

SEMINAR_04 - THE PERSON OF CHRIST

"For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily."

~ Colossians 2:9

1. The Person of Christ

- a. *"Two great presuppositions to the gospel are the doctrine of God and the doctrine of man"* – J Gresham Machen – They are brought together in this fundamental of Christ
- b. 52% of Americans think Jesus was created; 40% deny this fundamental. 70% think it doesn't matter – because God accepts worship no matter what you believe.
- c. It is wrong to think, "Christ is anything you want him to be." Don't be agnostic.
- d. "How do you know?!" Bible! - Historical creeds, the Roman Church, the great Schism
 - i. Creeds are missing the gospel of the grace of God, but they synthesize "who"
 - ii. All of the important counsels, creeds, conflicts about deity were published early
- e. Everyone knows that Jesus was a man (ancient heresy excepted) – 1 Tim 2:5
- f. The debate is over Jesus Christ being God – and we see this in every fundamental

2. The Teaching

- a. People make mistakes here, b/c this is not taught! Liberal scholars toy with it... don't!
 - i. Hypostatic Union – Jesus is God. Jesus is Man. Jesus is both. Col 2:9, 1Tim 3:16
 - ii. Jesus is one person with two natures/beings - different than you!
- b. Jesus is Man – 1 Tim 2:5; he was born, he has flesh, he lived walked and was tempted
 - i. As man he was unremarkable –no different than any other yet no sin – Heb 4:15
- c. Jesus is God at the same time – John 20:28, Matt 13:41; Psa 107:23-28 (Luke 8:24)
 - i. He put on man. He was always God. He is eternal, immortal, unchanging, perfect
- d. You must know the attributes/natures of both God and man
 - i. All treasures of wisdom and knowledge are found where? In Christ - Col 2:2-3
 - ii. His deity was not diminished/decreased/removed; his humanity was added

3. Beware!

- a. Without this fundamental we do not know Christ, but also no God and Saviour -Ti 2:13
- b. Kenosis – taught (knowingly or not) by grace teachers – to become man, deity sacrificed
 - i. Phil 2:6-7 – made 'no reputation' is not 'emptying' or 'laying aside the use of'
 - ii. The Father humbled himself – Ps 113:6; the Spirit humbled himself – 1 Cor 6:19
 - iii. No reputation is how people see you, not a change in his deity attributes/nature
- c. *'Jesus stopped being God momentarily'*, how? God is eternal! What of Godhead Mt 27:46
 - i. The Godhead never changed, never stopped being true, begin and end, Almighty
 - ii. He could not die as God, and he could not die for our sins as man!
- d. *"Jesus needed faith"* – Faith comes by – Rom 10:17, Jesus was the ... John 14:6
 - i. Faith and faithfulness are not the same. Truth came by him not to him – Jo 1:17
Christ is the object of faith – John 14:1, Acts 16:31; The Word can see all.
- e. God manifest in the flesh is not you! Not only Jordan, but BBS, and others err in 1Ti 3:16

4. Conclusion

- a. How can he give eternal life without being fully God – Rom 6:23
- b. What does the mystery of Christ matter if you preach a different Christ? Body of Christ?
- c. To be a Christian means you believe Jesus is a man in history, and is God for all time.
- d. Mid-Acts Pauline dispensationalism is established (because we are Christians) upon the teaching of the person of Christ being fully God, fully man.