

III. CHRISTOLOGY

A. Pre-Existence of The Lord Jesus Christ

1. *Perpetuity* - The Lord Jesus Christ has existed for all eternity past and will exist for all eternity future ^{Rev 1:8}. The Lord declared His own existence before the life of Abraham, and John declared that Christ had existed before him, even though John was physically older than the Lord.
2. *Immutability* - The Lord has and always will be the same for ever and ever ^{Heb 13:8}.
3. *Works* - Before His incarnation, the works of the Lord Jesus Christ evidence His pre-existence ^{John 1:3}.
4. *Old Testament Appearances* - The Lord appeared to men many times prior to His birth. Daniel 3:25 is an example of one such appearance ^{Dan 3:25}.
4. *Eternal Sonship* - For all eternity Jesus Christ has been the Son of God ^{Heb 5:8}. If He had not, His status with the Father would have changed in contradiction to Hebrews 13:8.

B. Incarnation of The Lord Jesus Christ

1. *Manifestation* - The Lord Jesus Christ was God manifest (made seen) in the flesh ^{I Tim 3:16}. He is the perfect expression of God ^{John 1:1}.
2. *Virgin Birth* - The Lord was born of a virgin as prophesied in the Old Testament ^{Matt 1:21-23}.
3. *Humanity* - The Lord became man in every respect ^{Heb 2:16} so that He could die according to prophecy for every sinful man ^{Heb 2:9}.
4. *Human Characteristics* - The Lord demonstrated physical characteristics of men such as growth ^{Luke 2:52}, fatigue ^{John 4:6}, hunger ^{Matt 21:18}, and mortality ^{Luke 23:46}.
5. *Incarnate Word* - The Lord is the perfect expression of God (the Word) made flesh ^{John 1:14}.
6. *Deity* - Being man did not deprive the Lord of the fact that He was God ^{John 5:18} in every respect as well ^{Php 2:6}.

C. Deity of the Lord Jesus Christ

1. *He is Jehovah* - the Creator ^{Is 45:18 vs. Col 1:16}, the one who redeemed us ^{Psalms 19:14 vs. Rev 5:9}, the King ^{Psalms 24:8 vs. I Tim 6:15}, and our Saviour. The Bible continually uses the same titles and expressions to refer to the LORD (Jehovah) as it does to the Lord Jesus Christ. If Jesus Christ is not God, then the Bible makes no sense at all.
2. *He is God* - The Bible repeatedly declares that the Lord Jesus Christ is God ^{Heb 1:8}.
3. *There is But One God* - As there is but one God, Jesus Christ is not a begotten God or in any way subordinate or separate from God the Father ^{I Cor 8:6}. He stated, "I and my Father are one."
4. *Holiness* - The holiness of the Lord Jesus Christ proves His deity as God alone can be called good, and can be considered to be sinless ^{Matt 19:17}.
5. *He is the Father* - The Lord Jesus Christ told Philip that to see Him was to see the Father ^{John 14:9}.

Re 1:8 I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty.

Heb 13:8 Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever.

Joh 1:3 All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.

Dan 3:25 He answered and said, Lo, I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire, and they have no hurt; and the form of the fourth is like the Son of God.

Heb 5:8 Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered

1Ti 3:16 And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.

John 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

Matt 1:21 And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins. **22** Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, **23** Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.

Heb 2:16 For verily he took not on him the nature of angels; but he took on him the seed of Abraham.

17 Wherefore in all things it behoved him to be made like unto his brethren

Heb 2:9 But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man.

Luke 2:52 And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man.

John 4:6 Now Jacob's well was there. Jesus therefore, being wearied with his journey, sat thus on the well: and it was about the sixth hour.

Matt 21:18 Now in the morning as he returned into the city, he hungered.

Lu 23:46 And when Jesus had cried with a loud voice, he said, Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit: and having said thus, he gave up the ghost.

John 1:14 And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

Joh 5:18 Therefore the Jews sought the more to kill him, because he not only had broken the sabbath, but said also that God was his Father, making himself equal with God.

Php 2:6 Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God:

Is 45:18 For thus saith the LORD that created the heavens

Col 1:15 Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature: **16** For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him

Ps 19:14 Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O LORD, my strength, and my redeemer.

Rev 5:9 Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood

Ps 24:8 Who is this King of glory? The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle.

