



# SESSION ONE: THE DOCTRINE OF CHRIST



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*The Doctrine of Christ includes the mystery of the person of Jesus Christ - that He is truly and fully God and also truly and fully man.*

**Philippians 2: 5-11**



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### Scriptural Basis for the Two Natures of Christ

*"Who do you say that I am?..... You are the Christ the Son of the living God!"*

**Mark 8:27-29**

Revealed to him by the Father.



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### The Divinity or Deity of Christ

As 'God with us', Jesus is the ultimate self-revelation of God.

*"He will be called Wonderful Counsellor. Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace"*

**Isaiah 9:6**



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- The testimony of Jesus about Himself and His divine nature.
- The teaching of the New Testament: synoptic gospels and epistles.
- The use of Christological titles: 'Messiah'; 'Son of Man'; 'Son of God'; 'Lord'; 'Servant'.
- Christological events: birth, death, resurrection and ascension



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### The Humanity of Christ

- Birth
- Development
- Human limitations
- Ministry in the power of the Spirit
- Resurrection body



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- The sinless humanity of Christ
- The necessity of His humanity
- The necessity of His divinity



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### The Council of Chalcedon 451 AD

"Therefore, following the Holy Fathers, we all with one accord teach men to acknowledge one and the same Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, at once complete in Godhead and complete in manhood, truly God and truly man, consisting also of a reasonable soul and body; of one substance (homousios) with the Father as regards his Godhead,



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and at the same time of one substance with us as regards His manhood; like us in all respects, apart from sin; as regards his Godhead, begotten of the Father before the ages, but yet as regards His manhood begotten, for us men and for our salvation, of Mary the Virgin, the God-bearer; one and the same Christ, Son, Lord, Only begotten, recognised in two natures, without confusion, without change, without division, without separation:



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the distinction of natures being in no way annulled by the union, but rather the characteristics of each nature being preserved and coming together to form one person and subsistence (hypostasis), not as parted or separated into two persons, but one and the same Son and Only-begotten God the Word, Lord Jesus Christ.”