

The Nature of Christ

Bible Study

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Introduction

We will talk about the most important matter in relation to the faith we all hold so dearly.

We know that there is only one name under
heaven by which we can be saved.

That name is Jesus Christ.

Acts 4: 11-12 and Romans 10:9.

Acts 4: 11-12

- (11) Jesus is 'the stone you builders rejected, which has become the cornerstone.'
- (12) Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved.

Romans 10:9

(9) If you declare with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

For anyone to believe in Jesus one must first
know Him.

- ✓ So, how well do you know Christ?
- ✓ Do you know who He is?
- ✓ Where did he come from?
- ✓ Did he exist before he became Jesus?
- ✓ What did he do before he became a man?
- ✓ What happened to Him after His death and resurrection?

To many, and even to a number of us in this room, Jesus Christ is a mystery.

Most professing Christians do not know Him.

Today, you will know the real Jesus Christ as you
have never known Him before.

The identity of Christ is not a mystery, but is clearly described in the pages of the Bible. This knowledge is important to your salvation.

Word Meaning

The English word for “Christ” is translated from the original Greek word ‘Christos.’ ‘Christos’ is Greek for the Hebrew word ‘Messiah’ which means ‘the anointed.’

Χριστός

The Greek word 'Christos' is translated in English
as 'the Christ.'

Χριστος

John 1:41

‘He first found his own brother Simon, and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated, the Christ).’

Therefore, Christ is 'Christos' in Greek and
'Messiah' in Hebrew.

'Christ' is not the surname of Jesus, unlike how people carry surnames today. People today are recognized by their Family Name or Surname.

But in ancient times people were identified by their place of origin, profession or their parent's given name, and not by their surname as we do today.

Jesus is known as Jesus of Nazareth. Judas - the one who betrayed Jesus - was identified by his hometown as 'Iscariot'.

Jesus is also known as 'Jesus the son of Joseph the carpenter'. Similarly, James and John were known as the sons of Zebedee.

If we look at history books, Jesus is known as
Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph the
carpenter and the son of Mary from the tribe
of Judah.

The word 'Christ' is a descriptive name showing us that Jesus of Nazareth is the Christ.

How is the word Christ referred to in scripture?
To understand what the word “Christ” meant,
we need to refer to the prophecy about the
coming of the Messiah, the Anointed.

700 years before the birth of Jesus, the prophet
Isaiah prophesied about the coming of the
Messiah in Isaiah 7:14.

Isaiah 7:14

(14) Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel.

The Messiah or Christ is the “Immanuel” which means God with us. He is to come through a virgin birth...a miracle. The fulfillment of this prophecy is recorded in the account of Matthew.

Christ came into the world as Jesus and was subsequently known as Jesus of Nazareth. Today we know Him as Jesus Christ.

Matthew 1:16

(16) and Jacob the father of Joseph, the husband of Mary, and Mary was the mother of Jesus who is called the Messiah.

The baby was to be given the name Jesus. He is
the Immanuel – the Christ.

Matthew 1:20-25

- (20) But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit.
- (21) She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.”

Matthew 1:20-25

(22) All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet:

(23) “The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel” (which means “God with us”).

Matthew 1:20-25

(24) When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife.

(25) But he did not consummate their marriage until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus.

Jesus is the given name. Jesus is the English equivalent for the Hebrew name 'Yeshua.' 'Yeshua' means "Jehovah the Savior."

Jesus is His name and He is the Christ, the
Messiah, the Immanuel – God with us.

Therefore, Jesus Christ means “Jehovah the savior is God with us.” For further clarity, Jesus Christ is referred to as: the Savior is the Son of God.

Now, you know what the name Jesus Christ means. Jesus Christ indicates that; “the God who came down from heaven in the person of Jesus is the savior!”

Christ, the Messiah – the God with us – is our
Savior!

Who is He?

Who is Jesus Christ?

People are confused about who Jesus Christ is. Some believe that Jesus was a mere man, others believe He was an angel, yet many others believe He was part of a triune God.

The simple truth about Christ is revealed in
scripture by Jesus Christ Himself.

Talking to Nicodemus in John 3:13-19, Jesus categorically claimed to be the divine Son of God. He said He was from heaven and was sent by the Father.

John 3:13-19

- (13) No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven—the Son of Man.
- (14) Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up,
- (15) that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.”

John 3:13-19

(16) For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

(17) For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

John 3:13-19

- (18) Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God's one and only Son.
- (19) This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but people loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil.

