Creator, Sustainer, Redeemer, and King. His love for us and our love for Him constrains us and compels us to preach His Gospel to every creature (Mark 16:15). Christ gave His life for us. The least we can do is live our lives for Him (Romans 12:1-2).

Key Verses

*“And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God. And Jesus answered and said unto him, blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven.” – **Matthew 16:16-17***

*“And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.” – **John 1:14***

*“If I do not the works of my Father, believe me not. But if I do, though ye believe not me, believe the works: that ye may know, and believe, that the Father is in me, and I in him.” – **John 10:37-38***

*“And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book: But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name.” – **John 20:30-31***

*“Concerning his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, which was made of the seed of David according to the flesh; And declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead:” – **Romans 1:3-4***

*“For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.” – **2 Corinthians 5:21***

*“But when the fullness of time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons.” – **Galatians 4:4-5***

*“Who being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.” – **Philippians 2:6-8***

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“For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him: And he is before all things, and by him all things consist.”
– **Colossians 1:16-17**

“For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus;” –
1 Timothy 2:5

“God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by 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 on the right hand of the Majesty on high;” –
Hebrews 1:1-3