The Person of Christ Paper

Assignment 6-2 for ST5534 Systematic Theology 1

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Dear Brother,

The evangelical view of Jesus is one that is very important and I am glad that you have been seeking answers for your nephew. Our understanding of Jesus is crucial to our faith and essential for believers to understand as they face the challenges of Universities nowadays. Jesus Christ from a very high level view is the Son of God who came to Earth through the Virgin Mary and is fully God and fully man. It is important to note within that last statement I made that these are two distinct features that come together in unity within the person of Christ. I will focus on each of the two topics within this letter and I hope that it will better equip you for questions your nephew may ask.

The first aspects of Jesus that I will be touching on are His deity and how we can be assured in it and know He is fully God. First thing we can examine is what did Jesus say about Himself because if He didn’t ever claim it then why should we believe it. Jesus never explicitly states that He is God but He does make claims that would be out of place if he were not God. We see many places within scripture of Jesus saying your sins are forgiven which is a trait that we know only God poses and Jesus claims in John 10:30 that He and the Father are one. Within John 14:9 we also see disciples asking to see the Father and Jesus says, “Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father.”[[1]](#footnote-1) Now that we have a brief view on what Jesus said about Himself we should look at what others said. We see in many places through out the Bible like in Hebrews where the author attributes God’s glory with the Son whom we know to be Jesus. Not only do we see this in many books but more specifically Paul writes on this topic within Colossians 2:9 and many other places where he talks about Christ being the fullness of God in bodily form.

The next topic I would like to cover briefly as promised is the humanity of Christ. Erickson’s Christian Theology book states “Jesus had the same physiology and the same physical limitations as other humans. He experienced hunger (Matt. 4:2), thirst (John 19:28), and fatigue (John 4:6). Thus, he was justifiably dismayed when his disciples fell asleep while he was praying in the garden of Gethsemane, for he experienced the same type of weariness they did (Matt. 26:36, 40–41).”[[2]](#footnote-2) We can also see Christ’s humanity show through the cross when He died just as we all will die physically one day. Jesus throughout the Bible also shows many signs of human emotion like weeping/loneliness as well as anger. Many of the examples I gave come straight from the Bible or from one of my resources that I have on Biblical Theology and I hope that you can understand why I have taken this path to talk about the person of Christ. I believe as all evangelicals do that scripture is God breathed and is our ultimate resource but if you still have questions or concerns I would love to go over them sometime. There are other resources available that we can discuss as well that point to Christ’s deity and humanity if you need further resources but I hope I was able to give you as good starting point for your own studies.

In Christ,

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1. The MacArthur Study Bible, English Standard Version (Wheaton, IL: Crossway, 2007) [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Christian Theology 3rd Edition, Millard J. Erickson (Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Publishing Group, 2013) [↑](#footnote-ref-2)