

# JESUS CHRIST

- I. Biblical references to Jesus Christ
  - A. All of Scripture has reference to Jesus Christ
    - John 5:39 - "the Scriptures...these bear witness to Me"
    - Luke 24:27 - "He explained concerning Himself in all the Scriptures"
    - Luke 24:44 - "all the things written about Me in Moses, Prophets, Psalms"
  - B. Some references to Jesus' Deity
    - 1. Pre-existence - Jn. 1:1,2; 17:5; Phil. 2:6; Col. 1:17; Rev. 1:8
    - 2. Creator - Jn. 1:3,10; I Cor. 8:6; Col. 1:16
    - 3. Sustainer - Col. 1:17; Heb. 1:3
    - 4. Source of life - Jn. 5:26; 11:25; 14:6; 17:3; Rom. 6:23; I Jn. 5:12
    - 5. Revealer of God - Matt. 11:27; Jn. 1:18; 14:7; II Cor. 4:4; Heb. 1:3
    - 6. Son of God - Mk. 1:1; 9:7; Lk. 1:35; Jn. 1:34; 10:36; Rom. 1:4
    - 7. Identified as God - Jn. 5:18; 10:30; Phil. 2:6; Col. 1:19; 2:9; Titus 2:13; Heb. 1:8; I Jn. 5:20
    - 8. I AM - Mk. 14:62; Lk. 22:70; Jn. 8:24,58; 11:25; 14:6; 18:5
    - 9. Trinity - Matt. 28:19; I Cor. 12:4-6; Eph. 3:14-17
    - 10. Holy One - Mk. 1:24; John 6:69; Acts 2:27; 3:14
    - 11. Object of faith - Mk. 8:34-38; Jn. 6:29,40; I Jn. 5:13
    - 12. Forgives sin - Matt. 9:6; Mk. 2:7,10; Lk. 5:21,23; Acts 5:31
    - 13. Savior - Matt. 1:21; Lk. 2:30; Jn. 1:29; 4:42; Acts 4:12; 5:31; Heb. 5:9; II Pt. 1:1,11
    - 14. Lord - Lk. 2:11; John 20:28; Rom. 10:9,12; 14:9; I Cor. 12:3; II Cor. 13:14; Eph. 4:5; Rev. 17:14
    - 15. Pre-eminent - Eph. 1:20-22; Col. 1:18; 2:10
    - 16. Judge - Matt. 7:21-23; 25:31-46; Jn. 5:22-30; II Cor. 5:10; II Tim. 4:1,8
    - 17. Worshipped - Acts 7:55,59; Phil. 2:8,9; Heb. 2:9; Rev. 3:21
  - C. Some references to Jesus' humanity
    - 1. Genealogy - Matt. 1:1-17; Lk. 3:23-38
    - 2. Birth as infant - Matt. 2:1; Lk. 2:7; Rom. 1:3; Gal. 4:4
    - 3. Human flesh - Lk. 24:39; Jn. 1:14; Rom. 8:2; Heb. 2:14; I Jn. 4:2
    - 4. Tangible - Col. 2:9; I Jn. 1:1-3
    - 5. Development and growth - Lk. 2:40,46,51
    - 6. Human senses - Matt. 4:2; Jn. 4:6; 11:34; 19:28
    - 7. Emotion - Matt. 9:36; 26:37-40; Mk. 10:21; Lk. 10:21; Jn. 11:35; 12:27
    - 8. Temptation - Matt. 4:1-11; Lk. 4:1-3; 22:44; Heb. 2:18; 4:15; 5:7
    - 9. Prayer - Matt. 14:23; Mk. 1:35; Lk. 5:16; 22:39,41
    - 10. Derivative activity - Jn. 8:28; 14:10; Acts 2:22
    - 11. Death - Jn. 19:30; Phil. 2:8
    - 12. Son of Man - Mk. 8:31; 9:12; 10:33
    - 13. Man - Acts 2:22; Rom. 5:15; I Cor. 15:21; Phil. 2:7,8; I Tim. 2:5;
  - D. The antinomy of Deity and humanity in the same person
    - 1. Attributes of deity and humanity appear mutually antithetical
      - a. Deity - infinite, eternal, omnipresent
      - b. Humanity - finite, space/time limitation
    - 2. Hypostatic union of substance, nature, essence – God-man
      - a. one essence, in three persons
      - b. fully/truly God; fully/truly man
    - 3. Self-emptying of Jesus (kenotic theories) - Phil. 2:7
- II. The Person and Work of Jesus Christ
  - A. Perfect in Being
    - 1. In becoming man Jesus did not partake of fallen sinfulness of man