Do you believe in Jesus? Jesus said He is **God's one and only Son.**

If anyone does not believe He is the one and only Son of God, then that person is in the dark. Jesus further said: **Light has come into the world, but people loved darkness instead of light** because their deeds were evil.

Jesus had many discussions with the Pharisees
and the teachers of the law regarding His
nature.

We will read a few of the discourses He had with the Jews and you tell us whom is He referring to in all of His testimonies.

1. John 5:17-47 (Father and son relationship clearly established)
2. John 6:44-47 (Work of the Father)
3. John 8:12-32 (the truth is Jesus is the Son of God)
4. John 17:1-26 (Jesus' prayer to the Father)

John 5:17-47

(17) In his defense Jesus said to them, “**My Father** is always at his work to this very day, and **I too** am working.”

(18) For this reason they tried all the more to kill him; not only was he breaking the Sabbath, but **he was even calling God his own Father, making himself equal with God.**

John 5:17-47

(19) Jesus gave them this answer: “Very truly I tell you, **the Son can do nothing by himself**; he can do only what he sees his Father doing, because whatever the Father does the Son also does.

(20) For the **Father loves the Son and shows him all he does**. Yes, and he will show him even greater works than these, so that you will be amazed.

John 5:17-47

(21) For just as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, even so the Son gives life to whom he is pleased to give it.

(22) Moreover, the Father judges no one, but has entrusted all judgment to the Son,

(23) that all may honor the Son just as they honor the Father. **Whoever does not honor the Son does not honor the Father, who sent him.**

John 5:17-47

(24) “Very truly I tell you, **whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be judged** but has crossed over from death to life.

(25) Very truly I tell you, a time is coming and has now come when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God and those who hear will live.

John 5:17-47

(26) For as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son also to have life in himself.

(27) And he has given him authority to judge because he is the Son of Man.

John 5:17-47

(28) “Do not be amazed at this, for a time is coming when all who are in their graves will hear his voice

(29) and come out—those who have done what is good will rise to live, and those who have done what is evil will rise to be condemned.

John 5:17-47

(30) By myself I can do nothing; I judge only as I hear, and my judgment is just, for I seek not to please myself but him who sent me.

John 5:17-47

Testimonies About Jesus

(31) “If I testify about myself, my testimony is not true.

(32) There is another who testifies in my favor, and I know that his testimony about me is true.

John 5:17-47

(33) “You have sent to John and he has testified to the truth.

(34) Not that I accept human testimony; but I mention it that you may be saved.

(35) John was a lamp that burned and gave light, and you chose for a time to enjoy his light.

John 5:17-47

- (36) “I have testimony weightier than that of John. For the works that the **Father has given me to finish**—the very works that I am doing—testify that the Father has sent me.
- (37) And the **Father who sent me** has himself testified concerning me. You have never heard his voice nor seen his form,

John 5:17-47

(38) nor does his word dwell in you, for you do not believe the one he sent.

(39) You study the Scriptures diligently because you think that in them you have eternal life. These are the very Scriptures that testify about me,

(40) yet you refuse to come to me to have life.

John 5:17-47

(41) “I do not accept glory from human beings,
(42) but I know you. I know that you do not have
the love of God in your hearts.

John 5:17-47

- (43) I have come in my Father's name, and you do not accept me; but if someone else comes in his own name, you will accept him.
- (44) How can you believe since you accept glory from one another but do not seek the glory that comes from the only God?

John 5:17-47

(45) “But do not think I will accuse you before the Father. Your accuser is Moses, on whom your hopes are set.

(46) If you believed Moses, you would believe me, for he wrote about me.

(47) But since you do not believe what he wrote, how are you going to believe what I say?”

John 6:44-47

- (44) “No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws them, and I will raise them up at the last day.
- (45) It is written in the Prophets: ‘They will all be taught by God.’ Everyone who has heard the Father and learned from him comes to me.

John 6:44-47

(46) No one has seen the Father except the one who is from God; only he has seen the Father.

(47) Very truly I tell you, the one who believes has eternal life.

John 8:12-32

Dispute Over Jesus' Testimony

(12) When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

(13) The Pharisees challenged him, "Here you are, appearing as your own witness; your testimony is not valid."

John 8:12-32

(14) Jesus answered, “Even if I testify on my own behalf, my testimony is valid, for I know where I came from and where I am going. But you have no idea where I come from or where I am going.

(15) You judge by human standards; I pass judgment on no one.

