

What Every Christian Should Know



Core Beliefs to Help You Stand Strong in a Shifting World

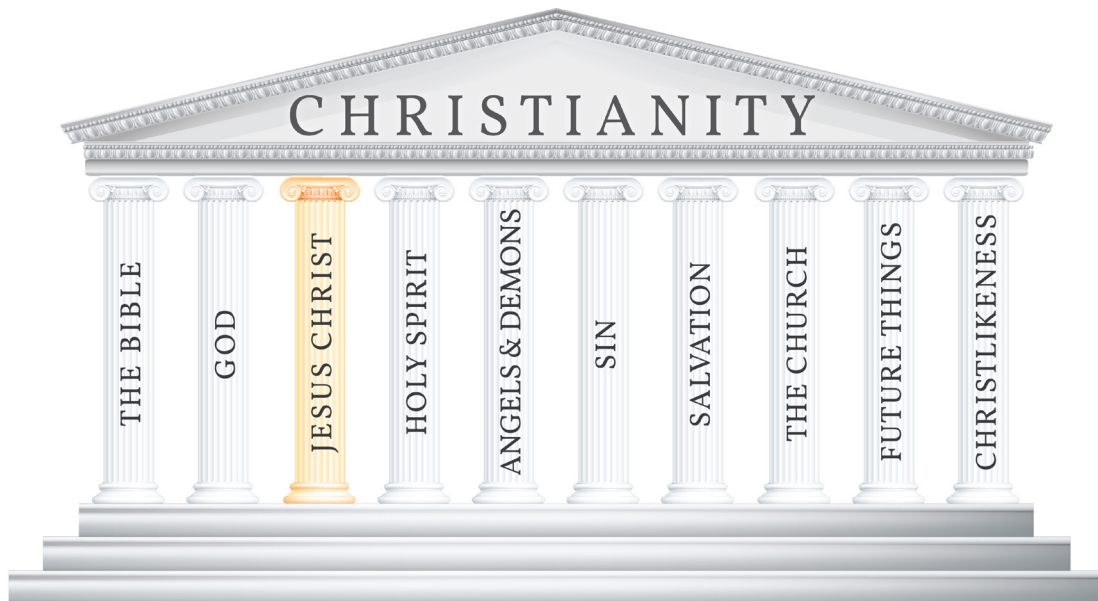
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COLOSSIANS 1:15-23

Introduction: Today we are going to look at what the Bible teaches us about the Second Member of the Godhead, Jesus Christ, and what those truths about Him mean for us today.

10 PILLARS OF HISTORIC CHRISTIANITY



I. Jesus Before Christmas

A. Jesus Was **Eternal** (John 1:1-5)

John 1:1-5 ¹ “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things came into being through Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being. ⁴ In Him was life, and the life was the Light of men. ⁵ The Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.”

B. Jesus Was the Focus of Old Testament **Prophecies** (John 5:39)



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Why Was The Virgin Birth Necessary?

According to 2 Samuel 7:12, the Messiah would come from the lineage of King David. However, one descendant of David, a man named Jeconiah, turned out to be so evil that God pronounced a curse on him. No descendant of Jeconiah would sit on David’s throne and rule with prosperity (Jer. 22:30). You can see the problem that created. How could the Messiah inherit the right to rule from David but escape the curse of Jeconiah? The answer is through a virgin birth. Joseph was a descendant of David and Jeconiah, but he was not Jesus’s biological father. So Jesus escaped the curse. But because Joseph was Jesus’s legal guardian, he was able to pass on the right to rule to Jesus. In this we see the perfect plan of God at work, even in the genealogy of His Son.

David included prophetic details in his psalms that anticipated the events of Jesus’s crucifixion, nearly a thousand years before it happened:

- “They pierced my hands and my feet.” (Psalm 22:16)
- “For my thirst they gave me vinegar to drink.” (Psalm 69:21)
- “They divide my garments among them, and for my clothing they cast lots.” (Psalm 22:18)

II. Jesus On Earth (John 1:14)

A. The Meaning of the Incarnation (Philippians 2:5-8)

Philippians 2:5-8 ⁵ “Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷ but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men. ⁸ Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.”

Definition of “Hypostatic Union”: Jesus Christ was both 100% God and 100% man without any mixture of sin.

Did Jesus Claim To Be The Messiah?

Some people say Jesus was an influential philosopher and a moral teacher but nothing more. They claim Jesus never identified Himself as the Son of God, Messiah, or Savior—that those titles were given to Him by His exaggeration-prone disciples. However, those arguments are hard to defend when passages like these are in the Bible:

- The woman at the well said, “I know that Messiah is coming (He who is called Christ); when that One comes, He will declare all things to us.” Jesus answered, “I who speak to you am He.” (John 4:25-26)
- Jesus said, “I and the Father are one.” (John 10:30)
- The high priest said to Jesus, “I adjure You by the living God, that You tell us whether You are the Christ, the Son of God.” Jesus replied, “You have said it yourself.” (Matt. 26:63-64)



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B. The Results of the Incarnation

1. Jesus defied expectations (Matthew 7:28-29)

Matthew 7:28-29 ²⁸ “When Jesus had finished these words the crowds were amazed at His teaching; ²⁹ for He was teaching them as one having authority, and not as their scribes.”

Matthew 20:28 “Just as the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.”

2. Jesus suffered (John 19:30; 2 Corinthians 5:21)

Isaiah 53:5-6 ⁵ “He was pierced through for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; the chastening for our well-being fell upon Him, and by His scourging we are healed. ⁶ All of us like sheep have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; but the LORD has caused the iniquity of us all to fall on Him.”

2 Corinthians 5:21 “He [God] made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.”

3. Jesus prioritized His relationship with God (Luke 2:52)

a. His Father’s word (Luke 4:1-13)

b. His Father’s presence (Luke 5:26)

c. His Father’s will (John 4:34)

III. Jesus In Heaven Today (Acts 1:8-11)

Acts 1:8 “You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth.”



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Acts 1:11 “They also said, ‘Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into the sky? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in just the same way as you have watched Him go into heaven.’”

A. Jesus Is **Advocating** Our Case Before His Father (Hebrews 7:25)

Hebrews 7:25 “Therefore He is able also to save forever those who draw near to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them.”

1 John 2:1 “My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.”

B. Jesus Is **Building** a Home for Us in Heaven (John 14:1-6)

IV. Jesus’ Parting Gift To Us (John 14:27)

John 14:27 “Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Do not let your heart be troubled, nor let it be fearful.”

A. Peace About Our **Past** (Psalm 103:12)

B. Peace About Our **Present** (Matthew 28:20)

C. Peace About Our **Future** (John 14:1-6)

Conclusion