I Tim 6:15 Which in his times he shall shew, who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings, and Lord of lords;

Heb 1:8 But unto the Son he saith, Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever

I Cor 8:6 But to us there is but one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we in him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we by him.

Matt 19:17 And he said unto him, Why callest thou me good? there is none good but one, that is, God

John 14:9 ... he that hath seen me hath seen the Father

D. The Works of The Lord Jesus Christ

1. *Prophet* - One distinct "office" of The Lord Jesus Christ is that of prophet ^{Acts 7:37}. He taught, foretold, and healed like, but more than, any Old Testament prophet.
2. *Priest* - A second office of the Lord Jesus Christ is that of priest ^{Heb 3:1}. He offered Himself as a sacrifice for our sins; He intercedes ^{Rom 8:34} to God for us; He is the only mediator between God and man ^{I Tim 2:5}.
3. *King* - One day, the Lord will hold the office of eternal ruler of all ^{Rev 19:16}.
4. *Creator* - The Lord is the creator of everything that has ever been created ^{John 1:3}.
5. *Saviour* - Jesus is the one who has saved us from sin and its penalty ^{Titus 2:10, 13}.
6. *Judge* - The Lord Jesus Christ will be the judge of the works of all men ^{II Tim 4:1}.
7. *Head of Local Church* - The Lord Jesus Christ is the head of the local church ^{Eph 5:23}.

E. The Atonement by The Lord Jesus Christ

1. The whole redemptive work of the Lord Jesus Christ makes born again believers "at one" with God ^{Rom 5:11}.
2. *Sacrifice* - The Lord is the final and perfect sacrifice for our sins ^{Heb 9:26}.
3. *Substitute* - The Lord substituted Himself for us and gave us His righteousness ^{II Cor 5:21}.
4. *Propitiation* - The sacrifice of the Lord Jesus Christ satisfied God (appeased His wrath) on our behalf ^{I John 2:2, I John 4:10}.
5. *Redemption* - The Lord has paid the price to buy us back from the curse of the law and unto God ^{Rev 5:9}. His blood is the only satisfactory price, and was essential for that redemption.
6. *Comprehensive Atonement* - Christ died for all men ^{I John 2:2}.
7. *Confirmation* - The bodily resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ is proof that our salvation is complete and that His work was wholly acceptable unto God ^{Rom 1:4}.
8. *The Blood* - The Lord appeared before God in heaven with His blood which eternally remains there as a covering for our sins ^{Heb 9:23-26}.

F. The Advents of the Lord Jesus Christ

1. *First* - The Lord appeared a first time to put away sins by His death on the cross ^{Heb 9:26}.
2. *Ascension* - He ascended from the Mount of Olives and was received by a cloud out of men's sight ^{Acts 1:9}.
3. *Return* - His return is imminent, and will be in a manner like His departure ^{Acts 1:11}.
4. *Rule* - When the Lord returns, He will rule the nations with a rod of iron ^{Rev 19:15}.

Ac 7:37 This is that Moses, which said unto the children of Israel, A prophet shall the Lord your God raise up unto you of your brethren, like unto me; him shall ye hear.

Heb 3:1 ¶ Wherefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our profession, Christ Jesus;

Ro 8:34 Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us.

I Ti 2:5 For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus

Re 19:16 And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.

Joh 1:3 All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.

Titus 2:10 Not purloining, but shewing all good fidelity; that they may adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour in all things.

Titus 2:13 Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;

2Ti 4:1 ¶ I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom

Eph 5:23 For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body.

Rom 5:11 And not only so, but we also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received the atonement.

Heb 9:26 For then must he often have suffered since the foundation of the world: but now once in the end of the world hath he appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself

II Cor 5:21 For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

IJo 2:2 And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.

IJo 4:10 Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

Re 5:9 And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation;

Ro 1:4 And declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead

Heb 9:23 ¶ It was therefore necessary that the patterns of things in the heavens should be purified with these; but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these. **24** For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are the figures of the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us: **25** Nor yet that he should offer himself often, as the high priest entereth into the holy place every year with blood of others; **26** For then must he often have suffered since the foundation of the world: but now once in the end of the world hath he appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself.

Acts 1:9 And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight.

Acts 1:11 Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.

Rev 19:15 And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron