

# You Are The Christ



## A Look into Christology



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# Christology

## I. What is Christology?

### A. Defined

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### B. Christ defined

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## II. Jesus As Man

### A. Fact of His Humanity

1. **John 1:14**—And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.
2. **1 John 1:1-3**—That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us— that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ.
3. **1 John 4:2-3**—By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you heard was coming and now is in the world already.
4. **Colossians 2:20-23**—If with Christ you died to the elemental spirits of the world, why, as if you were still alive in the world, do you submit to regulations— “Do not handle, Do not taste, Do not touch” (referring to things that all perish as they are used)—according to human precepts and teachings? These have indeed an appearance of wisdom in promoting self-made religion and asceticism and severity to the body, but they are of no value in stopping the indulgence of the flesh.
5. Endured temptation as Man

- a) **Hebrews 4:15**—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.

## B. Growth as a Man

1. **Luke 2:52**—And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man.
2. Experienced life as a Man
  - a) Went to synagogue
    - (1) **Luke 4:16**—And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up. And as was his custom, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and he stood up to read.
  - b) Prayed
    - (1) **Mark 1:35**—And rising very early in the morning, while it was still dark, he departed and went out to a desolate place, and there he prayed.
    - (2) **Luke 11:1**—Now Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.”
  - c) Knew Scriptures
    - (1) **Luke 4:17**—And the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written,

## C. Sinlessness

1. Challenged enemies to convict Him of sin
  - a) **John 8:46**—Which one of you convicts me of sin? If I tell the truth, why do you not believe me?
2. Forgave sins
  - a) **Mark 2:5**—And when Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, “Son, your sins are forgiven.”
  - b) **Luke 7:48**—And he said to her, “Your sins are forgiven.”
3. Blood shed for remission of sins
  - a) **Matthew 26:28**—for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.
4. Unhindered fellowship with God
  - a) **Matthew 11:27**—All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.
  - b) **John 11:42**—I knew that you always hear me, but I said this on account of the people standing around, that they may believe that you sent me.”
  - c) **John 14:6-11**—Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except

through me. If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.” Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us.” Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves.

5. Never a report
  - a) Of Jesus confessing sin
  - b) Of Jesus being aware of sin
  - c) Of Jesus asking for forgiveness

### **III. Jesus As Supernatural**

#### **A. Virgin Birth**

1. Matthew 1-2
2. Luke 1-2

#### **B. Miracles**

1. Impossible to separate Jesus the Rabbi from Jesus the Miracle Worker
2. Miracles performed in every way imaginable

#### **C. Resurrection**

1. Witnessed by women
2. Explained by angel
3. Appearances
  - a) Mary Magdalene
  - b) Rest of women
  - c) Peter
    - (1) **1 Corinthians 15:5**—and that he appeared to **Cephas**, then to the twelve.
  - d) Cleopas and friend
    - (1) Luke 24:13-32
  - e) Ten disciples
  - f) Eleven disciples
  - g) James
  - h) Over 500
  - i) Paul

#### **D. Jesus and Old Testament**

1. Jesus fulfillment of Messiah
  - a) Condemned to death for confessing as much

- (1) **Matthew 26:63-66**—But Jesus remained silent. And the high priest said to him, “I adjure you by the living God, tell us if you are the Christ, the Son of God.” Jesus said to him, “You have said so. But I tell you, from now on you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power and coming on the clouds of heaven.” Then the high priest tore his robes and said, “He has uttered blasphemy. What further witnesses do we need? You have now heard his blasphemy. What is your judgment?” They answered, “He deserves death.”
- (2) **Mark 14:60-64**—And the high priest stood up in the midst and asked Jesus, “Have you no answer to make? What is it that these men testify against you?” But he remained silent and made no answer. Again the high priest asked him, “Are you the Christ, the Son of the Blessed?” And Jesus said, “I am, and you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power, and coming with the clouds of heaven.” And the high priest tore his garments and said, “What further witnesses do we need? You have heard his blasphemy. What is your decision?” And they all condemned him as deserving death.

