

Bible Doctrines II
Falls International Baptist Institute
Class Four

The Doctrine of Christ

Introduction: In this lesson, we want to study the humanity of our Lord Jesus Christ. There is no doubt that Jesus Christ was God manifested in human flesh. His Name was Emmanuel which means “God with us”. **While He was 100% God, the Scriptures are equally clear that He was 100% man.**

II. THE HUMANITY OF CHRIST

A. Quotes on the Humanity of Christ:

1. *“The human nature Christ assumed was not absorbed by or fused into the divine, and that the divine alone remained. In so many ways His full and perfect humanity is manifested. He was born a babe, and needed infant’s clothing and a mother’s nursing and care. He spoke of Himself as a man, and was so called by others.”*
– Herbert Lockyer
2. *“The Bible declares that He was as much God as if He had never been man, and as much man as if He had never been God.”* – Wilmington
3. *“He proved He was God when He walked on the water, but He proved He was man when He cried ‘I thirst’. He proved He was God when He raised Lazarus from the dead, but He proved that He was man when He wept at his grave. He proved He was God when he fed the five thousand, but He proved He was man when He got hungry. He proved He was God when He raised Himself from the grave, but He proved He was man when He died on the cross.”*

B. The Necessity of the Humanity of Christ:

1. *“The incarnation is essential to the Scriptural doctrine of the Atonement. Man sinned; therefore, the penalty had to be borne by a Man. Christ had to be a sinless Man in order to atone for sin. The first man, Adam, had the ability to be sinless, but he failed. The “last Adam” (I Corinthians 15:45), Jesus Christ, was able to be sinless, and He succeeded. For over thirty-three years Jesus Christ lived a perfect life on earth, succeeding where Adam had failed. He thereby was able to die for the sin of mankind and to restore the position of man lost in Adam’s fall.”* – Bible Doctrines for Today Book One
 - a. Hebrews 4:14-15 *“Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession. For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our*

infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.”

- b. Hebrews 7:26 *“For such an high priest became us, **who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and made higher than the heavens.**”*
 - c. I Peter 2:21-24 *“For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps: **Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth: Who, when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, he threatened not; but committed himself to him that judgeth righteously: Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.**”*
2. *“Only a true human mediator could enter empathetically into our trials and be a perfect example to follow. He should be to us a perfect example:”* – Bible Doctrines for Today Book One
- a. He was an example of love: John 15:12-13 *“This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you. Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.”*
 - b. He was an example of patience: Hebrews 12:2 *“Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.”*
 - c. He was an example of humility: John 13:3-5 *“Jesus knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he was come from God, and went to God; He riseth from supper, and laid aside his garments; and took a towel, and girded himself. After that he poureth water into a bason, and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe them with the towel wherewith he was girded.”*
 - d. He was an example of soulwinning: John 4 and the woman at the well demonstrates His example in this matter.
 - e. He was an example of triumph over temptation: In Matthew 4, Jesus was tempted by the same Devil who tempted Eve, and He triumphed over temptation! *“Jesus was victorious over temptation without using His divine power. He merely quoted Scripture to the Devil, a defense that we all must use.”* – Bible Doctrines for Today Book One

C. **Scriptural Proofs of the Humanity of Christ** (the following points have been gleaned from Wilmington’s Guide to the Bible):

- 1. **He had a human parentage:** Luke 1:31 *“And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his*

name JESUS.” Galatians 4:4 “*But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law.*”

2. **He had a human body, soul, and spirit:**
 - a. Body: Matthew 26:12 “*For in that she hath poured this ointment on my body, she did it for my burial.*”
 - b. Soul: John 12:27 “*Now is my soul troubled; and what shall I say? Father, save me from this hour: but for this cause came I unto this hour.*”
 - c. Spirit: Luke 23:46 “*And when Jesus had cried with a loud voice, he said, Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit: and having said thus, he gave up the ghost.*”
3. **He looked like a man:**
 - a. To a Samaritan woman: John 4:9 “*Then saith the woman of Samaria unto him, How is it that thou, being a Jew, askest drink of me, which am a woman of Samaria? for the Jews have no dealings with the Samaritans.*”
 - b. To the Jews: John 8:57 “*Then said the Jews unto him, Thou art not yet fifty years old, and hast thou seen Abraham?*”
 - c. To Mary: John 20:15 “*Jesus saith unto her, Woman, why weepest thou? whom seekest thou? She, supposing him to be the gardener, saith unto him, Sir, if thou have borne him hence, tell me where thou hast laid him, and I will take him away.*”
4. **He possessed flesh and blood:** Hebrews 2:14 “*Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil.*”
5. **He grew:** Luke 2:40 “*And the child grew, and waxed strong in spirit, filled with wisdom: and the grace of God was upon him.*”
6. **He asked questions:** Luke 2:46 “*And it came to pass, that after three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the doctors, both hearing them, and asking them questions.*”
7. **He increased in wisdom:** Luke 2:52 “*And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man.*”
8. **He prayed:** Mark 1:35 “*And in the morning, rising up a great while before day, he went out, and departed into a solitary place, and there prayed.*”
9. **He was tempted:** Hebrews 4:15 “*For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.*”
10. **He learned obedience:** Hebrews 5:8 “*Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered.*”
11. **He hungered:** Matthew 21:18 “*Now in the morning as he returned into the city, he hungered.*”

12. **He thirsted:** John 19:28 “After this, Jesus knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the scripture might be fulfilled, saith, *I thirst.*”
13. **He was weary:** John 4:6 “Now Jacob's well was there. Jesus therefore, being wearied with his journey, sat thus on the well: and it was about the sixth hour.”
14. **He slept:** Matthew 8:24 “And, behold, there arose a great tempest in the sea, insomuch that the ship was covered with the waves: but he was asleep.”
15. **He loved:** Mark 10:21 “Then Jesus beholding him loved him, and said unto him, *One thing thou lackest: go thy way, sell whatsoever thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come, take up the cross, and follow me.*”
16. **He had compassion:** Matthew 9:36 “But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd.”
17. **He was angered and grieved:** Mark 3:5 “And when he had looked round about on them with anger, being grieved for the hardness of their hearts, he saith unto the man, *Stretch forth thine hand.* And he stretched it out: and his hand was restored whole as the other.”
18. **He wept:** John 11:35 “Jesus wept.”
19. **He experienced joy:** Luke 10:21 “In that hour Jesus rejoiced in spirit, and said, *I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes: even so, Father; for so it seemed good in thy sight.*”
20. **He was troubled:** John 13:21 “When Jesus had thus said, he was troubled in spirit, and testified, and said, *Verily, verily, I say unto you, that one of you shall betray me.*”
21. **He sweated drops of blood:** Luke 22:44 “And being in an agony he prayed more earnestly: and his sweat was as it were great drops of blood falling down to the ground.”
22. **He suffered:** I Peter 4:1 “Forasmuch then as Christ hath suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves likewise with the same mind: for he that hath suffered in the flesh hath ceased from sin.”
23. **He bled:** John 19:34 “But one of the soldiers with a spear pierced his side, and forthwith came there out blood and water.”
24. **He died:** I Corinthians 15:3 “For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures.”
25. **He was buried:** Matthew 27:59-60 “And when Joseph had taken the body, he wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, And laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn out in the rock: and he rolled a great stone to the door of the sepulchre, and departed.”