



Introduction

- This course will be limited in its scope. John 21:25
- Only the God-man could do what he did.
- Only the obedience of a man can bring righteousness.
- Only God can satisfy God. Revelation 5:1-10
- We cannot separate the person of Christ from the work of Christ.

Before the Incarnation

- John 1:1-3
- Matthew 25:34
- Matthew 25:41

Facets of the Work of Christ

- Christ is an example. John 13:12-15
- Christ's obedience, both his active and passive obedience, is essential to what Christ accomplished.
- An over emphasis on love denies the justice of God and does away with the wrath of God.

The Motive for the Incarnation

- Would there have been an incarnation without the fall?
- Calvin considered the idea of an incarnation without the fall unjustified speculation.
- There is a focus on deliverance. Matthew 1:21, Luke 2:8-11, Luke 2:29-32, Mark 10:45, 1 Timothy 1:15, Genesis 3:15
- We cannot separate the incarnation from salvation, and we cannot place the incarnation above salvation.

The Birth of the Incarnate One

- Can the birth of Christ be considered a work of Christ?
- John 1:1, John 1:14, John 3:13, John 6:51, Philippians 2:6-7
- The incarnation, which includes the birth of our Savior, was not simply a passive event. The human nature of Jesus was passive in his birth, but his divine nature was not.

Joseph

- Matthew 1:18-25
- The child Mary is carrying is conceived by the Holy Spirit, and this child is a fulfillment of prophecy.

Mary

- Luke 1:26-33
- Luke 1:42-45



The Birth of Jesus

- Luke 2:1-14
 - The child is a descendent of David.
 - The child is the Christ.
 - The child brings glory to God and peace to his people on earth. The points to his work as mediator and the one who reconciles us to God.

The Boy Jesus

Luke 2:29-32 – gives the scope of the work of salvation of Christ.

Luke 2:33-35 – the work of this child includes the salvation and judgment of many in Israel. The work of this child will be opposed, and the work of this child will reveal hearts.

Luke 2:36-38 – The work of this child will include redemption.

Luke 2:41-51 – he understood his work is his Father’s work. John 5:16-20

Conclusion

- In the incarnation the Word became flesh.
- As a human boy he worked to prepare for his ultimate work, accomplishing salvation, redemption, and reconciliation.
- The work of the incarnation of Christ was the first work in history leading to his final work in history when he returns in glory.

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