



# Christian Basics Class

## Week 4 - God the Son

### Creeds

Credo = I believe; Christian Creeds = What we believe about God

In the Creeds we confess that God is triune - 3 Persons in 1 God

### Second Article of the Apostles' Creed

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty.

From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. What does this mean? I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity.

This is most certainly true.

### Jesus the Christ

The 2nd Article speaks of the person and work of Jesus Christ

The name Jesus means "the Lord saves" and is His personal name *Matthew 1:21*

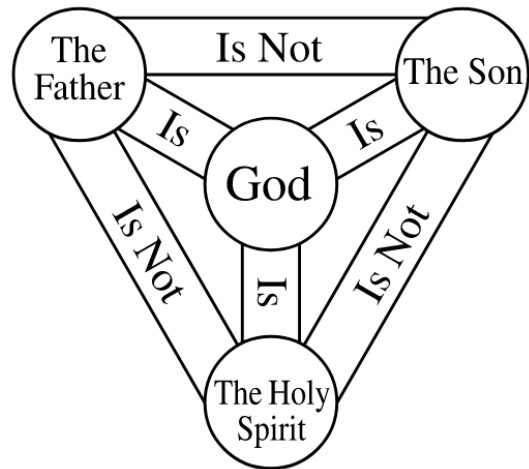
The word Christ (Greek) or Messiah (Hebrew) means "The Anointed" and is His title *Acts 10:38*

To confess "I believe in Jesus Christ" means that I know and trust in Jesus Christ as my only Savior from sin, death, and the devil and I believe that He gives me eternal life

### The Two Natures of Jesus

We know that Jesus is true God because the Scriptures show us that . . .

- He has divine names
- He possesses divine attributes (Eternal; Unchangeable; All-Powerful; All-Knowing; All-Present)





- He does divine works (Forgives; Created; Will Judge; Preserves)
- He receives divine honor and glory *John 5:22-23*

We know that Jesus is true man because the Scriptures show us that . . .

- He is a human man
- He has a human body and soul
- He had human, but sinless, feeling and actions (Born; Slept; Hungry; Wept; Thirsty)  
*Hebrews 4:14-16*

Jesus had to be fully man in order to . . .

- Act in our place under the Law and fulfill it for us
- Be able to suffer and die in our place

Jesus had to be fully God in order to . . .

- Be a sufficient substitute for all people
- Be able to overcome death and the devil for us
- We, then, confess that Jesus Christ is our Lord and Redeemer whom we love and serve with our whole lives

### The Three-Fold Office of Christ

Jesus was anointed to be our Prophet

- He preached during His life on earth and validated His words with His miracles and resurrection
- Through continued preaching of the Gospel, He proclaims Himself to be the Son of God and Savior of the world

Jesus was anointed to be our Priest

- He fulfilled the Law in our place
- He sacrificed Himself for our sins
- He intercedes on our behalf to the Father

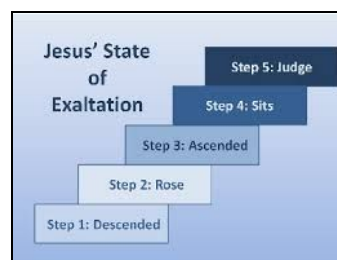
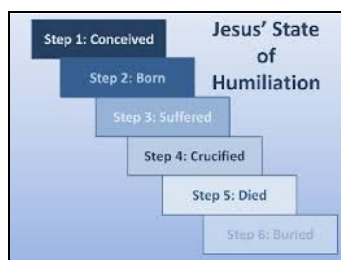
Jesus was anointed to be our King

- He rules over all creation
- He governs and protects His Church
- He leads His Church to glory in heaven

### Humiliation and Exaltation

State of Humiliation = Jesus did not always or fully use His divine powers

State of Exaltation = Jesus fully and always uses His divine powers





## **Jesus' Work of Redemption**

Jesus humbled himself in order to redeem us - lost and condemned people

Jesus redeemed us from all sins by . . .

- Taking our guilt and punishment upon Himself
- Freeing us from the slavery of sin

Jesus rescued us from death by . . .

- Defeating death through His life, death, and resurrection
- Giving us eternal life

Jesus rescued us from the power of the devil by . . .

- Conquering the devil
- Freeing us from the devil's accusations and temptations