

2016 Systematic Theology Part 1 Schedule

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Questions or Comments?

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Resources on the Person of Christ

1. Athanasius, *On the Incarnation* (<http://www.ccel.org/ccel/athanasius/incarnation.pdf>)
2. *The Word Made Flesh: The Ligonier Statement on Christology* (christologystatement.com)
3. Michael Reeves, *Rejoicing in Christ* (InterVarsity Press, 2015)
4. Donald MacLeod, *The Person of Christ* (InterVarsity Press, 1998)
5. D. A. Carson, *Jesus, the Son of God* (Crossway, 2012)

Capitol Hill Baptist Church
CORE SEMINARS

Systematic Theology
SESSION 10

THE DOCTRINE OF CHRISTOLOGY (PART 1)

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God.” **John 1:1-2**

I. Introduction: The Center of our Faith

II. The Deity of Christ in the Old Testament

A. Son of Man

(Daniel 7:13-14; Matthew 9:6, 12:8, 19:28, 20:28, 25:31-32)

- **Daniel 7:13-14** I saw in the night visions, and behold, with the clouds of heaven there came one like a son of man, and he came to the Ancient of Days and was presented before him. And to him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him; his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed.

B. Son of David

(2 Sam. 7:12-13, 16; Psalm 2:6-7; 45:6-7, 72; Isa. 9:6-7)

- **Isaiah 9:6-7** For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore.

III. The Deity of Christ in the New Testament

1. **Jesus Christ is called God and Lord** (Matthew 1:21-23; Luke 2:11; Romans 9:5; Titus 2:13)
2. **Jesus Christ claimed to be God** (John 8:58, 10:30)
3. **Jesus Christ is presented as the object of the believer's faith and trust** (John 14:1; 17:3; 2 Cor. 5:15; Eph. 3:12; 5:23; Col. 1:27; 1 Thes. 1:3; 1 Tim. 1:1)
4. **Jesus Christ is presented as the object of the believer's worship** (Matt 2:10-11, 28:17; John 5:23; Phil. 2:9-11; Heb. 1:6; Rev. 5:12)
5. **Jesus Christ is described as both being God and performing the very works of God** (John 1:1-3, 14-18; Heb. 1:1-4; Col. 1:15-20)
6. **Jesus Christ is assumed to have been preexistent as the eternal Son of God prior to His incarnation** (1 Cor. 8:6; 10:4, 9; 2 Cor. 8:9; Gal. 4:4; Rom 8:3; Col. 1:15-20; Phil 2:6-7; 1 Tim 1:15; 3:16; 2 Tim 1:9-10).

“HANDS”

- Jesus Christ Shares the **H**onors Due to God
- Jesus Christ Shares the **A**tttributes of God
- Jesus Christ Shares the **N**ames of God
- Jesus Christ Shares in the **D**eeds that God Does
- Jesus Christ Shares the **S**eat of God's Throne¹

IV. The Chalcedonian Definition (451 A.D.)

We, then, following the holy Fathers, all with one consent, teach men to confess one and the same Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, the same **perfect in Godhead** and *also perfect in manhood*; **truly God** and *truly man, of a reasonable soul and body*; **consubstantial with the Father according to the Godhead**, and *consubstantial with us according to the Manhood*; *in all things like unto us, without sin*; **begotten before all ages of the Father according to the Godhead**, and *in these latter days, for us and for our salvation, born of the Virgin Mary, the Mother of God, according to the Manhood*; one and the same Christ, Son, Lord, Only-begotten, to be acknowledged in two natures, inconfusedly, unchangeable, indivisibly, inseparably; the distinction of natures being by no means taken away by the union, but rather the property of each nature being preserved, and concurring in one Person and one Subsistence, not parted or divided into two persons, but one and the same Son, and only begotten, God the Word, the Lord Jesus Christ, as the prophets from the beginning have declared concerning him, and the Lord Jesus Christ himself has taught us, and the Creed of the holy Fathers has handed down to us.

V. The Importance and Beauty of Christ's Deity

1. **The deity of Christ matters for revelation** (Heb 1:1-2, John 1:18, 14:9)
2. **The deity of Christ matters for salvation** (Jonah 2:9, Acts 20:28, Col. 1:19-20, 1 Tim. 2:5, 1 Pet. 3:18, Heb. 7:16)
3. **The deity of Christ matters for the Christian Life** (2 Cor. 13:5, Rom. 8:10)

VI. Conclusion: Know and Adore Christ

¹ From Robert Bowman, *Putting Jesus In His Place* (Grand Rapids: Kregel, 2007).