

Christology

Lesson 5

Study Notes

The Deity of Jesus

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Introduction: I know no other Jesus Than He who died for me; The Saviour of lost sinners, The Christ of Calvary. I know no "ideal" Jesus That human minds invent; The only Jesus Christ I know Is whom the Father sent. That human Christs could save me Is inadmissible; My Jesus is the image Of God invisible. My Christ is God incarnate And of the Virgin born; He left a crown of glory to wear the plaited thorn. The Infant of the manger, the village Carpenter, The Teacher sent from heaven to men to minister; The true historic Jesus, who died and rose again, He only is the Jesus, That I proclaim to men. (JAMES M. GRAY)

The deity of Christ is the key _____ of Scripture. Reject it, and the Bible becomes a confused jumble of words devoid of any unifying theme. Accept it, and the Bible becomes an intelligible and ordered revelation of God in the person of Jesus Christ. Christ is the _____ of Christianity, and the conception we form of Christianity is therefore the conception we have of Him. We believe Him to be the Son of God because we accept the _____ of Holy Scripture and its statements about Him. When we assert belief in the deity of Christ, we mean that the person known to history as Jesus of Nazareth existed in eternity before He _____ as the infinite and eternal God, the second Person of the Trinity. The very basis of Christianity is that Jesus was God manifest in the flesh (1 Timothy 3:16). (J. Oswald Sanders)

1 Timothy 3:16 And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.

Jesus was as much God as had He never been _____. When we consider the term "deity" we are referring to the Creator and _____ Being. The Book of John gives us His beginning as being God.

John 1:1-3 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 The same was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.

I. His Deity Is Shown in the Old Testament.

A. The Witness of _____.

Psalm 45:6-7 Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: the sceptre of thy kingdom is a right sceptre. 7 Thou lovest righteousness, and hatest wickedness: therefore God, thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows.

Psalm 110:1 The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou at my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool.

Jehovah said to "Adonai" a term given to a potentate, here David calls Him my Lord. It is interesting to note He was to "Sit thou at my right hand" This represents the third step in the _____ of the Lord

Jesus. The first step in His exaltation was His _____; the second step was His _____ into heaven; and now his place at the right hand of God as the place of permanent honor.

B. The Witness of the Prophet Isaiah.

Isaiah 9:6-7 *For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. 7 Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.*

The Everlasting Father deems Him the _____. He is Lord of eternity as well as the author of eternal life.

C. The Witness of Daniel the Prophet.

Daniel 7:13-14 *I saw in the night visions, and, behold, one like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought him near before him. 14 And there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him: his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed.*

II. His Deity is Shown in the New Testament.

A. He is _____.

Matthew 28:18 *And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.*

1. His power over _____.

Luke 6:17 *And he came down with them, and stood in the plain, and the company of his disciples, and a great multitude of people out of all Judaea and Jerusalem, and from the sea coast of Tyre and Sidon, which came to hear him, and to be healed of their diseases;*

2. His power over _____.

Matthew 8:16 *When the even was come, they brought unto him many that were possessed with devils: and he cast out the spirits with his word, and healed all that were sick: 17 That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying, Himself took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses.*

Mark 3:11-12 *And unclean spirits, when they saw him, fell down before him, and cried, saying, Thou art the Son of God. 12 And he straitly charged them that they should not make him known.*

3. His power over _____.

Matthew 8:26-27 *And he saith unto them, Why are ye fearful, O ye of little faith? Then he arose, and rebuked the winds and the sea; and there was a great calm. 27 But the men marvelled, saying, What manner of man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey him!*

4. His power to _____.

Jesus will heal the man sick of palsy and forgive his sins.

Matthew 9:4-6 And Jesus knowing their thoughts said, Wherefore think ye evil in your hearts? 5 For whether is easier, to say, Thy sins be forgiven thee; or to say, Arise, and walk? 6 But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins, (then saith he to the sick of the palsy,) Arise, take up thy bed, and go unto thine house.

5. His power over _____.

He raises the widow of Nain's son.

Luke 7:14-15 And he came and touched the bier: and they that bare him stood still. And he said, Young man, I say unto thee, Arise. 15 And he that was dead sat up, and began to speak. And he delivered him to his mother.

He raises the daughter of Jairus.

Luke 8:51-55 And when he came into the house, he suffered no man to go in, save Peter, and James, and John, and the father and the mother of the maiden. 52 And all wept, and bewailed her: but he said, Weep not; she is not dead, but sleepeth. 53 And they laughed him to scorn, knowing that she was dead. 54 And he put them all out, and took her by the hand, and called, saying, Maid, arise. 55 And her spirit came again, and she arose straightway: and he commanded to give her meat.

He raises Lazarus from the grave.

John 11:43-44 And when he thus had spoken, he cried with a loud voice, Lazarus, come forth. 44 And he that was dead came forth, bound hand and foot with graveclothes: and his face was bound about with a napkin. Jesus saith unto them, Loose him, and let him go.

B. He is _____.

John 2:24-25 But Jesus did not commit himself unto them, because he knew all men, 25 And needed not that any should testify of man: for he knew what was in man.

1. He saw Nathanael under the fig tree.

John 1:47-49 Jesus saw Nathanael coming to him, and saith of him, Behold an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile! 48 Nathanael saith unto him, Whence knowest thou me? Jesus answered and said unto him, Before that Philip called thee, when thou wast under the fig tree, I saw thee. 49 Nathanael answered and saith unto him, Rabbi, thou art the Son of God; thou art the King of Israel.

The compliment is a credit to Nathanael's _____ and _____.

2. He knew that Judas Iscariot would betray Him.

John 6:70-71 Jesus answered them, Have not I chosen you twelve, and one of you is a devil? 71 He spake of Judas Iscariot the son of Simon: for he it was that should betray him, being one of the twelve.

3. He knew the thoughts of men.

Matthew 9:3-4 *And, behold, certain of the scribes said within themselves, This man blasphemeth. 4 And Jesus knowing their thoughts said, Wherefore think ye evil in your hearts?*

4. He knew the life of the Smartian woman.

John 4:29 *Come, see a man, which told me all things that ever I did: is not this the Christ?*

He knew everything about you and me and yet He loved us and saved us anyway.

C. He is _____.

Matthew 18:20 *For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.*

Matthew 28:20 *Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.*

D. He is worshipped as _____.

1. By the angels.

Hebrews 1:6 *And again, when he bringeth in the first begotten into the world, he saith, And let all the angels of God worship him.*

2. By the wise men.

Matthew 2:11 *And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh.*

3. By Thomas.

John 20:27-28 *Then saith he to Thomas, Reach hither thy finger, and behold my hands; and reach hither thy hand, and thrust it into my side: and be not faithless, but believing. 28 And Thomas answered and said unto him, My Lord and my God.*