

CFC-202. WHO IS JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD?

- 1) Jesus Christ is God Almighty revealed to us as the Son of God. He is the Word of God, Eternal and abiding forever. This is a living fact. Col. 1:14-19, 2:9, 1John 5:20, John 1:1-18, 19-34, John 14:6-11, Phi. 2:5-11, Titus 2:13, Heb. 1:1-12, 13:8, Rev 19:11-16.
- 2) His incarnation as human is equally fact. Even though He is God Almighty, He came to us in the form of a Man. This revelation of God in human form was pre-determined as required for redeeming us. (John 1:1-3, 10-18, Php 2:5-6, 1Tim 3:16, 1John 5:20).
 - ✓ A virgin conceived by the Holy Spirit to give birth to Him in our world. This brought about his manhood. This revelation of God in the form of a man is the great mystery of godliness. 1Tim 3:16.
 - ✓ He is called "Jesus Christ" because He is the Saviour of the world. Matt. 1:18-25.
 - ✓ He is also called "Emmanuel" meaning "God with us". Matt 1:23, Isa 7:14.
- 3) Many people have gone astray because they deny that Jesus Christ is God manifested in the form of a man. This is the fact about him everyman must believe to be a Christian, so beware! 1John 4:1-3, Col. 1:14-19, 2:9.
- 4) He died for us, was buried, rose up from the dead on the 3rd day and physically ascended up into Heaven. (Luk 24:44-47, 1Cor 15:1-3)
- 5) His humanity, death, burial and resurrection from the dead and ascension into heaven were all required to redeem us to God the Father from sin & death and deliver us from the power of Satan. (Matt. 27:11-66, Mark 15:1-37, John 19:1-42, Php 2:6-11, 1Cor 15:1-8).

6) The Reason For The Unique Nature Of Jesus Christ

Our redemption requires God to achieve it, and at the same time several aspects of the redemption requires the achiever to be fully man for it to be justifiable in the eyes of divine justice. This is why God came in a human form as Jesus Christ our Savior.

a) Jesus Our Savior Deliverer From Sin & Death

Jesus needed His sinless and perfect human nature to contact and bear our sin nature in his body, to position this sin nature for judgment and destruction and yet be separate from sin in his own spirit.

Through His death as the sacrificial Lamb of God He destroyed our sin nature for us in His body on the cross. Isa.53:4-5, Rom 6:6, 1Pet 2:24.

His blood has been accepted by God for our redemption from sin & death. Eph 1:7, Col 1:14, 1Pet 1:18-20, Rev 5:9-10.

b) Jesus Our High Priest

He stands before God for us and continually makes intercession for us.

- To qualify as our high priest He has to be a man who fully understands our weaknesses and at the same time be the Son of God Who fully knows God so that He can be the mediator between God and man. Heb 2:14-15, 7:20-28
- He has to have a sinless human nature to be both the spotless lamb of God for the sin sacrifice that took our sins away and at the same time the sinless high priest to mediate between God and us. John 1:29, 35-37, Heb 2:16-18, 3:1, 4:14-16, 8:1-3, 9:11-12, 15, 24-28, 10:5-23.

c) Our Regeneration

- Jesus came and lived as a man who is filled with divine glory and power to show forth God's plan of the new mankind who will live in the image and glory of God. He is the beginning of the new creation – the 2nd man. And we are his generation – a new kind of mankind who live in the full image and glory of God as sons of God. Rom. 8:29.
- Jesus is the living seed of God who died, was buried and then rose again, bringing with him all his offspring who are in his image and likeness as his brethren. John 12:24, Rom. 6:3-5, Gal. 2:20, 4:4-7, Titus 3:4-6, Heb. 2:11-14.

d) We are Heirs Of God.

- We are inheritors of the blessings that God has provided for us in His will, the New Testament. God's law demands the death of the maker of a will before the will can be effected and come into force for those named in it.
- Jesus is God in a human form, and in His human form He suffered death to meet this requirement for us to enjoy the new testament.
- Jesus' humanity made this possible and his blood is God's certificate of death that has ratified the will of God for us. Heb. 9:15-24, 10:9-10, 19-20, Mark 14:22-24.