

Christ Is All Paul's letter to the Colossians

Wednesday Equip



Chapter 1:15-29

In Everything

Preeminent

1. Jesus Christ
2. His Gospel
3. Paul's Calling



Jesus Christ

- Icon
- Firstborn of Creation
- Firstborn from the Dead

15 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. 16 For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. 17 And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. 18 And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. 19 For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, 20 and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

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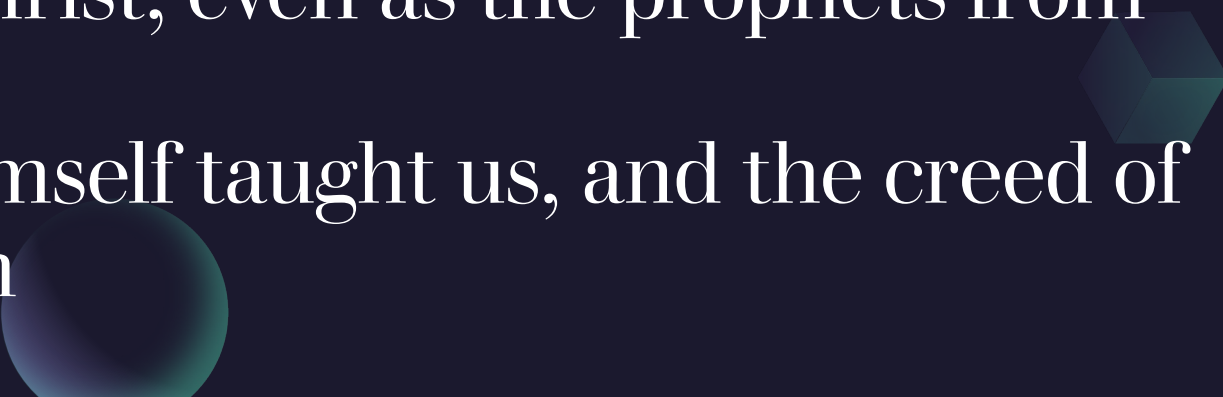
Definition of the Union of the Divine and Human Natures in the Person of Christ Council of Chalcedon, 451 A.D., Act V

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 (homoousios) with the Father as regards his
Godhead, 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 (Theotokos); one and the same Christ, Son, Lord, Only-begotten, recognized in two natures, without confusion, without change, without division, without separation; 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, not as parted or separated into two persons, but one and the same Son and Only-begotten God the Word, Lord Jesus Christ; even as the prophets from earliest times spoke of him, and our Lord Jesus Christ himself taught us, and the creed of the Fathers has handed down to us.



His Gospel

- Anthropology
- Now
- If Indeed

21 And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds,
22 he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him,
23 if indeed you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, became a minister.

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The way you lose the gospel is not by denying it, but by assuming it – D.A. Carson

Paul is showing that we never “get beyond the gospel” in our Christian life to something more “advanced”... The gospel is not just the A-BC’s but the A to Z of Christianity. The gospel is not just the minimum required doctrine necessary to enter the kingdom, but the way we make all progress in the kingdom...It is the solution to each problem, the key to each closed door, the power through every barrier.- Tim Keller

Paul's Calling

- Rejoice in sufferings
- The mystery
- Everyone and All

24 Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am filling up what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church, 25 of which I became a minister according to the stewardship from God that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, 26 the mystery hidden for ages and generations but now revealed to his saints. 27 To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. 28 Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ. 29 For this I toil, struggling with all his energy that he powerfully works within me.

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Summary

- What?
- So What? (identity)
- Now What? (application)

Thank You