John 8:12-32

(16) But if I do judge, my decisions are true, because **I am not alone. I stand with the Father, who sent me.**

(17) In your own Law it is written that the testimony of two witnesses is true.

(18) I am one who testifies for myself; **my other witness is the Father, who sent me.”**

John 8:12-32

(19) Then they asked him, “Where is your father?”

“You do not know me or my Father,” Jesus replied. “If you knew me, you would know my Father also.”

(20) He spoke these words while teaching in the temple courts near the place where the offerings were put. Yet no one seized him, because his hour had not yet come.

John 8:12-32

Dispute Over Who Jesus Is

(21) Once more Jesus said to them, “I am going away, and you will look for me, and you will die in your sin. Where I go, you cannot come.”

(22) This made the Jews ask, “Will he kill himself? Is that why he says, ‘Where I go, you cannot come’?”

John 8:12-32

(23) But he continued, “You are from below; I am from above. You are of this world; I am not of this world.

(24) I told you that **you would die in your sins; if you do not believe that I am he, you will indeed die in your sins.**”

John 8:12-32

(25) “Who are you?” they asked.

“Just what I have been telling you from the beginning,” Jesus replied.

(26) “I have much to say in judgment of you. But he who sent me is trustworthy, and what I have heard from him I tell the world.”

John 8:12-32

(27) They did not understand that he was telling them about his Father.

(28) So Jesus said, “When you have lifted up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am he and that I do nothing on my own **but speak just what the Father has taught me.**”

John 8:12-32

(29) The one who sent me is with me; he has not left me alone, for I always do what pleases him.”

(30) Even as he spoke, many believed in him.

John 17:1-26

Jesus Prays to Be Glorified

(1) After Jesus said this, he looked toward heaven and prayed:

“Father, the hour has come. Glorify your Son, that your Son may glorify you.

(2) For you granted him authority over all people that he might give eternal life to all those you have given him.

John 17:1-26

- (3) Now this is eternal life: **that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.**
- (4) I have brought you glory on earth by finishing the work you gave me to do.
- (5) **And now, Father, glorify me in your presence with** the glory I had with you before the world began.

John 17:1-26

Jesus Prays for His Disciples

- (6) “I have revealed you to those whom you gave me out of the world. They were yours; you gave them to me and they have obeyed your word.
- (7) Now they know that everything you have given me comes from you.

John 17:1-26

- (8) For I gave them the words you gave me and they accepted them. They knew with certainty that I came from you, and they believed that you sent me.
- (9) I pray for them. I am not praying for the world, but for those you have given me, for they are yours.
- (10) All I have is yours, and all you have is mine. And glory has come to me through them.

John 17:1-26

(11) I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name, the name you gave me, so that they may be one as we are one.

(12) While I was with them, I protected them and kept them safe by that name you gave me. None has been lost except the one doomed to destruction so that Scripture would be fulfilled.

John 17:1-26

(13) “I am coming to you now, but I say these things while I am still in the world, so that they may have the full measure of my joy within them.

(14) I have given them your word and the world has hated them, for they are not of the world any more than I am of the world.

John 17:1-26

- (15) My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one.
- (16) They are not of the world, even as I am not of it.
- (17) Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth.

John 17:1-26

(18) As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world.

(19) For them I sanctify myself, that they too may be truly sanctified.

John 17:1-26

Jesus Prays for All Believers

(20) “My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message,

(21) that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me.

John 17:1-26

(22) I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one—

(23) I in them and you in me—so that they may be brought to complete unity. Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.

John 17:1-26

(24) “Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am, and to see my glory, the glory you have given me because you loved me before the creation of the world.

John 17:1-26

(25) “Righteous Father, though the world does not know you, I know you, and they know that you have sent me.

(26) I have made you known to them, and will continue to make you known in order that the love you have for me may be in them and that I myself may be in them.”

These scriptures prove and testify that Jesus is the Son of God the Father. They existed alongside each other before time began.

The Son is said to be at the
Father's side and He
learned everything from
His Father. And this Son
was sent by the Father to
become the savior of the
world.

Thus, John wrote in John 1:1-5, 14 and 18.

John 1:1-5

The Word Became Flesh

- (1) In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
- (2) He was with God in the beginning.

John 1:1-5

- (3) Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made.
- (4) In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind.
- (5) The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

John 1:14

(14) The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

John 1:18

(18) No one has ever seen God, but the one and only Son, who is himself God and is in closest relationship with the Father, has made him known.

