

The Person of Christ:

I believe Jesus Christ is the Son of God, the second member of the Trinity, who is coequal (John 10:29-30; 2 Cor. 13:14) and co-eternal (Jn. 1:1-3; Jn. 8:58) with God the Father, and God the Spirit, who possesses all the attributes of deity (Col. 2:9). Jesus, in the incarnation (Jn. 1:14) became fully man (Heb. 2:14) while remaining fully God, having been conceived of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary (Matt. 1:18-25; Lk. 1:26-35), thus Jesus is one person with two natures (human and divine). These two natures were completely joined together without mixture, change or division, and even after His death Jesus remains both God and man (Jn. 20:24-28). As Jesus entered the human realm, He laid aside His glory (Jn. 17:5) and let go of the lifestyle and prerogatives of God (Phil. 2:5-11) while retaining His divine attributes. Thus Jesus submitted Himself to the will of God the Father (Jn. 4:34) and the leading of God the Spirit (Matt. 4:1; Jn. 3:34). In His earthly life Jesus experienced a full human existence, therefore Jesus matured (Lk. 2:40), He experienced hunger (Mt. 4:2), thirst (Jn. 4:7) and tiredness (Jn. 4:6). He slept (Mark 4:38), suffered pain and experienced physical death (Lk. 23). He experienced emotions like a normal human; therefore He felt love (Jn. 13:1), anger (Mark 3:5) and anguish (Lk. 22:44). As a normal human, Jesus was tempted in every way (Matt. 4:1-11; Heb. 2:18) yet remained sinless (Heb. 4:15; 2 Cor. 5:21; 1 Pet. 2:22).

The Work of Christ:

I believe the work of Christ is seen in Jesus' coming to earth and leading a sinless, perfect life in obedience to the Father and in step with the Spirit, culminating in His physical death upon the cross (Acts 2:23), His blood pouring forth as He became the perfect sacrifice for our sins (Heb. 10:10). On the third day, Jesus was physically resurrected (Mt. 28), showed Himself too many (1 Cor. 15:1-8), and ascended into heaven forty days later (Acts 1:9). Jesus now sits

enthroned at the right hand of God the Father, exalted above creation (Col. 3:1; Rev. 14:14). His work continues as He intercedes for Believers (Heb. 7:25) and He will one day soon return physically (Acts 1:9-11) to gather those who belong to Him and to judge all of humanity (1 Thess. 4:13-18, Rom. 2:16). Jesus' work on earth is divided into His work as prophet, priest and king. As prophet, Jesus was the full revelation of God to humanity (Jn. 1:14,18). As high priest, Jesus offered Himself as the perfect sacrifice for sins (Heb 9:11-15; Heb. 10:10) and continues to intercede for those who belong to Him (Heb. 7:25). As king, Jesus rules in the hearts of His people (Acts 17:7; Col. 1:13) and rules over His creation (Col. 1:17). As king, Jesus will reign into eternity (Rev. 20:6), and He will exercise dominion forever (Rev. 11:15).