

The Doctrine of Jesus Christ

At the center of all of history, the story of Scripture and the majestic plan to redeem God's creation is the second person of the Godhead: the God-man Jesus Christ. The writer of Hebrews acknowledged this exalted truth: "...in these last days (God) has spoken to us in His Son, whom He appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the world. And He is the radiance of His glory and the exact representation of His nature, and upholds all things by the word of His power. When He had made purification of sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high..." We are called to understand and believe who Jesus Christ is, with the intent of being in a relationship of love and obedience to God through Him. This is the foundation of our faith and defines what it means to be a Christian.

BRBC Doctrinal Statement on Christ:

We believe that Jesus Christ is God the Son, (Isaiah 9:6, Matthew 3:16-17; Jn 1:17-18; Jn 5:18)

eternally existing, (Jn 8:58; 1 Jn 5:20; Jn 1:1-3; Micah 5:2)

who lived on earth as a real individual in history. (Jn 2:13-4:3; Mk 1:14-9:50)

He is true God and true man. (Philippians 2:5-7; Mt 4:2; Jn 19:28; Jn 4:6; Jn 11:35)

He was conceived of the Holy Spirit and born of a virgin. (Mt 1:16,20,23; Lk 1:31-35)

He was tempted in every way, but yet was without sin. (Mt 4:1-11; Heb 4:15)

He died on the cross for the sins of all mankind. (1 Cor. 15:3; 2 Pet. 3:9)

He rose bodily from the grave on the third day, (1 Cor. 15:4; Romans 1:4; Lk 24:39)

ascended into heaven, (Acts 1:9-11)

where at the right hand of God the Father, He is now our High Priest and Advocate. He is the One Mediator between God and man (Heb 1:3; Acts 1:9-11; Heb 5:9-10; 1 Jn 2:1; 1 Tim. 2:5)

and the head of the church universal and this local body. (Col. 1:18, 3:3; Eph 5:23)

What We Believe

His offices:

Prophet—He brings us the true word of God

Priest—He brings the sacrifice (Himself) and makes intercession for us

King—He rules all things in his mighty power

What Jesus did for us in our salvation:

-He took to Himself humanity (1 Peter 1:20)

-He died for our sins (2 Corinthians 5:21)

-He satisfied God's wrath—or was our propitiation for sin (Romans 3:25; 1 John 2:2)

-He reconciled us to God (Romans 5:10)

-He imputed to us His righteousness (2 Corinthians 5:21; Romans 4:4-5; Galatians 4:27)

Other resources:

Knowing Christ by Mark Jones