

Biblical Theology

U4L2: The Person of Christ Part 2

Review

- Jesus Christ was fully God and fully man in one person, and will be so forever.
 - Jesus is was 100% man and 100% God.

Christ's Divinity: Biblical Claims

- 1. The bible refers to Jesus as eternal God.**
 - *John 1:1;18 - the Word was with God, and the Word was God.*
 - *Titus 2:3 - the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ,*
 - *Isaiah 9:6 - he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father,*
 - *Luke 2:11 - he is the Messiah, the Lord.*
- 2. Jesus is referred to as the creator.**
 - *John 1:3 - without him nothing was made that has been made.*
 - *Colossians 1:16 - For in him all things were created:*
 - *Hebrews 1:2 - through whom also he made the universe.*
- 3. Jesus is referred to as sustainer of creation.**
 - *Colossians 1:17 - He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.*
 - *Hebrews 1:4 - representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word.*

Christ's Divinity: Personal Claims

- 1. Jesus' claims to be God.**
 - *John 8:58 - Very truly I tell you," Jesus answered, "before Abraham was born, I am!*
 - *John 10:30 - I and the Father are one.*
 - *Revelation 22:13 - I am the Alpha and the Omega*
- 2. Jesus calls himself Son of Man.**
 - *Daniel 7:13-14 - before me was one like a son of man, coming with the clouds of heaven.*
 - *Matthew 16:13 - "Who do people say the Son of Man is?"*
 - *Matthew 26:63-64 - Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Mighty One and coming on the clouds of heaven."*
- 3. Jesus calls himself Son of God.**
 - *Matthew 11:27 - All things have been committed to me by my Father.*
 - *John 17:5 - glorify me in your presence with glory I had with you before the world began.*
 - *John 8:19 - "If you knew me, you would know my Father also."*
 - *John 14:9 - Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father.*

Christ's Divinity: Personal Displays

- 1. Jesus gives of eternal life.**
 - *John 10:28 - I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish*
 - *John 17:2 - that he might give eternal life to all those you have given him.*
 - *1 John 2:25 - And this is what he promised us—eternal life.*
- 2. Jesus performed miracles.**
 - Stilled sea and wind (Matthew 8:26-27)
 - Multiplied loaves and fish (Matthew 14:19)
 - Water into wine (John 2:1-11)

3. Jesus possessed divine knowledge.

- *Mark 2:5-8 - Jesus knew in his spirit that this was what they were thinking in their hearts,*
- *John 6:64 - Jesus had known from the beginning which of them did not believe and who would betray him.*

4. Jesus displayed the sovereignty of God.

- *Mark 2:5 - "Son, your sins are forgiven."*
- *Matthew 5:28 - But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully...*
- *John 3:36 - whoever rejects the Son will not see life, for God's wrath remains on them.*

5. Jesus was raised from the dead.

- *Luke 24:5-6 - He is not here; he has risen!*
- *John 2:19 - "Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days."*
- *John 10:17 - my Father loves me is that I lay down my life—only to take it up again.*

6. Jesus is worshipped as God.

- *Philippians 2:10-11 - at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord,*
- *John 20:28 - Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!"*
- *Hebrews 1:6 - "Let all God's angels worship him."*
- *Revelation 5:12-13 - In a loud voice they were saying: "Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!" Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all that is in them, saying: "To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor and glory and power forever and ever!"*

100% Man, 100% God

- Jesus possessed distinct natures.
 - Jesus lived to about 30 years old (Luke 3:23) and eternally existed (John 1:1-2)
 - Jesus was weary and sleeping (Matt 8:24) just before he quieted the storm (Matt 8:26)
 - Jesus died (Luke 23:46) and raised from the dead (Hebrews 7:16)
 - Was tempted (Heb 4:15) and was sinless.
 - Limited knowledge (Mark 13:32) and possessed extra knowledge (John 16:30)
 - Left the world (John 16:28; John 17:11) and is always with us (Matthew 28:20)
- Theological summary: Remaining what he was, he became what he was not.
- At the end of this long discussion, it may be easy for us to lose sight of what is actually taught in Scripture. It is by far the most amazing miracle of the entire Bible—far more amazing than the resurrection and more amazing even than the creation of the universe. The fact that the infinite, omnipotent, eternal Son of God could become man and join himself to a human nature forever, so that infinite God became one person with finite man, will remain for eternity the most profound miracle and the most profound mystery in all the universe. - Grudem

Reading Assignment

Systematic Theology by Wayne Grudem – Chapter 27: The Atonement