

Christology

Bible Institute at Gulf Coast Baptist Church Spring 2024

Philippians 3:8-10 *“Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ, and be found in him, not having mine own righteousness which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith: **That I may know him**, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death,...”*

Philippians 1:21 – *“For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.”*

Introduction

What makes Christ of so much importance that the Apostle Paul wrote that nothing in life compares to experientially knowing Him? What makes the second person of the Godhead so essential that Paul’s entire life was consumed with Him? Unfortunately, many Christians cannot answer these questions because they often have too narrow a perspective of the person of Jesus Christ. They tend to limit Christ to manger scenes, a wooden cross, and an empty tomb. While these are all important aspects to understanding the person and ministry of Christ, they fail to tell the whole story. This course will seek to address topics related to His person and ministry in order to provide the believer with a better appreciation for the Son of God and how that understanding can affect their life. Over the span of the next 12 weeks we will study definitions, grammar, context, His different titles, as well as prophecies to address topics such as:

- Christ’s Deity and Eternality
- Christ’s Involvement in Creation
- Christ’s Appearances in the Old Testament
- Christ’s Headship of the Church
- Christ’s Ministry of Intercession for the Believer
- Christ’s Future Return to Judge and Rule the Earth

Christology 1 – Monday, March 4 - Introduction: Why Should We Study About Christ?

Christology 2 – Monday, March 18 – Christ: The Eternal God

Christology 3 – Monday, March 18 – Christ: His Equality with God

Christology 4 – Monday, March 25 – Christ: The Son

Spring Break – Monday, April 1

Christology 5 – Monday, April 8 – Christ: His Incarnation and Earthly Ministry

Christology 6 – Monday, April 15 – Christ: His Teaching and Miracles

Christology 7 – Monday, April 22 – Christ: The Great “I AM”

Christology 8 – Monday, April 29 – Christ: His Cross Work

Christology 9 – Monday, May 6 – Christ: The Empty Tomb

Christology 10 – Monday, May 13 – Christ: His Present Ministry

Christology 11 – Monday, May 20 – Christ: His Future Judgment and Reign

Recommended Text: *The Son: from Eternity to Eternity*, by Tim Hoelscher

Why Should We Study About Christ?

1. It is through the Person of Jesus Christ that we can better understand God the Father - John 1:14-18; 14:5-9
2. Jesus Christ is the Head of the Church - Eph. 1:15:23
3. Jesus Christ is Equal with God the Father - Col. 1:15-19
4. Salvation is by Him and obtained by Faith in Him - Acts 4:12
5. Knowing Christ experientially ought to be the goal for ever Believer - Phil. 3:7-10, 12
6. Jesus Christ provides the believer with their Eternal Life - 1 John 5:11-12
7. The realization of our blessings, possessions, and relationship with the Father are based on the believer being in Christ - Col. 1:13-14
8. Jesus Christ ministers effectually for the believer today at the Right Hand of God - Acts 2:33-34; Rom. 8:34; Eph. 1:20; Col. 3:1; Heb. 10:12
9. All will acknowledge Christ as Lord in the future - Phi. 2:10
10. Understanding the human and divine natures of Jesus Christ help the believer to understand the will of God and that a human body is not an impediment for us to live out our Eternal Life
11. A comprehensive understanding of the Person of Jesus Christ will help the believer to maintain balance and stability in their spiritual life

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