

THE PERSON AND WORK OF CHRIST

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HUMANITY OF CHRIST PART I

Week 4

REVIEW: WHO IS JESUS CHRIST?

1. Fully God
2. Fully Man
3. Only one Person (not two) and not a mixture (e.g. brass), it is a personal union (*Hypostatic*)

REVIEW: NEW TESTAMENT EVIDENCE

- John 1:1-14
- Hebrews 1
- Colossians 1

DEITY OF CHRIST FROM THE BIBLE

- Christ is called by the **Names** of God
- Christ has all the **Attributes** of God
- Christ does all the **Works** of God

REVIEW: THE NAMES OF GOD

- Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, **I am.**” (John 8:58)
- waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of **our great God** and Savior Jesus Christ, (Titus 2:13)
- None of the rulers of this age understood this, for if they had, they would not have crucified **the Lord of glory.** (1 Corinthians 2:8)

REVIEW: WORKS OF GOD

- Creation
- Miracles
- Forgiving Sin
- The Object of Worship

THE HUMANITY OF CHRIST



THE INCARNATION

- The Importance of the Incarnation
- The Purpose of the Incarnation

IMPORTANCE OF INCARNATION

- The Atonement stands on it
- Our Trust in the Bible relies on it
- It is a sign of attacks on the miraculous
- It exposes false doctrines and teachers

INCARNATION: ATONEMENT

- Errors of Gnosticism
- Errors of Modernism

INCARNATION: ATONEMENT

- If Christ is not God in humanity, the God has not spoken the final word for our justification
 - For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich. (2 Corinthians 8:9)
- If Christ is not fully human, then He is **inadequate** as a mediator, **incompetent** as a sympathizer, **disqualified** as a redeemer

INCARNATION: TRUST FOR BIBLE

- If the incarnation is an impossibility, what does that tell us about the trustworthiness of the Bible?
- What does it say about a Christian's faith if he denies clear Biblical statements because his mind cannot conceive of exactly how the incarnation "would work," or because science tells us it is "impossible."



INCARNATION AND MIRACLES



- Fallen man does not want to see God involved in human affairs
- Those who attack Christ's humanity want a “watchmaker” God

EXPOSES FALSE TEACHERS

- 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. (1 John 4:2–3)
- For many deceivers have gone out into the world, those who do not confess the coming of Jesus Christ in the flesh. Such a one is the deceiver and the antichrist. (2 John 7)

PURPOSE OF THE INCARNATION

- Salvation of sinners
- Manifest God to man
- Manifest man as he was created to be

PURPOSE: SALVATION OF SINNERS

- For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has **broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility** by abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility. (Ephesians 2:14–16)

PURPOSE: SALVATION OF SINNERS

- Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said, “Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but **a body have you prepared for me**; in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure. Then I said, ‘Behold, I have come to do your will, O God, as it is written of me in the scroll of the book.’ ” When he said above, “You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings” (these are offered according to the law), then he added, “Behold, I have come to do your will.” He does away with the first in order to establish the second. And by that will we have been sanctified **through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all**. And every priest stands daily at his service, offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, waiting from that time until his enemies should be made a footstool for his feet. (Hebrews 10:5–13)

PURPOSE: SALVATION OF SINNERS

- For because he himself has suffered **when tempted**, he is able to help those who are being tempted. (Hebrews 2:18)
- 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. (Hebrews 4:15)
- 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. (John 1:14)

PURPOSE: SALVATION OF SINNERS

- For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By **sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin**, he condemned sin in the flesh, (Romans 8:3)
- Therefore I will divide him a portion with the many, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong, because **he poured out his soul to death** and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and makes intercession for the transgressors. (Isaiah 53:12)

PURPOSE: SALVATION OF SINNERS

- Hebrews 9:11-18
- Now is the judgment of this world; now will the ruler of this world be cast out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” He said this to show by what kind of **death he was going to die.** (John 12:31–33)
- Whoever makes a practice of sinning is of the devil, for the devil has been sinning from the beginning. **The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil.** (1 John 3:8)

PURPOSE: MANIFESTING GOD

- His Power
- His Wisdom
- His love
- His glory

PURPOSE: MANIFESTING GOD

- His Power

- This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him.” (John 3:2)

- His Wisdom

- The officers answered, “No one ever spoke like this man!” (John 7:46)

PURPOSE: MANIFESTING GOD

- His love
 - For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. (John 3:16)
 - In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. (1 John 4:9–10)

PURPOSE: MANIFESTING GOD

- His glory
 - For God, who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. (2 Corinthians 4:6)

PURPOSE: MANIFESTING MAN

- Manifesting man as He was created to be
 - Romans 5

THE HUMANITY OF CHRIST PART 2

NEXT WEEK