The Creator

Now, we know that Jesus Christ is the Son of God who was with the Father before He came to earth.

Who is this Son of God; you may ask? The disciples identified Him as the God who created all things; notice the testimonies: Colossians 1:15-18 and 1 Corinthians 8:6.

Colossians 1:15-18

The Supremacy of the Son of God

(15) The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.

(16) For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him.

Colossians 1:15-18

(17) He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

(18) And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy.

1 Corinthians 8:6

(6) yet for us there is but one God, the Father, from whom all things came and for whom we live; and there is but one Lord, **Jesus Christ, through whom all things came and through whom we live.**

Now, you know who Jesus Christ is. The Christ is the Son of God, the God who created all things, who came from heaven and dwelt among men in the person of Jesus of Nazareth.

He divested Himself of His divinity to come as a man. He is Jesus the Christ.

Philippians 2:6-11

- (6) Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage;
- (7) rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.
- (8) And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross!

Philippians 2:6-11

(9) Therefore God exalted him to the highest place

and gave him the name that is above every name,

(10) that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth

(11) and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Hebrews 2:14-17

- (14) Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might break the power of him who holds the power of death—that is, the devil—
- (15) and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death.

Hebrews 2:14-17

(16) For surely it is not angels he helps, but Abraham's descendants.

(17) For this reason he had to be made like them, fully human in every way, in order that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in service to God, and that he might make atonement for the sins of the people.

The Rejection of Christ

The Jews understood perfectly the claim of Jesus as the Christ. They knew Jesus' claim of divinity as the very Son of God who came from heaven.

The Jews rejected this claim. They considered Jesus a blasphemer, a mere man claiming to be God, thus deserving death.

John 10:24-33

(24) The Jews who were there gathered around him, saying, “How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.”

(25) Jesus answered, “I did tell you, but you do not believe. The works I do in my Father’s name testify about me, ²⁶ but you do not believe because you are not my sheep.

John 10:24-33

(27) My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me.

(28) I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand.

John 10:24-33

(29) My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father's hand.

(30) I and the Father are one.”

John 10:24-33

- (1) Again his Jewish opponents picked up stones to stone him, ³² but Jesus said to them, “I have shown you many good works from the Father. For which of these do you stone me?”
- (33) “We are not stoning you for any good work,” they replied, “**but for blasphemy, because you, a mere man, claim to be God.**”

In another incident recorded in Mark 14:60-64, the High Priest interrogated Jesus with a precise question. The High Priest asked: 'Are you the Christ, the Son of the Blessed One.' "I am," Jesus said. Upon hearing the reply, the High Priest tore his clothes as a sign of mourning and deep regret accusing Jesus of blasphemy for claiming Himself as God.

Mark 14:60-64

(60) Then the high priest stood up before them and asked Jesus, “Are you not going to answer? What is this testimony that these men are bringing against you?”

(61) But Jesus remained silent and gave no answer. Again the high priest asked him, “Are you the Messiah, the Son of the Blessed One?”

Mark 14:60-64

(62) “I am,” said Jesus. “And you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Mighty One and coming on the clouds of heaven.”

(63) The high priest tore his clothes. “Why do we need any more witnesses?” he asked.

(64) “You have heard the blasphemy. What do you think?”

They all condemned him as worthy of death.

The Jews rejected Jesus because they refused to accept Him as the Messiah, the Christ and the Son of God.

They accused Him of blasphemy - a mere man claiming to be God – thus deserving the death penalty.

The Jews held on to their belief of the “Shema.”
In Deuteronomy 6:4-5 it reads: “The Lord is
one and besides Him there is no other.”

The center of Jewish belief is that there is only one God and there is none like Him.

Isaiah 45:5-6

- (5) I am the LORD, and there is no other;
apart from me there is no God.
I will strengthen you,
though you have not acknowledged me
- (6) so that from the rising of the sun
to the place of its setting
people may know there is none besides
me.
I am the LORD, and there is no other.

And, that God does not have a Son. For this reason they rejected the Jesus as the Christ – The God who came in the flesh - and sought to kill Him.

They succeeded to crucify the Lord of glory
simply because they refused to believe that
Jesus is the Christ.

The Jews believe Jesus was a man and they killed Him. They did not believe Jesus to be the Son of God.

Now, do you believe Jesus Christ to be a man just like the Jews of Jesus' days? You probably should not, right?

There are some churches that claim Jesus to be a mere man, right? Then you ought to know if they are right or wrong.

