

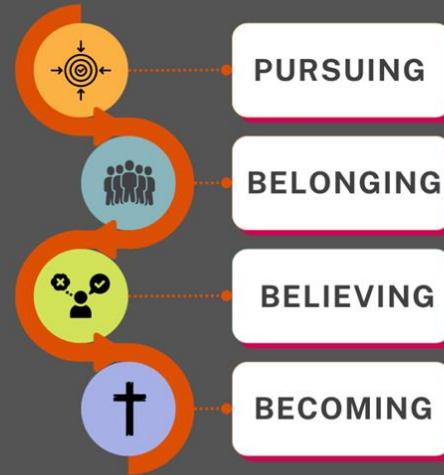
# CHRIST AND SALVATION

Christian Knowledge & Living

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## MY NEXT STEPS



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## Growth in Christ

### Christian Knowledge

This is about knowing what God has revealed to us about who he is and what is important to him and how he revealed himself in Jesus Christ.

### Christian Living

This is about how we are to respond to God's presence in our lives. How to know him, pray, use his word, and worship him

### Christian Training

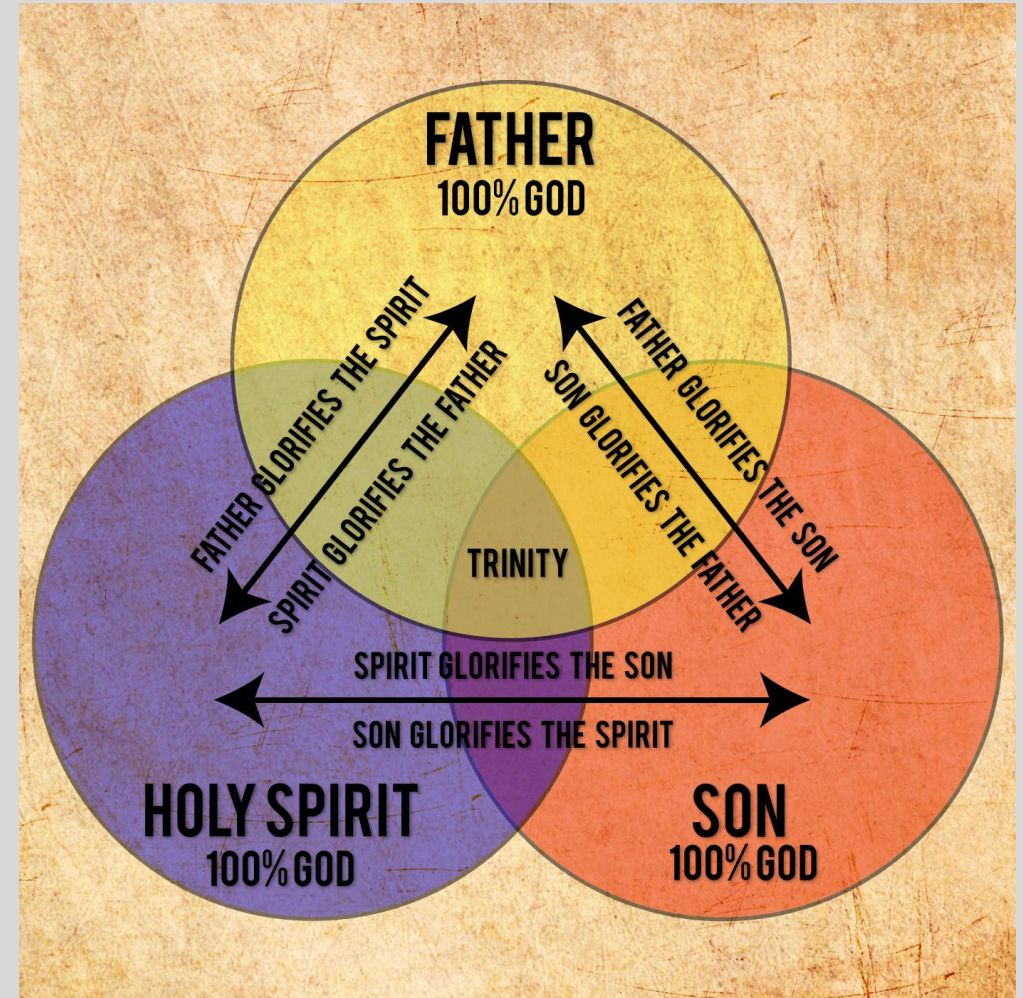
This is about the how to's: How can I share the gospel with others?; How can I be hospitable? The answers to these questions will change as culture changes, but, we need to "be prepared to make a defense for the hope that is us" when God gives the opportunity.

### Christian Serving

This is about serving and doing and practicing what we have learned. It is about how do we work together in the church to do God's will.

