

"God, the Son"

Colossians 2:9-12

It's not enough to believe in Jesus. You must be certain that the Jesus you believe in is the right Jesus. In a world of spiritual counterfeits, your eternal destiny depends on knowing the Christ of God who is revealed in the New Testament. Here are seven statements that summarize the biblical teaching concerning the Lord Jesus Christ.

I. He had a supernatural entrance into the world.

Isaiah predicted He would be born of a virgin and Micah identified his birthplace as Bethlehem. Galatians 4:4 tells us that He came "in the fullness of time," which means that God so arranged the circumstances that Jesus was born at precisely the right moment in precisely the right way.

II. He was God in human flesh.

John 1:14 tells us that "the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us." Hebrews 1:3 says that Jesus is "the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of His being."

III. He is the standard of absolute righteousness.

When Jesus Christ walked on the earth, He was perfectly righteous. He never sinned in thought, word, or deed. He was without fault and without evil.

IV. He did things only God can do.

He made amazing claims and then backed them up with amazing deeds.

V. He died as a sacrifice for our sins.

The Bible says He died as the just for the unjust, the innocent for the guilty, the good for the bad. He died as our substitute, standing in our place, taking our punishment, bearing our own sins in His own body.

VI. He proved His claims by rising from the dead.

Before He died He repeatedly predicted His death and His resurrection. Jesus Christ actually, literally, and physically rose from the dead.

VII. He will one day return to the earth.

One day He will return to the earth. He promised to return—"I will come again" and He will keep that promise. Therefore, let God's people be ready because Jesus Christ could return at any moment.