

The Second Article: Redemption

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

What does this mean?

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity.

This is most certainly true.

“Who do people say that I am?... Who do *you* say that I am?”

Matthew 16:13-15

“Jesus” = _____
Matthew 1:21

“Christ” = Messiah = _____¹
Matthew 16:16, Luke 4:16-21 (// Isaiah 61:1-2)

“...true God...true man...”
John 1:1, 14²

Why is it important to grasp the “Divinity” of Christ? Why does this matter?

Why is it important to grasp the “Humanity” of Christ? Why does this matter?

¹For more on the Messianic Expectation see at least: Genesis 49:10, 2 Samuel 7:11b-16, Isaiah 11:1-3, Jeremiah 23:5-6, Ezekiel 34:23, Micah 5:2, Matthew 1:1-17, Acts 10:36-38

² For more on the Divinity and Humanity of Christ see at least: Luke 1:26-38, Romans 1:1-4, Colossians 1:15ff, Matthew 3:17, Philippians 2:6-11 Hebrews 2:14-18, Hebrews 4:14-16, John 8:58, John 10:30

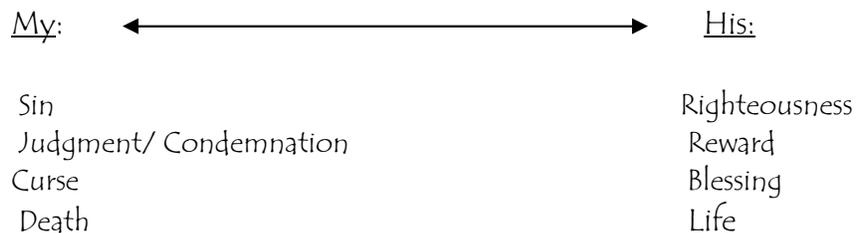
"...is my Lord."

What does it mean to confess Jesus as "Lord?" (see 2 Corinthians 5:15)

"...has redeemed me.... not with gold or silver, but with...." (1 Peter 1:18-19)

The Cross expresses two realities: 1) We are in great need redemption and 2) There is a God who loves us enough to pay the price FOR our redemption.

The Great Exchange:



2 Corinthians 5:21 and Galatians 3:13

"Just as he is risen from the dead..."

The evidence of the Resurrection. (Luke 24:36-43, 1 Corinthians 15:3-8)

The Importance of the Resurrection. (1 Corinthians 15:17-19)

More than a Prophet, Healer, Teacher, King, or Righteous Man

"I am the _____ and the _____ and the _____; No one comes to the Father except through me." ³ John 14:6

"Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved." Acts 4:12

"For there is one God and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all men" 1 Timothy 2:5-6

"that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him" How do we respond to such a Lord? To such a Savior?

³ Consider these other astounding claims of Jesus: John 6:35, 8:12, 10:9, 10:11, 11:25-26, 15:1,5