# Who is Christ – What Does the Bible Say?

- John 1:1 “In the **beginning** was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God
- John 1:14: “and the word become **flesh** and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth”
- 1 Timothy 2:5: “For there is one God, and there is one **mediator** between God and men, the man Christ Jesus”
- John 10:30: “I and the Father are one”



# Who is Christ?

- Jesus – Fully Man

- Jesus was fully and completely human, he had a human body
  - **Conceived** in the womb (Matt 1:18)
  - He **grew** & became strong (Luke 2:40)
  - He grew in **wisdom** and stature and favor with God and Man (Luke 2:52)
  - He became **wearied** from a journey (John 4:6)
  - He was **hungry** after a fast (Matt 4:2)
  - On the Cross he said, “**I thirst**” (John 19:28)

# Who is Christ?

- Jesus – Fully Man

- Jesus had a mind like ours, he learned as we do
  - He increased in wisdom (Luke 2:52)
- As a child he learned to talk, read, and write
  
- He felt the full range of emotions
  - Marveled at the faith of the Centurion ( Math 8:10)
  - Wept at the death of Lazarus (John 11:35)
  - Prayed to God with loud cries and tears (Heb 5:7)
  
- Jesus was like us, human – with one exception: **He was without sin** (Heb 4:15)

# Who is Christ?

- Jesus – Fully Man

- He had to be fully human to serve as our perfectly obedient representative
- He was obedient to God – where Adam was not

Romans 5:19: “as by the one man’s disobedience the many were made sinners, and so by one man’s obedience the many will be made righteous”

- He had to be human to live in our place, he also had to be human to die in our place

Heb 2:17: “He had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful & faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people.”



# Who is Christ?

- Jesus – Fully God

- Conceived in Mary's womb, but by the Holy Spirit (Math 1:18)

- Jesus was God manifested in human form

Col 2:9: "In him the whole fulness of deity dwells bodily."

- When Jesus was asked if he'd seen Abraham, he said, "Before Abraham was, I am" John 8:57-58

- Rev 22:13: Jesus said, " I am the Alpha and Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end."

# Jesus – Fully God & Fully Man in One Person

- The divine and human natures are distinct and retain their own properties even though they are eternally and inseparably united together as one person.
- An amazing miracle – the eternal Son of God, himself fully God – became fully man joining himself to a human nature forever. Jesus brought the infinite and the finite together changing the world forever.



# What is Atonement?

- The work Jesus did in living and dying to earn our salvation is referred to as the atonement
- Matt 1:21: “for he will save his people from their sins”
- He saved us from our sins through the life he lived and through the death he died

# What is Atonement?

## ◦ The Cause

- John 3:16: “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, the whoever believes in him should not perish, but have eternal life.”
- God put forward Jesus “as a propitiation” - a sacrifice that bears God’s wrath so that God looks favorably toward us.
  - Paul says this was done “to show God’s righteousness” and “so that he might be just” Rom 3:25-26
  - The sins committed before Jesus had to be punished for God to “be just”
    - someone had to take the punishment – Jesus did

# What is Atonement?

- **The Necessity**

- God didn't have to save anyone, but once he decided to save some; God's justice made it necessary for Christ to live the life he lived and die the death he did
- Luke 24:26: After he rose from the dead, Jesus said, "Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?"
- Jesus by his own blood secured an eternal redemption (Heb 9:12) thereby putting away sin "by the sacrifice of himself" (Heb 9:26)

# What is Atonement?

## ◦ The Nature

- Jesus had to live a life of perfect obedience to God so the positive merits of that obedience could be counted for us

1 Cor 1:30: Christ, through the sinless life he lived, became our righteousness.

## ◦ Jesus also lived a life of suffering

Isa 53:3: “despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief”

- Attacks and temptations by Satan in the wilderness
- Crucifixion – a slow and agonizing physical death
- Spiritual pain: he had never sinned, but took on all sin, so that all may be saved

Heb 9:26: “Christ put away sin by the sacrifice of himself”

# What is Atonement?

- **The Result**

- Christ lived a perfect sinless life and died a horrific sinner's death in order to “save his people from their sins” (Matt 1:21)

- **Jesus**

- Paid the penalty for us
- Bore God's wrath
- Overcame the separation OUR sin caused between God and us
- Freed us from the bondage of sin
- He saved us!

# Discussion Questions

- Jesus is fully God. What some ways this encourages you?
- Jesus is fully Man. What are some ways that this encourages you?

# Discussion Questions

- Why was it necessary for Jesus to come and live a perfect life on earth?
- How does your understanding of the atonement humble you? How does it encourage you?





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Date	Done	Step	Topic	Description	Resource	Teacher
9/8/24		1	Assessment	Joint Session	Assessment	Dave Baker
		2	Read My Next Steps			
9/15/24		3	God's Word	God's Word is how we know what is true. Because he has told us.	Christian Beliefs Ch 1	Tony Guzman
9/22/24		4	God himself	Who is God? What is he like? What is important to him?	Christian Beliefs Ch 2	Jeffrey Crews
		5	Action Step			
9/29/24		6	What is the Trinity?	What does it mean that God is three Persons, yet one God?	Christian Beliefs Ch 3	Dave Baker
10/6/24				Break		
10/13/24		7	Man and his sin	Who are humans supposed to be? What happened to us walking with God?	Christian Beliefs Ch 7 & 8	Emiliano Romero
10/20/24		8	Sharing Your Testimony	Joint session		Bryan Rosenbaum
10/27/24		9	Christ and Salvation	Who is Jesus Christ? What has he done for us?	Christian Beliefs Ch 9 & 10	Vic Rosenbaum
11/3/24				Break		
11/10/24		10	Salvation and me	What happens when I am saved?	Christian Beliefs Ch 13-15	Bryan Rosenbaum
11/17/24		11	What is the church?	How do we live with other believers?	Christian Beliefs Ch 17	Steve Shenk
		12	Action Step			
11/24/24		13	Can I be sure that I am saved?	Having assurance of your salvation	Growing in Christ, Ch 1	Bryan Rosenbaum
12/1/24		14	Assurance of answered prayer	How to pray	Growing in Christ, Ch 2	Tony Guzman
12/8/24		15	Assurance of Victory	God promises to help	Growing in Christ, Ch 3	Isaac Tuckey