

CHRISTOLOGY: THE STUDY OF GOD #6

Today our study in the nature and attributes of God takes us into – Christology; the Study of Christ. This study will take us from the “Pre-incarnate” life of Christ straight through to the Resurrection and glorification of Christ and everything in between. As you will see, this study proves out beyond any shadow of doubt that Jesus is more than a mere man or good teacher; He is God come in the flesh. A very central truth to Christology is the fact that Jesus Christ is fully God and fully man – **John 1:1, 14** -. We begin with:

1. **Pre-Incarnate activity of Christ.** The prefix “pre” means “earlier than”. The word “incarnation” in the Latin meaning “embodiment or the assumption of humanity”, in other-words “an earlier than bodily form existence of Jesus Christ”. In John 1:1, 14 the term “begotten” is used of Christ. Two Greek words make up this word – GENOS – means generation or the begetting of children and MONO-GENOS meaning one or only. The term only begotten refers to an eternal relationship that always existed.

- **His Existence.**

1. **Jesus’ ever-presence** – **Ex. 3:13-14, John 8:56-58.** Here Jesus rightfully declared Himself to be the “I Am”.
2. **Jesus’ ever-pre-eminence** – **Rev. 1:8, 22:13** –Jesus is the “Alpha and Omega”.
3. **Jesus’ reverence** – **Seen in His worship** – **Hebrews 1:4-10**, the object of angelic worship and **Matt. 2:11** as the object of worship from the wise men. **Seen in His glory** – **John 17:5, 24.**
4. **Jesus’ part in creation.** **In the OT** – **Gen. 1:26, 3:22 and 11:7.** **In the NT** – **John 1:1-3, 10, 1 Cor. 8:6, Col. 1:16-18.**

2. **Evidences of the pre-incarnate Christ. In the OT:**

- **Ps. 22:1** -1000 years before the cross.
- **Ps. 2:7, 11-12** – referred to as the Son.
- **Micah 5:2** – predicted birthplace of Jesus – Bethlehem. **In the NT:**
- **John 6:32-38, 41, 50** – Jesus own testimony.
- **I Peter 1:19-20** – Peter testifies of the pre-incarnate Christ.
- **John 1:27-30** – John the Baptist stated that Christ was after him in the flesh but before him.

3. Appearances of Christ in the OT. Jesus appeared in both angelic and human form (Christophanies). Jesus appeared in pre-incarnate form to many people:

- **Abraham – Gen. 12:7 -.**
- **Hagar – Gen 16:7-12 -.**
- **Isaac – Gen. 26:2 -.**
- **Moses – Ex. 3:2-4 -.**
- **Joshua – Josh. 5:14-15 -.**