## IV. Jesus As Savior

### A. Announced by angel

1. **Matthew 1:21**—She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.”
2. **Luke 2:11**—For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

### B. Declared by Jesus

1. **Luke 19:10**—For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.”

### C. Explained by John

1. Lamb of God who takes away sin of world
  - a) **John 1:29**—The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!
2. To be lifted up (on a cross)
  - a) Whoever believes on Him should not perish, but have everlasting life
    - (1) **John 3:13-16**—No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him

may have eternal life. “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

- (2) **John 3:18**—Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.
  - (3) **John 3:36**—Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life; whoever does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God remains on him.
3. Knowing God and Jesus Christ whom God sent is eternal life
    - a) **John 17:3**—And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.
  4. Purpose of John’s Gospel
    - a) **John 20:31**—but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

#### **D. Proclaimed in Acts**

1. No other name given under heaven
  - a) **Acts 4:12**—And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”
2. All who believe in Jesus’ name shall receive forgiveness of sins
  - a) **Acts 10:43**—To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”
3. By Jesus all who believe are justified
  - a) **Acts 13:39**—and by him everyone who believes is freed from everything from which you could not be freed by the law of Moses.
4. Belief in Jesus the sole criterion for eternal salvation
  - a) **Acts 16:31**—And they said, “Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.”

#### **E. Taught by Paul**

1. Faith in Jesus Christ results in justification and peace with God
  - a) **Romans 5:1**—Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.
2. Those in Christ become new creations
  - a) **2 Corinthians 5:17**—Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

### **V. Jesus As Lord**

- A. Lord to be followed
  - 1. **Mark 8:34**—And calling the crowd to him with his disciples, he said to them, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.
  - 2. **Luke 14:33**—So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple.
  - 3. **Luke 18:22**—When Jesus heard this, he said to him, “One thing you still lack. Sell all that you have and distribute to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me.”
- B. Lord to be center of one’s life
  - 1. **Luke 14:26**—“If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple.
- C. Lord from Whom to learn
  - 1. **Matthew 11:28-30**—“Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”
- D. All judgment committed to Christ
  - 1. **John 5:22**—For the Father judges no one, but has given all judgment to the Son,
- E. Both Lord and Christ
  - 1. **Acts 2:36**—“Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.”
- F. One and only Lord
  - 1. **1 Corinthians 12:5**—and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord;
- G. Name given so that every knee bows and every tongue confesses
  - 1. **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.
- H. King of Kings, Lord of Lords
  - 1. **Revelation 19:16**—On his robe and on his thigh he has a name written, King of kings and Lord of lords.

## VI. Jesus As Divine

### A. John 1:1-18

- 1. Being from the beginning
- 2. Being with God

3. Being God
  - a) "God was the Word"
4. All things came to be through Him
5. Apart from Him nothing came to be that has come to be

**a) Agent in Creation**

6. Light to all humanity
  - a) All truth is His
  - b) Light of creation
  - c) Light of reason
  - d) Light of conscience
7. Became flesh and dwelt among people
  - a) Only begotten from Father
  - b) Full of grace
  - c) Full of truth

**B. John 5:17-29**

1. God is Jesus' Father
2. Has power to give life to men
  - a) To the spiritually dead
3. All judgment has been given to Him
  - a) Because He is Son of Man
4. Deserving of honor even as those honor the Father
5. Not honoring the Son fails to honor the Father
6. Future resurrection of all physically dead

**C. John 8:58**

1. Before Abraham was born, I AM

**D. John 20:28**

1. Thomas
  - a) "My Lord and my God"

**E. Mark 2:5**

1. Power and authority to forgive sins

**F. Colossians 1:15-20**

1. Image of invisible God
2. Exists before all creation
3. All things in creation created
  - a) By Him
  - b) Through Him
  - c) For Him
4. Precedes all things
5. Holds all things together
6. Head of His Body the Church
7. Firstfruits of the dead
  - a) Referring to His resurrection
8. First place in all things

