

**“In the beginning”**

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**1** In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. **2** He was with God in the beginning.

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## **God the Son**

**Christ is the eternal Son of God.**

**In His incarnation as Jesus Christ He was conceived of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. Jesus perfectly revealed and did the will of God,**

**taking upon Himself human nature with its demands and necessities and identifying Himself completely with mankind yet without sin. He honored the divine law by His personal obedience, and in His substitutionary death on the cross He made provision for the redemption of men from sin.**

**He was raised from the dead with a glorified body and appeared to His disciples as the person who was with them before His crucifixion. He ascended into heaven and is now exalted at the right hand of God where He is the One Mediator, fully God, fully man, in whose Person is effected the reconciliation between God and man.**

**He will return in power and  
glory to judge the world and  
to consummate His  
redemptive mission. He now  
dwells in all believers as the  
living and ever present Lord.**

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## **The Eternal Son of God**

**John 1:3**

**Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made.**

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## Colossians 1:15-17

**15** He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.

**16** 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. **17** He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.



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John 8:56-58

**56** Your father Abraham rejoiced at the thought of seeing my day; he saw it and was glad.” **57** “You are not yet fifty years old,” they said to him, “and you have seen Abraham!” **58** “I tell you the truth,” Jesus answered, “before Abraham was born, I am!”

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**Revelation 22:13**

**I am the Alpha and the  
Omega, the First and the Last,  
the Beginning and the End.**

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## **The Birth of Christ**

**John 1:14**

**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.**

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## Philippians 2:5-11

**5** Your attitude should be the same as Christ Jesus: **6** Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped;

**7** but made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. **8** And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death — even death on a cross!

**9** Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, **10** that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, **11** and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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## **Incarnation:**

**The divine Son Jesus' coming  
to and living on earth in  
human form.**

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**Luke 1:34-35**

**34** “How will this be,” Mary asked the angel, “since I am a virgin?”

**35** The angel answered, “The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God.



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**Luke 2:6-7**

**6** While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born,  
**7** and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no room available for them in the inn.

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**“The doctrine of the virgin birth is essential to Christianity, for it is central for understanding who Jesus is. He came in true human flesh, though He was not conceived by a human father.**

**This is a miracle that is beyond our full understanding, but it affirms the supernatural nature of Christ's birth and the fact that He was conceived without sin. Thus, He can identify with us in our humanity without the stain of sin.”**

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## The Life of Christ

### Hebrews 4:15-16

**15** For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are — yet was without sin. **16** Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

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## **Luke 2:51-52**

**51** Then he went down to Nazareth with them and was obedient to them. But his mother treasured all these things in her heart. **52** And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man.

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## **Luke 4:1-2**

**1** Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the desert, **2** where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and at the end of them he was hungry.

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**Luke 4:16-21**

**16** He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom. And he stood up to read, **17** The scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written:

**18** “The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoner and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed, **19** to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”



**20** Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him. **21** and he began by saying to them, “Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.”

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## Matthew 13:54-58

**54** Coming to his hometown, he began teaching the people in their synagogue, and they were amazed. “Where did this man get this wisdom and these miraculous powers?” they asked. **55** “Isn’t this the carpenter’s son? Isn’t his mother’s name Mary, and aren’t his brothers James, Joseph, Simon and Judas

**56** Aren't all his sisters with us? Where then did this man get all these things?" **57** And they took offense at him. But Jesus said to them, "Only in his hometown and in his own house is a prophet without honor." **58** And he did not do many miracles there because of their lack of faith.

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## **The Death of Jesus**

### **Matthew 16:21**

**From that time on Jesus began to explain to his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life.**

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## Acts 2:23-24

**23** This man was handed over to you by God's set purpose and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men, put him to death by nailing him to the cross.

**24** But God raised him from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him.

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## **Hebrews 9:22**

**In fact, the law requires that nearly everything be cleansed with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness.**

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## 1 Peter 1:18-19

**18** For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your forefathers, **19** but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect.

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## **Ephesians 1:7**

**In him we have redemption  
through his blood, the  
forgiveness of sins, in  
accordance with the riches  
of God's grace**



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## **Romans 3:25-26**

**25** God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement, [propitiation] through faith in his blood. He did this to demonstrate his justice, because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished — **26** he did it to demonstrate his justice at the present time, so as to be just and the one who justifies those who have faith in Jesus.

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## **Propitiation:**

**“God’s wrath is a settled disposition against evil. The just demands of God’s holiness for the punishment and exclusion of sin must be satisfied.**

**Propitiation is the work of Christ on the cross in which He met the demands of the righteousness of God against sin, both satisfying the requirements of God’s justice and canceling the guilt of man.”**

**W. A. Criswell**

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## **2 Corinthians 5:21**

**God made him who had no sin  
to be sin for us, so that in him  
we might become the  
righteousness of God.**

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Hebrews 9:12, 15

**12** He did not enter by means of the blood of goats and calves; but he entered the Most Holy Place once for all by his own blood, having obtained eternal redemption. **15** For this reason Christ is the mediator of a new covenant, that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance — now that he has died as a ransom to set them free from the sins committed under the first covenant.

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## **The Resurrection and Ascension of Christ**

### **1 Corinthians 15:4-8**

**4** that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, **5** and that he appeared to Peter, and then to the Twelve.

**6** After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. **7** Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, **8** and last of all he appeared to me also, as to one abnormally born.

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**1 Corinthians 15:17**

**And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins.**

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## **1 Corinthians 15:50**

**I declare to you, brothers, that  
flesh and blood cannot inherit  
the kingdom of God, nor does  
the perishable inherit the  
imperishable.**



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## **Romans 8:11**

**And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit, who lives in you.**

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Acts 1:9-11

**9** After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight. **10** They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. **11** “Men of Galilee,” they said, “why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven.”

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**The Return of Christ**

**Matthew 24:44**

**So you also must be ready,  
because the Son of Man will  
come at an hour when you  
do not expect him.**

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## 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17

**16** 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. **17** 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.

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**2 Thessalonians 1:10**

**on the day he comes to be glorified in his holy people and to be marveled at among all those who have believed. This includes you, because you believed our testimony to you.**

# Applications

- **Jesus is fully God and fully man**
- **Jesus is the only way to God**

# Final Thoughts

## John 14:8-11

**8** Philip said, “Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us.” **9** Jesus answered: “Don’t you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’?”

**10** Don't you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak on my own authority. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work. **11** Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the miracles themselves.



# Final Thoughts

## John 14:6

**Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.**