



# COUNSELING & WHAT WE BELIEVE ABOUT JESUS

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# Review

## - What is our greatest need?

“... but your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God, and your sins have hidden His face from you so that he does not hear.” – Isaiah 59:2

## - The importance of a right view of God

*“A right conception of God is basic not only to systematic theology but to practical Christian living as well. It is to worship what the foundation is to the temple; where it is inadequate or out of plumb the whole structure must sooner or later collapse... So necessary to the church is a lofty concept of God that when that concept in any measure declines, the church with her worship and her moral standards declines along with it. The first step down for any church is taken when it surrenders its high opinion of God.” – A.W. Tozer (The Knowledge of the Holy)*

## **Attributes of God's strength and power**

**God is self-sufficient**

**God is omnipresent**

**God is omniscient**

**God is omnipotent**

## **Attributes of God's care and love**

**God's faithfulness**

**God's goodness**

**God's love**

**God's mercy and grace**

**God's forgiveness**

**Because of God's attributes of strength and power you can rest in God's ability to deliver you from your pain, your hurt, your struggles... and because of His attribute of care and love you can trust that He wants to and He will.**

# The Person of Christ

## Jesus as God

### Isaiah 9:6:

*“For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.”*

### John 1:1-3:

*“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made.”*

### John 1:14-15:

*“And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. (John bore witness about him, and cried out, “This was he of whom I said, ‘He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me.’”)*”

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## Jesus as God

### **John 8:57-59:**

*“So the Jews said to him, “You are not yet fifty years old, and have you seen Abraham?” Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am.” So they picked up stones to throw at him, but Jesus hid himself and went out of the temple.”*

### **Exodus 3:13-14:**

*Then Moses said to God, “If I come to the people of Israel and say to them, ‘The God of your fathers has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ what shall I say to them?” God said to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM.” And he said, “Say this to the people of Israel: ‘I AM has sent me to you.’”*

### **Titus 2:13:**

*“... waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ,”*

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## Jesus as Man

### John 4:6:

*“Jacob's well was there; so Jesus, wearied as he was from his journey, was sitting beside the well. It was about the sixth hour.”*

### Philippians 2:5-8:

*“Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.”*

### Hebrews 2:14:

*“Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil,”*

# The Person of Christ

## Jesus as Man

### Hebrews 2:17:

*“Therefore he had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people.”*

### Hebrews 4:14-15:

*“Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin.”*

# The Work of Christ

## The payment of our debt

**1 Peter 2:24:**

*“He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.”*

**Hebrews 9:26:**

*“... But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself.”*

**Hebrews 10:12:**

*“But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God,”*

**Hebrews 10:14:**

*“For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified.”*



# The Work of Christ

## The earning and crediting of righteousness

**Romans 5:19:**

*“For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.”*

**2 Corinthians 5:21:**

*“For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.”*

# Our Position In Christ

## We are reconciled to God

**2 Corinthians 5:18-19:** *“All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.”*

## We are forgiven

**1 John 1:9:** *“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”*

## Adopted Sons

**Galatians 3:26:** *“... for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith.”*

**Galatians 4:4-7:** *“But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!” So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.”*

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## New Creations

### **2 Corinthians 5:17:**

*“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.”*

## No longer slaves to sin

### **Romans 6:6-7:**

*“We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. For one who has died has been set free from sin.”*

## Co-heirs with Christ

### **Romans 8:16-17:**

*“The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.”*

**The Person of Christ (Fully God & Fully Man)**

**The Work of Christ (Paying our debt & crediting righteousness)**

**Our Position in Christ (Reconciled to God, forgiven, adopted sons, new creations, no longer slaves to sin, co-heirs with Christ)**

**Tony grew up in the church and is a believer. But he has always felt alone and misunderstood and had a hard time making connections with other believers. This has caused him to feel isolated which has resulted in feelings of depression and caused his church attendance to become more sporadic.**

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**Linda is a new believer saved from a homosexual past. She wrestles with guilt and shame over her past behavior, which can sometimes become overwhelming.**

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**Eric became a believer when he was 13 years old at a church summer camp. He is 24 now. He has always wrestled with the assurance of his salvation. What if he missed something? What if he messes it up? The doubts cause long sleepless nights and rob him of his joy.**