



"I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds; God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God; begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made. Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge the quick and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end ." (Nicene Creed)

THE NATURE OF CHRIST

According to John 1:1-2 how long has Jesus existed? _____ The title "Word" is another name for Jesus. The Bible is the written Word of God. Jesus is the living Word of God. In what form did Jesus live his earthly existence (John 1:14)? _____

Read Colossians 1:15-17. How does Paul demonstrate the divine nature of Jesus Christ? _____

What physical limitations did Jesus have that demonstrated his human nature (Matthew 4:1-2; 8:24; Mark 3:5; Luke 19:41; 23:46; John 4:6)? _____

How did God bring about Jesus' human existence (Matthew 1:18-25)? _____

How did Jesus differ from other people (Hebrews 4:14-16)? _____

THE WORK OF CHRIST

Past—Read 1 Corinthians 15:1-4. By means of Christ's death and resurrection, what was he able to provide for lost mankind? _____ Also read 1 Timothy 2:1-6. _____

Present—Read Colossians 1:15-18. Since his ascension to heaven, what is Christ's current relationship to the church? _____

When the believer sins, what ministry does Jesus Christ perform to restore the fellowship that is broken with God (1 John 1:9-2:2)? _____

Future—Read 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18. When will we see Jesus again? _____

"IN CHRIST"

In Philemon 6 Paul writes, "I pray that you may be active in sharing your faith, so that you will have a full understanding of every good thing we have in Christ." Read the passages and look for the phrase "in Christ." Then find the closest noun, verb, or phrase that describes our spiritual benefits of being "in Christ."

- Romans 6:11-14 _____
- Romans 8:1 _____
- Romans 12:3-8 _____
- 1 Corinthians 1:2 _____
- 2 Corinthians 5:17 _____
- Ephesians 4:31-32 _____
- Philippians 4:6-7 _____
- Colossians 1:28-29 _____