

Theology 101

God the Son

Christ is the centerpiece of the Scriptures and the focal point of all eternity. We are going to hit some of the key areas of doctrine that involve Christ.

- I. The Deity of Christ
 - A. The Bible is VERY clear that Christ was not simply a man, but was God.
 - B. The Testimony of the Prophets - Isaiah 7:14, 9:6-7
 1. note: Immanuel means "God with us"
 - C. The Testimony of Christ Himself - John 8:58, 17:5
 - D. The Testimony of Apostles - John 1:1-2, Matthew 16:16
- II. The Incarnation of Christ
 - A. Christ did not begin with His birth at Bethlehem, as He is *eternal*.
 1. Christ was before Creation - Colossians 1:15-17
 2. Christ took human form at His First Coming - John 1:14
 - B. Christ became flesh and was both God and Man
 1. Christ was conceived and born in human form - Luke 1:26-38, 2:5-7
 2. He humbled Himself to take up human form - Philippians 2:5-8
 3. Yet He was still God - John 10:30
 - C. Christ, though in flesh, was not sinful ("likeness of sinful flesh") - Romans 8:3
 - D. Some purposes of the Incarnation
 1. To reveal God to man - John 1:18
 2. To be the sacrifice for our sins - Hebrews 10:1-10
 3. To fulfill the Davidic Covenant - II Samuel 7:16
- III. The Substitutionary Sacrifice of Christ
 - A. Seen in prophecy - Isaiah 53
 - B. Christ's death proves God's love for us - John 3:16
 - C. Christ's death was the necessary payment for salvation - Galatians 1:4
 - D. Christ's death was for the whole world - I John 2:1-2
- IV. The Resurrection and Ascension of Christ
 - A. Christ predicted His resurrection MANY times - for example, John 2:18-22
 - B. The FACT of his resurrection is testified to hundreds of witnesses - I Corinthians 15:3-8, and we could add over one dozen more.
 - C. His resurrection is proof of our own to come - I Corinthians 15:20-23
 - D. He ascended up to heaven - Acts 1:9-11
- V. The Second Coming of Christ
 - A. First, at the Rapture - I Thessalonians 4:16-17
 - B. Second, at Armageddon - Revelation 19:11-16
 - C. Then, He rules during the Millennial Kingdom - Revelation 20:1-6