Study No. 3 - Jesus Christ: God and Man

I. The Identity of Jesus Christ

Who is Jesus Christ? Some people think that He was just a Jewish carpenter who lived about 2000 years ago. Others think that He was a rebel who was executed for opposing the religious authorities of His time. Yet others regard Him only as a great prophet and teacher of moral truths. But what matters most is not what people think of Jesus Christ, but that the Bible reveals about Him.

1. Look up the following verses and fill in the blanks:

    a. **Isaiah 9:6** - Jesus, whose birth into this world is foretold here, is called "The mighty _____."

    b. **Philippians 2:5-8** - Before Jesus came into this world as a man, He was in the form of _____.

    c. **1 Timothy 3:16** - Great is the mystery of godliness: _____ was manifested in the flesh.

    d. **John 1:1-3** - Jesus, who is referred to here as "the Word," was with God in the beginning and was _____. All things were _____ by Him.

    e. **John 8:56-58** - Jesus said, "Before Abraham was, ___ _____." This is the same way that God identified Himself to Moses in Exodus 3:14 (see Study No.2).

    f. **John 10:30-33** - Jesus said, "__ _____ ___ _____ _____ _____" The Jews then wanted to stone Him because they understood that He was claiming to be _____.

    g. **John 14:8-10** - Jesus said that anyone who sees Him sees the _____.

2. Summarise what these verses tell you about who Jesus is, in your own words:

3. Some have objected that God could ever become a man, like us. How do we know that Jesus was a real man, and not just God in a visible form, or an angel?

    a. **Hebrews 2:14-17** - Forasmuch as the children are partakers of _____ and _____, He also Himself likewise _____ _____ of the same. He took not on Him the nature of _____ but the _____ of _____.

    b. **John 4:6,7** - Jesus was _____ with His journey, and asked a woman of Samaria for a _____.

    c. **Matthew 4:2** - After fasting for 40 days, Jesus was _____.

    d. **Matthew 8:24** - Jesus was _____ in the boat.

4. From these verses it becomes clear that Jesus was not half God and half man, but fully God and fully man.

II. The Work of Jesus Christ

1. Since Jesus is both God and man, He is able to do the following:

    a. <u>Be God's Perfect Revelation of Himself to us.</u> In John 14:6, He said, *"I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by Me."*

    b. <u>Be our Perfect Representative before God.</u> He can act fully on our behalf. According to 1 John 2:1 *". . . if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous."*

        i. <u>He has taken the punishment for our sins on our behalf.</u> *"For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God."* (1 Peter 3:18)

        ii. <u>He has also lived a sinless, righteous and holy life on our behalf.</u> *"For he hath made Him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him."* (2 Corinthians 5:21; see also John 8:46, Hebrews 4:15, 1 Peter 2:22 and 1 John 3:5.)

2. This work of revealing God to man and representing man before God is the work of Jesus Christ as our Mediator. *"For there is one God, and one **mediator** between God and men, the man Christ Jesus;"* (1 Timothy 2:5)

3. The result of this work is that Jesus Christ **reconciles** sinners to God. *"For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life."* (Romans 5:10)

4. Through this work of Jesus you can now be reconciled to God. Through His death on your behalf, you can now have forgiveness of all your sins. And through His perfect, sinless life, you can now be regarded as being righteous and holy enough to fellowship with God. Through Him therefore, it is now possible for you to know God personally!

Assignment:

1. If you have filled in the blanks on this sheet, **submit it** so that you will receive **Study No.4 - "The Life of Jesus Christ"**

2. Memorise this verse: *"For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus."* (1 Timothy 2:5)

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