

God the Son

I believe . . .

- that Jesus is the second person of the Trinity.
- he eternally was with God and is God (John 1:1-4).
- he is the creator (John 1:3; Col 1:17), the goal of creation (Col 1:16), and the sustainer of creation (Col 1:17).
- the Son of God became flesh by assuming a human nature (John 1:14) at an historical point in time (Gal 4:4).
- Jesus was fully God and fully man. Both the deity of Christ (Matt 16:16; Heb 1:1-3; 1 Cor 2:8) and the humanity of Christ (Heb 4:15) are necessary in God's plan. As sinless man he could atone for the sins of others (Rom 5), and as God he could give infinite value to the sacrifice so that the wrath of God could be satisfied (Heb 10).
- Jesus' incarnation took place in a virgin birth when the Holy Spirit visited Mary (Luke 1:35) and was foreseen in the FT (Isa 7:14) as a way God's message would come.
- Christ gave up no attributes in the incarnation, but left his place of glory and subordinated the independent usage of his authority (Phil 2:5-8).
- Jesus' earthly life and ministry demonstrated complete obedience to the Father and dependence on the Holy Spirit. He lived a perfect life even though he was tempted like we are (Matt 4:1-11) but did not sin (Heb 2:14-18).
- the death of Jesus the Messiah provided our redemption through the perfect substitution of his sinless life on the cross (Rom 3:24-25; 5:10).
- Jesus' resurrection was "because of our justification" (Rom 4:5). Christ arose in the same body in which he died (John 20:20), although it was glorified in resurrection. Subsequently Jesus ascended to the Father, thus assuring us of the value of his redemptive work (Acts 1:9; Eph 4:9-10; Heb 1:3). He now ministers as High Priest and advocate for believers (Heb 4:14-16; 1 John 2:1).