Articles of Faith - Week 4



Christ the Son

Articles of Faith Statement

Jesus Christ, born of the Virgin Mary, came to earth taking the form of man teaching us through word and deed how man should live and worship God, suffered and died on the cross for our sins, rose again on the third day, ascended into heaven, sits on the right hand of God, making intercession for us, and will return for His church, His people; to take them to Heaven to live with Him forever.

Key Scriptures

- "This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit. Because Joseph her husband was faithful to the law, and yet did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly. But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.' All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: 'The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel' (which means 'God with us')." Matthew 1:18–23 (NIV)
- "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him." John 3:16–17 (NIV)

Insights

Jesus Christ is central to the Christian faith. Matthew 1:18–25 records His miraculous birth—conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. This fulfills prophecy and affirms that Jesus is fully God and fully man. As *Immanuel*—"God with us"—He entered our world to reveal God's nature and provide salvation.

Throughout His life, Jesus taught by word and example how to live in obedience to God. He perfectly modeled humility, love, and faithfulness. But His mission went beyond teaching—He came to save. John 3:16–17 declares the heart of the gospel: God's love moved Him to send His Son so that all who believe in Him would have eternal life. Jesus came not to condemn but to rescue sinners.

Christ's work didn't end at the cross. He rose from the dead, demonstrating victory over sin and death. He ascended to heaven, where He now intercedes for us. His return is certain—He will come again for His people to live with Him forever.

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These truths remind us that Jesus is more than a historical figure. He is Savior, Lord, and coming King. Our hope, forgiveness, and future rest in Him alone.

Application

Believing in Jesus is more than acknowledging facts—it means trusting Him as Savior and following Him as Lord. His sacrificial love calls us to faith and obedience. We respond by living in gratitude, loving others as He loved us, and sharing the good news of salvation.

His resurrection and ascension give us hope. Life's trials cannot defeat us because Christ has conquered death. His promise to return encourages us to live with purpose, holiness, and expectation.

Finally, Jesus' example shows us how to live daily—serving others, praying faithfully, and walking in humility. Our lives should reflect the One who gave everything for us.

. What do Matthew 1:18–25 and John 3:16–17 reveal about Jesus' identity and mission?	
2. Why is the virgin birth important to understanding who Jesus is?	
B. How does Christ's resurrection and intercession affect your confidence as a believer?	
. How should the promise of Christ's return shape the way you live today?	
i. What can we do each day to follow Jesus' example more closely?	