

4. The Son

God the Eternal Son became incarnate in Jesus Christ. Through Him all things were created the character of God is revealed, the salvation of humanity is accomplished, and the world is judged. Forever truly God, He became also truly man, Jesus the Christ. He was conceived of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He lived and experienced temptation as a human being, but perfectly exemplified the righteousness and love of God. By His miracles He manifested God's power and was attested as God's promised Messiah. He suffered and died voluntarily on the cross for our sins and in our place, was raised from the dead, and ascended to minister in the heavenly sanctuary in our behalf. He will come again in glory for the final deliverance of His people and the restoration of all things.

God demonstrated His concern for humanity by sending His Son, Jesus Christ the promised Messiah, to live on earth as a human being to save us.

- He was conceived of the Holy Spirit and born of a virgin. Luke 1:26-27, 35
- He is truly God and truly human. Colossians 1:19, 2:9; Hebrews 2:14
- He is our Creator. John 1:1-3, 10, 14; Colossians 1:15-16
- He is our Saviour and our Judge. Romans 6:23; John 3:16; 5:22

Texts for further study: John 10:30; Philippians 2:5-11; Hebrews 2:9-18; 2 Corinthians 5:17-19

While on earth, Jesus gained the victory over Satan, revealed God's true character, and died for us.

- He experienced temptation, but did not sin. Hebrews 4:15; 1 John 3:5
- He demonstrated the power of God. John 6:14, 20:30-31
- He perfectly exemplified God's character. John 14:9
- He voluntarily died in our place for our sins. 1 Corinthians 15:3-4

Texts for further study: 1 Peter 2:22-23; Hebrews 1:3

Jesus rose from the dead, returned to heaven, and will come to earth again in glory to take His people to be with Him.

- His resurrection assures eternal life to all who accept Him as Saviour. 1 Corinthians 15:20-23
- He is now serving as our high priest in heaven. Hebrews 7:25, 8:1-2, 9:24
- He will come again to deliver His people. Acts 1:10-11; John 14:1-3
- He will restore the earth to its original perfection. Revelation 21:1

Texts for further study: 1 Thessalonians 4:16; Revelation 1:7; 2 Peter 3:13; Matthew 24:30-31

Personal Application

-  What can I learn about God's character from the fact that He was willing to leave heaven and live on earth just to save people like me?
-  Why does Jesus want to come back to this earth?
-  Because Jesus was tempted in all points like we are, He understands my needs and can help me. His life of perfect obedience is an example and encouragement to me to walk as He walked, and I can look forward to meeting Him when He returns.

Commitment

- I believe that You, Jesus,—God the Son—came to earth and lived and died to save sinners like me. I believe that you are now serving as my High Priest in heaven. I am anxiously and joyfully waiting for Your return in glory!