

Bible Basics//Session 2: Christology

Critical Question: _____ do we believe about Jesus?

Formal Doctrine: The Lord Jesus Christ is the eternal Son of God.

*And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the **only-begotten Son of God**, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, **very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father**, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was **incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary** and was made man; and was **crucified also for us** under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day **He rose again according to the Scriptures** and ascended into heaven and **sits at the right hand of the Father**. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose **kingdom will have no end**.*

Big Idea: Believing in Jesus means accepting his _____ and _____.

Key Verse: Romans 10:9 (English Standard Version), "because, if you confess with your mouth that **Jesus is Lord** and believe in your heart that **God raised him from the dead**, you will be saved."

What do we believe about Jesus?

We believe in:

- 1) **His virgin _____** - Luke 1:31-37, You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over Jacob's descendants forever; his kingdom will never end." **"How will this be," Mary asked the angel, "since I am a virgin?"** The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God. Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be unable to conceive is in her sixth month. For no word from God will ever fail."
- 2) **His _____ life** - Hebrews 4:14-16, "Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has **been tempted as we are, yet without sin**. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need."

- 3) **His _____** - Acts 2:22, Fellow Israelites, listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth was a man **accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs**, which God did among you through him, as you yourselves know.
- 4) **His _____ on the cross** - 1 Corinthians 15:3, For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that **Christ died for our sins** according to the Scriptures,
- 5) **His _____ resurrection from the dead** - 1 Corinthians 15:4, that he was buried, that **he was raised on the third day** in accordance with the Scriptures,
- 6) **His _____ to the right hand of God** - Philippians 2:9-11, Therefore God has **highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name**, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

What's the Trinity?

The divine relationship known as the Trinity is a limited expression of the shared substance, nature, and distinct relationship of the Godhead, The Father, The Son, and The Holy Spirit. It is not expressing one God in three modes, nor it is expressing three distinct Gods.

"We therefore may speak with propriety of the Lord our God who is One Lord, as a trinity or as **one Being of three persons**, and still be absolutely scriptural."

"Christ taught a distinction of Persons in the Godhead which He expressed in **specific terms of relationship, as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit**, but that this distinction and relationship, **as to its mode is inscrutable and incomprehensible**, because unexplained." From ag.org/beliefs

Questions to Consider:

- 1) How were you first introduced to Jesus?
- 2) How has following Jesus shaped your life?
- 3) Share something from this session that encouraged or challenged you.