

Christology- The Doctrine of Christ

I. The Pre Existence of Christ: “For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us; And the government will rest on his shoulders; And His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace”. Isaiah 9:6

1. His position over all of creation:

- a. He is “firstborn” over all creation.
 - i. He existed before anything else began. Col 1:17
 - 1. *Prototokos*- Pre eminent one, position, That he was before all things.
- b. Christ was in the beginning with God. John 1:1
- c. He is from everlasting: Micah 5:2. Everlasting means that He never had a beginning. Pre-existence does not merely mean that Jesus Christ existed before His incarnation.
- d. Jesus is the first and the last. Rev. 1:8, Is 41:4, 44:6

2. His purpose over all of creation:

- a. He is the revelation of the invisible God.
 - i. Jesus reveals who God is. John 1:18 “ No man hath ever seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him.”
- b. He is the complete representation of the invisible God. “He that has seen me has seen the Father” (John 14:8-9),
 - i. Jesus is the image of the invisible God. Col 1:15
 - ii. Jesus is not just the likeness but the exact reproduction. Heb 1:3
- c. He is the special reason for the creation. Col 1:16
 - i. He made it all for himself!
 - ii. The chief purpose of man is to Glorify God and to enjoy Him forever! Isaiah 43:7

3. His power to create all things: Jesus is the creator!

- a. Jesus made everything. Col:1:16, John 1:1-3
- b. All things came into existence by the word of God. “Through faith we understand that the entire universe was formed at God’s command, and that what we now see did not come from anything that can be seen” Heb 11:3
 - i. In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.
 - 1. The Hebrew word for “created” is *barah* which means to create something out of nothing.

4. His Providence in controlling all things: He is continually working!

- a. He holds all creation together. Col 1:17

He is the sustainer. Heb 1:3