9. All the fullness of God dwells in Him
10. Reconciles all things to Himself

## VII. Jesus Glorified

### A. At right hand of Majesty On High

1. **Acts 2:33-36**—Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing. For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says, “ ‘The Lord said to my Lord, “Sit at my right hand, until I make your enemies your footstool.” ’ Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.”
2. **Acts 7:56**—And he said, “Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.”
3. **Hebrews 1:3**—He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,
4. **Hebrews 12:2**—looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

### B. Highest Authority

1. **Matthew 28:18**
  - a) By virtue of His victory over sin and death
2. **Philippians 2:9-11**
  - a) Every knee bows
  - b) Every tongue confesses
    - (1) Jesus Christ is Lord

### C. Spiritual Omnipresence

1. **Matthew 18:20**—For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.”

### D. Image in Revelation

1. **Revelation 1:10-20**—I was in the Spirit on the Lord’s day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet saying, “Write what you see in a book and send it to the seven churches, to Ephesus and to Smyrna and to Pergamum and to Thyatira and to Sardis and to Philadelphia and to Laodicea.” Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking to me, and on turning I saw seven golden lampstands, and in the midst of the lampstands one like a son of man, clothed with a long robe and with a golden sash around his chest. The hairs of his head were white, like white wool, like snow. His eyes were like a flame of fire, his

feet were like burnished bronze, refined in a furnace, and his voice was like the roar of many waters. In his right hand he held seven stars, from his mouth came a sharp two-edged sword, and his face was like the sun shining in full strength. When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he laid his right hand on me, saying, "Fear not, I am the first and the last, and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades. Write therefore the things that you have seen, those that are and those that are to take place after this. As for the mystery of the seven stars that you saw in my right hand, and the seven golden lampstands, the seven stars are the angels of the seven churches, and the seven lampstands are the seven churches.

## VIII. All God, All Man, All at Once

### A. Philippians 2:5-8

1. Existed in **form** of God
  - a) **morphē**
    - (1) Describes the **essence** of a person
  - b) *schēma*
    - (1) Describes the outer form and fashion of a person
  - c) Jesus existed as the exact **essence** of God
    - (1) Meaning
      - (a) He has always existed as God
2. Equal to God
  - a) *isos*
    - (1) Equal in size, number, quality, or characteristics
3. Became a man
  - a) *Becoming* in likeness of men
    - (1) *homoioōma*
      - (a) Expresses fact that Jesus' mode of manifestation **resembled** what men are
      - (b) Leaves room for Jesus' divine nature to co-exist
        - i) Nature of which Jesus did **not** appear
    - (2) What this means
      - (a) When Jesus interacted with people, He looked like them
      - (b) But there was more to Him than what His appearance revealed
      - (c) Therefore, people were not able to see **all** of Jesus
      - (d) Because they could not see His divine nature
- b) Found in human form
  - (1) Form—*schēma*
    - (a) Refers to outer appearance

- (b) People looked at Jesus and saw a man
- 4. Became obedient to point of death
  - a) On the cross
- 5. **Emptied** Himself
  - a) *Kenaō*
    - (1) To completely remove or eliminate elements of high status or rank
      - (a) By eliminating all privileges or prerogatives associated with such status or rank
    - (2) To take away the power or significance of something
  - b) What did Jesus “empty” Himself of?
    - (1) **Isaiah 6:1-8**—In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. And one called to another and said: “Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!” And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. And I said: “Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!” Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. And he touched my mouth and said: “Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for.” And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” Then I said, “Here I am! Send me.”
    - (2) He left His place in the throne room of heaven
    - (3) All of the worship and obedience given to Him in that room from seraphim