

LESSON THREE – GOD THE SON

1. Jesus is the CREATOR

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. – John 1:1-3

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. – Col. 1:15-17

Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, in our likeness, and let them rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the livestock, over all the earth, and over all the creatures that move along the ground." – Gen. 1:26

2. Jesus is Uncreated (see texts directly above).

3. Jesus is GOD in flesh

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

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth. – John 1:14

"I tell you the truth," Jesus answered, "before Abraham was born, I am!" – John 8:58

God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: 'I AM has sent me to you.'" – Exodus 3:14

Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death-- even death on a cross! – Phil. 2:5-8

For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form. – Col. 2:9

But about the Son he says, "Your throne, O God, will last for ever and ever, and righteousness will be the scepter of your kingdom. – Hebrews 1:8

4. Jesus' Incarnation and His Deity

A. Jesus has TWO natures in ONE Person

*He was not half God and half man. He is both Human and Divine. He was completely God and completely man. This is the correct position concerning His two natures (see Col. 2:9; Phil. 2:5-8; John 8:58 and Ex. 3:14).

B. Jesus was born of the VIRGIN Mary (Matt. 1:18; Luke 1:35).

C. Jesus is Worshiped – (Matt 2:2,11; 14:33; 28:9; John 9:35-38).

1) Jesus is PRAYED to – (Acts 7:59-60; Ps 18:6; 116:4; Zech. 13:9 with 1 Cor. 1:1-2).

2) Jesus is called God

Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God" – John 20:28

But about the Son he says, "Your throne, O God, will last for ever and ever, and righteousness will be the scepter of your kingdom. – Heb. 1:8

while we wait for the blessed hope--the glorious appearing of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ – Titus 2:13

D. Jesus is the EXACT representation of the nature of God.

The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven. – Hebrews 1:3

5. Jesus' Death and the Atonement

A. Jesus bore the sins of the world in His body on the cross.

He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. – 1 Peter 2:24

See that what you have heard from the beginning remains in you. If it does, you also will remain in the Son and in the Father. – 1 John 2:24

B. Jesus ATONED.

1) He made right that which was wrong between us and God.

2) His shed blood is what cleanses us from sin.

For the life of a creature is in the blood, and I have given it to you to make atonement for yourselves on the altar; it is the blood that makes atonement for one's life. – Lev. 17:11

Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him! – Romans 5:9

3) He removed the enmity between God and Man.

For if, when we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life! – Romans 5:10

4) Jesus Died for EVERYONE

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. – John 3:16

He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world. – 1 John 2:2

6. The Resurrection of Christ (see 1 Cor. 15:1-4 also).

Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days." The Jews replied, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and you are going to raise it in three days?" But the temple he had spoken of was his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples recalled what he had said. Then they believed the Scripture and the words that Jesus had spoken. – John 2:19-22

A. Jesus rose in the SAME body that He died in.

While they were still talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds? Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and feet. And while they still did not believe it because of joy and amazement, he asked them, "Do you have anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate it in their presence. – Luke 24:36-43

*Jesus' body is resurrected. We do not know exactly what His body is like, but the nature of the resurrected body is discussed by Paul in 1 Corinthians 15.

B. Right now Jesus is in heaven, still as, and eternally to be both God and man.

For there is one God and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus. – 1 Timothy 2:5

7. The ASCENSION of Christ (Acts 1:1-11).

A. After the resurrection Jesus appeared to His disciples during a period of forty days. He completed His message to them then.

B. He ascended in full view of the apostles who wrote of what they saw.

8. Jesus is Coming Again!

According to the Lord's own word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left till the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage each other with these words. – 1 Thess. 4:15-18