

Systematic Theology - Lesson 10

Person of Christ (Part 1)

I. What Is Biblical Christology?

Biblical Christology is the study of the **person and work of Christ**.

- It asks two foundational questions:
 - Who is Christ?
 - What has He done?
- Our confidence, worship, and salvation depend on how these questions are answered.

II. Jesus Christ: One Person, Two Natures

- Scripture presents Jesus Christ as **one person** with **(1)** _____ natures:
 - Fully God
 - Fully Man
- This truth guards us from denying either His deity or His humanity.

III. Deity of Christ in the Old Testament

A. Jesus and the Old Testament (Luke 24:44)

- After His resurrection, Jesus taught that the Law, Prophets, and Psalms ultimately pointed to **(2)** _____.
- This confirms that Christ is not an afterthought in Scripture but central to God's redemptive plan.

B. The Son of Man (Daniel 7)

- Daniel's vision presents a figure who:
 - Comes with the clouds of heaven
 - Receives worship
 - Rules an eternal kingdom
- Such authority belongs only to a **(3)** _____ being.

C. The Son of David

- God promised David that his descendant would reign **(4)** _____.

- As revelation progresses, this promised king is shown to be (5) _____ the Son of God, not merely a political ruler.
- The New Testament identifies this promised king as (6) _____.
- Isaiah describes Him as “Mighty God” and “Everlasting Father,” pointing to His (7) _____ rule — not meaning He is God the Father, but that He reigns with fatherly care.

IV. Deity of Christ in the New Testament

- The New Testament contains (8) _____ major teachings that affirm Jesus is fully God.
- These teachings build upon Old Testament expectations and reach their climax in Christ.

A. Jesus Is Called God and Lord

- Titles reserved for God in the Old Testament are applied (9) _____ to Christ in the New Testament.
- Paul teaches that the worship given to Jesus is worship due only to (10) _____, the covenant Lord of Israel.

B. Jesus Claimed to Be God

- When Jesus declared, “Before Abraham was, I AM,” His hearers understood this as a claim to deity.
- They accused Him of (11) _____, because He identified Himself with the divine name revealed to Moses.

C. Jesus Is the Object of Worship

- Judaism is strictly (12) _____, yet Jesus receives worship from birth through resurrection.
- This would be idolatry unless Jesus truly is (13) _____.

D. Jesus Performs the Works of God

- Scripture attributes divine actions to Christ, including:
 - (14) _____ the universe
 - Sustaining all things

- Forgiving sins
- These are works belonging to God alone.

V. The Preexistence of Christ

- God the Son has **(15)** _____ existed.
- Paul does not argue *for* Christ's preexistence but argues **(16)** _____ it, treating it as an established truth.

VI. Why the Deity of Christ Matters

- Christianity does not offer merely a message or a moral teacher.
- In Christ, we encounter God **(17)** _____ — fully revealed, personally known, and savingly present.

VII. The Chalcedonian Definition (451 A.D.)

"We, then, following the holy Fathers, all with one consent, teach men to confess one and the same Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, the same perfect in Godhead and also perfect in manhood; truly God and truly man, of a reasonable soul and body; consubstantial with the Father according to the Godhead, and consubstantial with us according to the Manhood; in all things like unto us, without sin; begotten before all ages of the Father according to the Godhead, and in these latter days, for us and for our salvation, born of the Virgin Mary, the Mother of God, according to the Manhood; one and the same Christ, Son, Lord, Only-begotten, to be acknowledged in two natures, inconfusedly, unchangeably, indivisibly, inseparably; the distinction of natures being by no means taken away by the union, but rather the property of each nature being preserved, and concurring in one Person and one Subsistence, not parted or divided into two persons, but one and the same Son, and only begotten, God the Word, the Lord Jesus Christ; as the prophets from the beginning have declared concerning Him, and the Lord Jesus Christ Himself has taught us, and the Creed of the holy Fathers has handed down to us."

Answer Key

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| 1. TWO | 8. SIX | 15. ALWAYS |
| 2. ME | 9. DIRECTLY | 16. FROM |
| 3. DIVINE | 10. YAHWEH | 17. HIMSELF |
| 4. FOREVER | 11. BLASPHEMY | |
| 5. ALSO | 12. MONOTHEISTIC | |
| 6. JESUS | 13. GOD | |
| 7. EVERLASTING | 14. CREATING | |