



"GET A GRIP ON YOUR FAITH"



DOCTRINE #3: THE LORD JESUS CHRIST

Know What You Believe and Why You Believe It

Read heresy from brochure comparing cults. What do we believe, and why?



Statement of Faith #3

We believe the Lord Jesus Christ is the eternal Son of God, as revealed in the Scriptures by His virgin birth, His sinless life, His miracles, His death on the cross, His bodily resurrection from the dead, and His position at the right hand of God.

Why Study About Jesus Christ?

- 1 John 2:5-6 – So we might become like Him.
- 1 Peter 2:21 – Christ is our perfect standard for living.

Jesus Was Fully God

- What three things does John 1:1 say that shows Jesus is the Son of God?
 1. "In the beginning was the Word." Jesus is eternal. As with God the Father and God the Holy Spirit, there has never been a time when Jesus did not exist.
 2. "And the Word was with God." This means Jesus exists with God. He is part of the eternal Godhead. The Word was with God the Father, and He is still there.
 3. "And the Word was God." This doesn't mean Jesus is God the Father; rather it means Jesus is God in essence. Jesus is divine and has all the characteristics of deity.

- There are other passages in the Bible that point to Jesus' deity. Read Col. 2:9 and 1:19. What do these verses say about Jesus?

Jesus was God with a face and body.

- We know Jesus existed in the beginning because He created the universe.
(John 1:3, 10; Col. 1:16; Heb. 1:10)

- Jesus Christ has all of the characteristics of deity. What divine traits are attributed to Jesus in the following Scriptures?

John 1:1-2 – He is God, and He is eternal!

Matt. 28:20 – He is always present – omnipresent!

John 16:30 – He knows all things – omniscient!

Matt. 26:18 – He is all-powerful – omnipotent!

- Certainly we can say with Peter and Thomas, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the Living God!" (Matt. 16:16), and "My Lord and my God." (John 20:28).

Jesus Was Fully Man

- Jesus was fully God, but He was also fully man.
(Phil. 2:6-8; 1 Tim. 3:16; Heb. 2:14; 1 John 1:1-2; 1 John 4:2)



- We believe in the incarnation and the virgin birth.
(John 1:14,18; Gal. 4:4-5; Isaiah 7:14; Luke 1:30-33; Matt 1:20, 22-23)
- That Jesus was fully God and fully man...perfect God and perfect man united in one Person at one time...is a great mystery!
- How do the following Scriptures prove that Jesus was truly a man?
 - ▶ Luke 2:52 – Jesus grew mentally, physically, spiritually and socially.
 - ▶ Matt. 4:2 – Jesus got hungry.
 - ▶ John 19:28 – Jesus got thirsty.

- ▶ John 4:6 – Jesus got tired.
- ▶ John 11:35 – Jesus got sad and wept.
- Each Scripture passage listed here points out an important reason for Jesus' incarnation. What are they?
 - ▶ Heb. 4:15 – He knows our temptations and shows us how we can overcome them.
(2 Cor. 5:21; 1 John 3:5)
 - ▶ 1 Peter 2:21 – Jesus is our example of a godly life even in suffering.
 - ▶ Heb. 2:9-10 – Jesus' death and resurrection purchased eternal life for everyone who will trust in Him. (cf. 1 Peter 1:20-21)

Jesus Came to Serve Others

- John 20:31 outlines a two-fold purpose for Jesus' miracles. What are they?
 1. So we might believe Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.
 2. And that by believing Jesus is the Christ, we might be saved.
- Jesus Christ is called the Lamb of God. There are some close comparisons between the Passover lamb (Exodus 12) and Jesus. Examine these Scripture verses and write in the comparisons. Read John 1:29.

PASSOVER LAMB:

- ▶ Exodus 12:5 – The lamb was pure, without blemish.
- ▶ Exodus 12:7 – The lamb's blood was shed.
- ▶ Exodus 12:46 – No bones were broken.

JESUS CHRIST:

- ▶ I Peter 1:19 – Christ was as a lamb without spot.
- ▶ John 19:34 – Jesus' blood was shed.
- ▶ John 19:33, 36 – No bones were broken.