If Jesus were a mere man, then he deserved to die. If He were a mere man, then the Jews would have been right and we would not have a savior.

End of Debate

The nature of Christ had been debated for centuries and millennia. Many teachings came out of it.

Some say Jesus is a man, others say he is an
angel and yet others say he is a persona of
God Himself.

Even during the time of the Apostles there were great debates about the nature of Christ. It necessitated the Apostles to respond to the controversy.

Hebrews 1 is a great dissertation on the nature of Christ. It clearly and categorically states that Jesus is not a man neither is He an angel.

Hebrews 1:1-4

- 1 In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets at many times and in various ways,
- 2 but in these last days he has spoken to us **by his Son**, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom also he made the universe.
- 3 The **Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word**. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven.
- 4 So he became as much **superior to the angels** as the name he has inherited is superior to theirs

It is very clear from these verses that Jesus is not a man but He is the Son of God and He is far more superior than the angels

Hebrews 1:5-6

- 5 For to which of the angels did God ever say, “You are my Son; today I have become your Father”? **(the answer to the question is NONE)**
- Or again, “I will be his Father, and he will be my Son”? **(the answer is again a NONE)**
- 6 And again, when God brings his firstborn into the world, he says, “Let all God’s angels worship him.”

Hebrews 1:7

- In speaking of the angels he says, “He makes his angels spirits, and his servants flames of fire.”

Hebrews 1:8-9

- 8 **But about the Son** he says, “Your throne, O God, will last for ever and ever; a scepter of justice will be the scepter of your kingdom.9 You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; therefore God, your God, has set you above your companions by anointing you with the oil of joy.”

Hebrews 1:10-11

- 10 He also says, “In the beginning, Lord, you laid the foundations of the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands.
- 11 They will perish, but you remain; they will all wear out like a garment.
- 12 You will roll them up like a robe; like a garment they will be changed. But you remain the same, and your years will never end.”

Hebrews 1:12

- To which of the angels did God ever say ,“Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet”? (again, the answer is NONE because Jesus is not an angel)

Hebrews 1:13

- Are not all angels ministering spirits sent to serve those who will inherit salvation?

Who is Jesus?

The right answer is Jesus Christ is the Son of God who created all things. This is the truth about the nature of Christ. This should put all debates to rest.

Summation

Our church believes that Jesus is the Christ, the
Son of the Living God!

Anything other than this belief is error according to Apostle John. And to believe that Jesus is the Christ, one has to believe that He was sent by God the Father.

Who is Jesus Christ is not a new question. This question was already asked by Jesus to His the disciples almost 2,000 years ago.

The account is recorded in Matthew 16:13-17.
Jesus is the Christ – the Son of God who came
in the flesh!

Matthew 16:13-17

Peter Declares That Jesus Is the Messiah

(13) When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say the Son of Man is?”

(14) They replied, “Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets.”

Matthew 16:13-17

(15) “But what about you?” he asked. “Who do you say I am?”

(16) Simon Peter answered, “**You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.**”

(17) Jesus replied, “**Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven.**”

Now you know Jesus Christ; He is the Son of God
who created all things. He was sent by the
Father to save the world.

He who believes in the Son has the Father also.
If you believe in the name of the Son, you also
believe in the Father who sent Him. This truth
is saving knowledge.

In closing, John testified:
1 John 5:1-5, 9-13 and 19-20.

1 John 5:1-5

Faith in the Incarnate Son of God

- (1) Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and everyone who loves the father loves his child as well.
- (2) This is how we know that we love the children of God: by loving God and carrying out his commands.

1 John 5:1-5

- (3) In fact, this is love for God: to keep his commands. And his commands are not burdensome,
- (4) for everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith.
- (5) Who is it that overcomes the world? Only the one who believes **that Jesus is the Son of God.**

1 John 5: 9-13

- (9) We accept human testimony, but God's testimony is greater because it is the testimony of God, which he has given about his Son.
- (10) Whoever believes in the Son of God accepts this testimony. Whoever does not believe God has made him out to be a liar, because they have not believed the testimony God has given about his Son.

1 John 5: 9-13

(11) And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.

(12) Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

Concluding Affirmations

(13) I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life.

1 John 5:19-20.

- (19) We know that we are children of God, and that the whole world is under the control of the evil one.
- (20) We know also that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding, so that we may know him who is true. And we are in him who is true by being in his Son Jesus Christ. He is the true God and eternal life.

Yes, Jesus is the Christ – the Son of the Living
God – He is the one who created all things.

He came and He died for you.