- cf. Rom. 5:12,15,17,19,21; ; Eph. 2:1-3,5
- 2. Second Adam - Jn. 8:42; I Cor. 15:47
- 3. Supernatural conception of Jesus by the Holy Spirit of God - Matt. 1:20; Lk. 1:34,35
- 4. Spiritual perfection - Jn. 14:30
  - a. What is meaning of "sinful flesh" - Rom. 8:3
  - b. Did Jesus have behavioral "flesh" tendencies?
- B. Perfect in Behavior
  - 1. Though Jesus could *be* God and *be* man at the same time, He could not *behave as* God and *behave as* man at the same time.
    - a. Emptied Himself (Phil 2:7) of independent prerogatives of divine function
    - b. Submitted to functional subordination of humanity - derivative, dependent man - Jn. 5:19,20,30; 12:29; 14:10
  - 2. Human freedom of choice in behavior.
    - a. No sinful patterns of "flesh"
    - b. Temptation - Heb. 4:15
      - (1) Question of impeccability
      - (2) Did not sin - Jn. 8:46; II Cor. 5:21; Heb. 4:15; 7:26; 9:14; I Pet. 1:19; 2:22; I Jn. 3:5
      - (3) Sinlessness - not mere avoidance of sin, but perfect manifestation of God's character - Matt. 3:17; 17:5; Jn. 8:29; 12:45
    - c. Lived by faith - receptivity of the activity of God in man
    - d. Jesus is much more than a "matchless example"
- C. Perfect in Benefit
  - 1. Jesus came to become condemnation for us - Matt. 20:28; Rom. 8:3
  - 2. As "Second Adam," He *incurred* all death consequences that *occurred* in First Adam.
    - a. "made to be sin" - II Cor. 5:21; I Pet. 3:18
    - b. vicarious, substitutionary sacrifice
    - c. The unassumed is the unhealed or unrestored.
  - 3. "Obedient unto death" - Phil. 2:8; Rom. 5:19; Heb. 2:8,9; 5:8,9
    - 1. Physical death - Jn. 19:34
    - 2. Spiritual death - Matt. 27:46,50; Mk. 15:34; Jn. 19:30
    - 3. Everlasting death - Acts 2:27,31; Eph. 4:9; I Pet. 3:19; 4:6
  - 4. Finished work of Christ - Jn. 19:30
  - 5. Overcame Satan - Heb. 2:14; I Jn. 3:8
- D. Perfect in Bestowal
  - 1. Resurrection life of Jesus Christ - Rom. 6:4; Col. 2:12; 3:1; I Pet. 1:3
  - 2. Regenerated by His life - Jn. 3:1-6; I Pet. 1:3
  - 3. Spirit of Christ - Acts 2:1-4; Rom. 8:9; I Cor. 15:45
  - 4. Indwelling of Christ - II Cor. 13:5; Gal. 2:20; Col. 1:27
  - 5. Head of the Church - Matt. 16:18; Eph. 1:22,23; Col. 1:18
  - 6. All things in Christ - I Cor. 3:21-23; Col. 2:10; II Pet. 1:3
  - 7. Second advent of Christ - I Thess. 4:16,17; Titus 2:13; Heb. 10:37
- E. Perfect in Beatification - the blessing of the Heavenly
  - 1. Ascension and glorification - Jn. 17:5; 20:17; Heb. 4:14
  - 2. Presence of Christ
    - a. Transcendent - Acts 7:56; Rom. 8:34; I Pet. 3:21,22
    - b. Immanent - Col. 1:27; Gal. 2:20; II Cor. 3:5
  - 3. Constitution or substance of Christ
    - a. Divine - Rev. 19:16
    - b. Human? cf. I Cor. 15:42,44;52,53; Rev. 17:5
  - 4. Intercession of Christ - Rom. 8:34; Heb. 2:18; 7:23-25; I Jn. 2:1
  - 5. Judgment of Christ - Jn. 5:30; II Cor. 5:10; II Tim. 4:8
  - 6. Eternality of Christ; perpetuity of His eternal life - Jn. 3:16