

THE DOCTRINE OF JESUS CHRIST

Who He is "What think ye of Christ?"

Before His incarnation the Christ has been the focus of all prophesy and true religious ritual. There was never any question that an Anointed Redeemer would come -- the questions was when. The Mosaic law illustrates and points to Christ who is the reality. See Dan 7:13, Isa 9:6-7, Psa 2:7,12, Gen 3:15.

His Humanity

The Christmas story leaves no doubt that the incarnation added a real Human body and nature to the Eternal Christ. The life of Jesus Christ as an undisputable historical event proves that Jesus was a complete human person as we are, except that He did no sin.

The death of Jesus Christ as a human person is one of the best attested facts of history. Isa 8:40, Acts 2:22, Rom 5:15, 1 Tim 2:5, 1 Jno 4:2.

His Divinity

We have the witness of John the Baptist, God Himself, the Jews, Paul, and the Romans that this is the Son of God. Jesus never denied His Divine personality but declared it many times. Jno 1, 3, 7.

Since He and His Heavenly Father are One, we may ascribe to Jesus Christ ALL of the attributes of God . Col 1:15-19.

His human nature does not deny or diminish His Divinity, nor does His Divine nature make His humanity less or more human. We may confidently affirm the two natures of Christ in one Person, but we may not say he has dual personality. All false cults and heresy seem to have unscriptural ideas about the humanity or deity or about both natures of Jesus Christ, so **we declare**

the reality of the two natures,
the integrity of the two natures,
and the union of the two natures in ONE person.
He is the GOD-MAN.

What He has done

In Colossions we see that Jesus Christ is God's Creative Original and that He has been and will be the upholding force of the whole scheme of creation. In the Gospel we see the work he did during His stay here on Earth.

This is the Good News

that He lived (actually lived, not just seemed to be alive)
He died (not fainted or feigned death).
He rose again (a proven historical fact). I Cor 15:1-4
He ascended to Heaven (Acts 1:9).

What He is doing

Seated on the Throne of Heaven. Heb 8:1

Praying, interceding and waiting until the day of grace is past.

Indwelling His own and revealing Himself to them. Jno 17:21-26

What He will do

He will come again - the very same Jesus. Acts 1:9

For His Church. 1 Cor 15-51-52

To rule His own nation. Dan 7:13-14

He will judge the whole creation Mtt 24:31-32

He will purify and restore the world. Mtt 13:41

The righteous man of the Bible is completely dependent upon the Person and Work of Christ. Our standing before God and the world is not in a system of creeds and deeds, but in our relationship to Jesus Christ -- a relationship that can and should improve daily.

See the excerpt from the Life of Christ by Sheen