

## 2019 Systematic Theology II Schedule

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### Extra Resources

1. Athanasius, *On the Incarnation* (<http://www.ccel.org/ccel/athanasius/incarnation.pdf>)
  2. Michael Reeves, *Rejoicing in Christ* (InterVarsity Press, 2015)
  4. Donald MacLeod, *The Person of Christ* (InterVarsity Press, 1998)
  5. D. A. Carson, *Jesus, the Son of God* (Crossway, 2012)
  6. Bruce Ware, *The Man Christ Jesus* (Crossway, 2012)
  7. John Owen, *The Glory of Christ*
  8. John Walvoord, *Jesus Christ Our Lord* (Moody, 1969)
  9. Stephen Wellum, *God the Son Incarnate* (Crossway, 2016)
  10. Thomas Torrance, *Incarnation: The Person and Life of Christ* (InterVarsity, 2015)
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Gospel Grace Church  
Gospel Growth

Systematic Theology  
Week 2

### THE DOCTRINE OF CHRIST – PART 1

#### I. Thoughts on Theology

- Two extremes (all for knowledge / don't need it)
- Not just an exercise for the mind but also for the heart.
- Ask, "What's at stake?"

#### II. Why does Christology matter?

##### A. The early church

**Chalcedonian Creed (A.D. 451)** We, then, following the holy Fathers, all with one consent, teach men to confess one and the same Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, the same perfect in Godhead and also perfect in manhood; truly God and truly man, of a reasonable soul and body; consubstantial with the Father according to the Godhead, and consubstantial with us according to the Manhood; in all things like unto us, without sin; begotten before all ages of the Father according to the Godhead, and in these latter days, for us and for our salvation, born of the Virgin Mary, the Mother of God, according to the Manhood; one and the same Christ, Son, Lord, only begotten, to be acknowledged in two natures, inconfusedly, unchangeably, indivisibly, inseparably; the distinction of natures being by no means taken away by the union, but rather the property of each nature being preserved, and concurring in one Person and one Subsistence, not parted or divided into two persons, but one and the same Son, and only begotten, God the Word, the Lord Jesus Christ; as the prophets from the beginning have declared concerning Him, and the Lord Jesus Christ Himself has taught us, and the Creed of the holy Fathers has handed down to us.

##### B. Modern day

###### NAE criteria for being an evangelical:

- The Bible is the highest authority for what I believe.
- It is very important for me personally to encourage non-Christians to trust Jesus Christ as their Savior.
- Jesus Christ's death on the cross is the only sacrifice that could remove the penalty of my sin.
- Only those who trust in Jesus Christ alone as their Savior receive God's free gift of eternal salvation.

### III. The Deity of Christ

1. **Jesus Christ is called God** (John 1:1, 18; 20:28; Romans 9:5; Titus 2:13; Heb. 1:8; 2 Peter 1:1)
2. **Jesus Christ claimed to be God** (John 5:18; 8:58, 10:30)
3. **Jesus possessed the attributes of God**
  - Omnipotence – miracles (Matt. 8:26-27; 14:19; John 2:1-11)
  - Eternality (John 8:58; Rev. 22:13)
  - Omniscience (Mark 2:8; John 1:48; 2; 25; 6:64)
  - Immortality (Heb. 7:16; **1 Tim. 6:16**)
4. **Jesus did the works of God**
  - Creation and Providence (John 1:3; Col. 1:15-20; Heb. 1:1-4)
  - Forgives sin (Mark 2:1-12)
5. **Jesus Christ is presented as the object of the believer's worship** (Matt 2:10-11, 28:17; John 5:23; Phil. 2:9–11; Heb. 1:6; Rev. 5:12)
6. **Jesus Christ is assumed to have been preexistent as the eternal Son of God prior to His incarnation (1 Cor. 8:6; 10:4, 9; 2 Cor. 8:9; Gal. 4:4; Rom 8:3; Col. 1:15-20; Phil 2:6-7; 1 Tim 1:15; 3:16; 2 Tim 1:9-10).**

#### What's at stake?

- The deity of Christ matters for revelation (Heb 1:1-2, John 1:18, 14:9)
- The deity of Christ matters for salvation (Jonah 2:9; Acts 20:28, Col. 1:19-20, **1 Tim. 2:5-6**, 1 Pet. 3:18, Heb. 7:16)
- The deity of Christ matters for the Christian Life (2 Cor. 13:5, **Rom. 8:10**)

### IV. The Humanity of Christ

1. **Jesus is referred to as human** (1 John 1:1-3; 4:2-3)
2. **Jesus was born of a virgin** (Isaiah 7:14; Matthew 1:18-25; Luke 1:35; 3:23)
  - The virgin birth made possible the uniting of full deity and full humanity in one person.
  - The virgin birth made possible Christ's true humanity without inherited sin.
3. **Jesus endured human weaknesses and limitations**
  - **Jesus had a human body** (Luke 2:7, 40, 52; 23:46, 24:42; Matt. 4:2, 11; John 4:6, 19:28; 21:9, 13)
  - **Jesus had a human mind** (Luke 2:52; Heb. 5:8; Mark 13:32)
  - **Jesus had a human soul and human emotions** (John 12:27; 11:35; Heb. 5:7; Matt. 8:10; 26:36-46)
  - **Jesus was understood by others to be a human being** (Matthew 13:53-58)
4. **Jesus remained sinless** (2 Cor. 5:21; Hebrews 4:14-16)

#### What's at stake?

- The Second Adam (Rom. 5:18-19; 1 Cor. 15:45)
- The Substitutionary Sacrifice (Heb. 2:14-18)
- The Mediator between God and Men (1 Tim. 2:5)
- The Perfect Example (Phil 2:5-11; 1 Pet 2:21; Heb. 12:2)
- The Sympathetic High Priest (Heb. 2:18; 4:15-16)
- The First-Born from the dead (Col. 1:18; 1 Cor. 15:49)