



God the Son

Note: The Scripture references in this hand-out are taken from the New King James Version.

How would you describe the difference in nature between God the Father and God the Son?

How did the Apostle John describe God the Son in the beginning of the gospel he wrote?

John 1:1-2 - In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God.

How do we know that the term “Word” is a reference to God the Son in John 1:1-2?

Why would John refer to God the Son as “the Word”?

What does Philippians 2:5-8 have to say about why God the Son came to earth as a man?

Philippians 2:5-8 - Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.

Did God the Son abandon His divine nature when He came as a man?

Since Jesus came in the likeness of man, does this mean He was fully human?

The Old Testament has several references to the “Angel of the Lord” – who is this? Example:

Genesis 22:11 - But the Angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am."

How does 2 Corinthians 4:6 help us to understand that the pre-incarnate appearances of God were of God the Son?

2 Corinthians 4:6 - For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

There are many promises of the coming of the Son of God in the Old Testament, the first is Genesis 3:15... how is it that this verse promises His coming?

Genesis 3:15 - And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her Seed; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel."

Why did God refer to His Anointed as “her Seed” in Genesis 3:15?

What was the significance of God the Son entering the world being born of a virgin?

What does Matthew 1:21 tell us about the name of God the Son?

Matthew 1:21 - And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins."

What does John 1:41 us about God the Son?

John 1:41 - He first found his own brother Simon, and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated, the Christ).

What other names or titles for God the Son come to mind?

What mystery about God the Son is addressed in 1 Timothy 3:16?

1 Timothy 3:16 - And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifested in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen by angels, preached among the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up in glory.

What important characteristic of God the Son is addressed in 2 Corinthians 5:21?

2 Corinthians 5:21 - For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

Why is the characteristic of God the Son referred to in 2 Corinthians 5:21 essential for our salvation?

What key characteristic of God the Son is addressed in John 17:5?

John 17:5 - "And now, O Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was.

Why is the characteristic of God the Son referred to in John 17:5 essential for our salvation?

Back when Mel Gibson's movie on the Passion of Christ came out, there was a controversy on whether it was anti-Semitic, that it would stir up hatred of the Jews for killing Jesus. Was this a valid concern?

Per John 3:17, what benefit did the death of Christ have for us?

John 3:17 - For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.

What other important doctrine about God the Son is addressed by 1 Corinthians 15:14?

1 Corinthians 15:14 - And if Christ is not risen, then our preaching is empty and your faith is also empty.

Why is the doctrine about God the Son referred to in 1 Corinthians 15:14 essential for our salvation?

What other important doctrine about God the Son is addressed by Mark 16:19?

Mark 16:19 - So then, after the Lord had spoken to them, He was received up into heaven, and sat down at the right hand of God.

What does it mean that Jesus was at the right Hand of God?

What great promise did Jesus give us about His ascension to the Father in John 14:2-3?

John 14:2-3 - In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also.

What does Philippians 2:9-11 tell us about God the Son that immediately follows His humbling Himself for His mission?

Philippians 2:9-11 - Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Has what is described in Philippians 2:9-11 been accomplished?

What current role of Jesus is described in Hebrews 4:14?

Hebrews 4:14 - Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession.

What do priests do?

How does Jesus' role of great High Priest differ from that of human high priests that ministered to Israel per Hebrews 7:26-27?

Hebrews 7:26-27 - For such a High Priest was fitting for us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and has become higher than the heavens; who does not need daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifices, first for His own sins and then for the people's, for this He did once for all when He offered up Himself.

What does Hebrews 7:25 tell us that Jesus is doing for us as great High Priest?

Hebrews 7:25 - Therefore He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them.

Why do we need Jesus as our Advocate with the Father?

Does Jesus have all the attributes of God the Father?