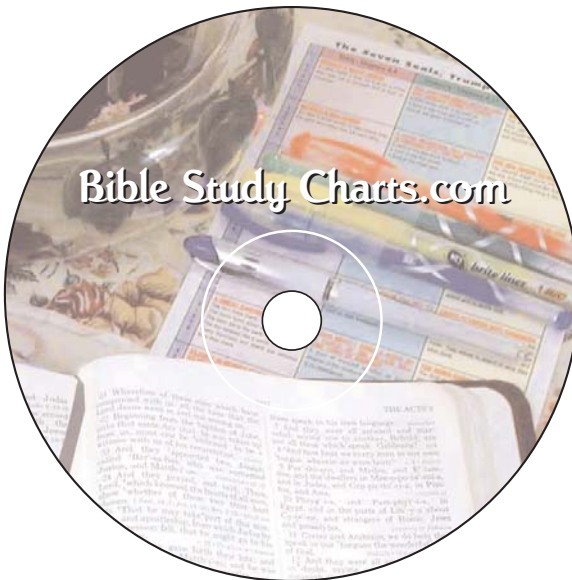


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Jesus Christ - The Son of God

I. THE DEITY OF JESUS CHRIST

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

The Deity of Jesus Christ, or His God Nature, is well established in the New Testament. Some of the facts are:

1. He is called God by the Apostle John (John 1:1)
2. He is called God by the Apostle Thomas (John 20:28).
3. He is called God by God the Father (Heb. 1:8).
4. He claimed to be God in that He was with the Father before creation (John 17:5).
5. He claimed to be God in that He was before Abraham (John 8:51-59).
6. He received worship and only God is to be worshiped (Matt. 14:33).
7. He forgives sin (Mark 2:5-11).
8. He is the creator and maker of all things (Col. 1:16).
9. He is the sustainer of all things (Heb. 1:3).
10. He claimed to have all power in heaven and in earth (Matt. 28:18).

II. THE HUMANITY OF JESUS CHRIST

Concerning his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, which was made of the seed of David according to the flesh; And declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead: Romans 1:3,4

The humanity of Jesus Christ is seen in His human nature (Matt. 2:11).

1. He hungered (Matt. 4:2).
2. He was thirsty (John 19:28).
3. He was weary (John 4:6).
4. He wept (John 11:35).
5. He was tempted (Heb. 4:15).

Jesus is man, and yet He is more than man. He is not God and man, but the God-man. He is God in human flesh. His two natures are bound together in such a way that the two become one, having a single consciousness and will.

III. THE VIRGIN BIRTH OF JESUS CHRIST

And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God. Luke 1:35

The virgin birth of Jesus Christ is without parallel in human history. It was by the virgin birth that God became man, one perfect person but two natures: one nature being that of Almighty God, the other being that of man – man without sin (Heb. 4:15). The union of the two natures became the God-man Christ Jesus.

1. The first hint of the virgin birth is found in (Gen. 3:15).
2. Isaiah prophesied that a “virgin would conceive, and bear a son and shall call His name Immanuel (God with us)” (Isaiah 7:14).
3. Again Isaiah prophesied saying “Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given” (Isaiah 9:6,7). This means that God gave His only begotten Son who was with Him from eternity, and the Child Jesus was born of a virgin. God gave His Son “unto us”.
4. He was to be born in Bethlehem (Micah 5:2). Joseph and Mary went up to Bethlehem to be taxed, and to fulfill prophecy (Luke 2:1-7).

IV. THE DEATH OF JESUS CHRIST

And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. Philippians 2:8

The death of Jesus Christ is mentioned more than one hundred twenty times in the New Testament and is spoken of many times by the Prophets in the Old Testament.

1. The death of Jesus Christ was sacrificial (Matt. 20:28).
2. The death of Jesus Christ was brutal (John 19 31-37).
3. The death of Jesus Christ paid our sin debt (Rom. 6:23).
4. The death of Jesus Christ was for all (John 3:16).
5. The death of Jesus Christ was supernatural (John 10:17-18).

Jesus said, "No man taketh life from me". Then He said, "I lay it down to myself". "I have power to take it up again". He took life up again when He arose from the dead.

V. THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS CHRIST

Jesus said, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. John 11:25-26

The resurrection of Jesus Christ was the doctrine of every disciple, the faith of every true believer, the courage of every martyr, the theme of every sermon and the power of every evangelist.

1. He first appeared to Mary Magdalene (John 20:11-18).
2. He appeared to the women returning from the sepulcher (Matt. 28:5-10).
3. Then He appeared to Peter (Luke 24:34).
4. To the Emmaus disciples (Luke 24:13-31).
5. To the apostles, Thomas not present (Luke 24:36-43).
6. Again to the apostles, Thomas present (John 20:24-29).
7. To the seven by the Sea of Tiberias (John 21:1-23).
8. To over five hundred brethren (1 Cor. 15:6).
9. He was seen again by the eleven apostles (Acts 1:3-12).
10. He was seen of Stephen, the first martyr (Acts 7:55).
11. He was seen of Paul on his way to Damascus (1 Cor. 15:8).

Many of these eye witnesses died martyrs' deaths because they preached the resurrection of Jesus Christ. They were glad to die for a living Christ. They had the "infallible proofs."

VI. THE ASCENSION AND SECOND COMING OF JESUS CHRIST

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. Acts 1:11

After forty days of instructing His disciples, the risen Christ ascended up on high, and is seated at the right hand of the Father (Heb. 10:12).

1. He is coming for His church (1 Thes. 4:16,17) (John 14:1-6).
2. He is coming to judge the nations (Matt. 25: 31-46).
3. He is coming to save Israel (Rom. 11:25,26).
4. He is coming to sit upon the throne of David (Luke 1: 31-33) (Isaiah 9:6,7).
5. He is coming to bring righteous government to this earth (Rev. 19:11-16).

Jesus is coming back to this earth again, "Surely I come quickly. Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus" (Rev. 22:20).