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CHRISTOLOGY

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- The biblical witness concerning the second person of the Godhead, the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, is woven like a **scarlet thread** throughout the entirety of the written Word of God.

Preincarnate Christ


- The biblical witness affirms that the incarnate person of Jesus Christ is fully and truly God and fully and truly human; it is a tenet that the early church defended time and time again. However, the Son of God existed as the second person of the Trinity from eternity past and will do so to eternity future.

The Nicene Creed 325 AD

- I believe in one God, the Father almighty. Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, The Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;

Eternity Past

- The inerrant Scriptures clearly teach that the one God subsists in three coequal, consubstantial and coeternal persons.
- Each member of the Trinity exists in the divine essence as a distinct person, each performs individual (yet inseparable) operations, and to each is ascribed divine attributes.

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- Father, I desire that they also, whom You have given Me, be with Me where I am, so that they may see My glory which You have given Me, for You loved Me before the foundation of the world. John 17:24
 - And He went a little beyond them, and fell on His face and prayed, saying, My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; yet not as I will, but as You will.” Matthew 26:39

Preexistence

- The second person of the Trinity, God the Son, was eternally preexistent with the Father in glory.
- Now, Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was. John 17:5
- All things came into being through Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being. John 1:3

Our Creator

- The Bible identifies the Son as the Creator.
- “All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made” John 1:3
- “For by Him all things were created, both in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities-all things have been created through Him and for Him.
Colossians 1:16-17

Old Testament Appearances

- Certain appearances of God in the Old Testament are referred to as “theophanies.”
- Hagar visited by the Angel of the LORD – Genesis 16
- Moses visited by the Angel of the LORD in the burning bush – Exodus 3
- Moses at Mount Sinai – Exodus 19
- Gideon visited by the Angel of the LORD in Judges 6
- The term “messenger” might provide a better translation than “angel” because this title denotes the function or office of the individual, not his nature.

Old Testament Activities


- **Creation** – All things came into being through Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being.
John 1:3
- **Providence** – “The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ; and He will reign forever and ever.” Revelation 11:15
- **Revelation** – “For I did not speak on My own initiative, but the Father Himself who sent Me, has given Me a commandment as to what to say and what to speak. I know that His commandment is eternal life; therefore the things I speak, I speak just as the Father has told Me.”
John 12:49-50

Old Testament Prophecies

- Jesus said to his opponents, “You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that bear witness about me” John 5:39
- The Messiah is the Seed of the Woman – Gen. 3:1, 14-15
- The Messiah is the Son of God – Psalm 2
- Trinitarian References to Messiah – Isa. 42, 48, 61, 63
- The Messiah is the Mediator between God and Man – Job 33:23-28
- The Messiah is Prophet, Priest, and King – Deut. 18:15-22


Incarnate Christ - Deity

- Jesus was and is the God-man, truly and fully God as well as truly and fully human.
- Have this attitude in yourselves which as also in Christ Jesus, who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped. But emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of man. Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Phil. 2:5-8

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- In his incarnation, the eternal Son made himself of no reputation by taking on the full and true human nature in addition to his divine nature.
 - The Son of God fully possessed his divine nature and attributes but did not fully express them. At times he expressed them in his miracles, but he submitted himself to the Father's plan.
 - He surrendered himself to the will of the Father in everything.

Virgin Birth

- Jesus Christ was fathered by God, not by a human male. Matt. 1:18-20
- The doctrine of the virgin conception and birth of Jesus is significant for several reasons.
- The integrity of the Gospel record concerning Jesus rests heavily on the truth of the virgin birth.
- The virgin birth allows for the preexistence of the divine person and nature.

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- Without the virgin conception of Jesus, there can be no guarantee of sinlessness.
 - To eliminate the virgin birth would jeopardize the entirety of Jesus' life and ministry and the attendant doctrines.
 - MacArthur says that the virgin birth of Jesus ought to be part of the Christian's confession of faith.