

The Doctrine of Jesus Christ

1. Who is Jesus Christ?

• He is Lord of Creation (vs15-17)

- the image of the invisible God (God the Son; the I am)
- firstborn of all creation (Son of God)
(Word became flesh; born of a virgin)
- in whom, thru whom, & for whom all things were created
(preeminent)
- He is before all things (pre-existing)
- in Him all things hold together (universal power)

• He is Lord of Salvation (vs18-20)

- He's the head of the body (Shepherd of His sheep; Bridegroom)
- He is the beginning (all things new) (Kingdom inaugurated & Redemption begun because Israel's Messiah has come)
- He is the firstborn from the dead (Resurrection/the life; Last Adam)
- He is preeminent (Son of Man who has all authority)
- in Him the fullness of God dwells
(Fully God/fully man; Temple; Light of world)
- all things are reconciled thru & for Him (Crucified-Savior, Resurrected-Lord, Ascended-High Priest, Conquering-King)

• He is the Preeminent One (vs15-20)

- in Him: all things were created & the fullness of God dwells
- thru Him: all things were created & all things will be reconciled
- for Him: all things were created & all things will be reconciled

2. What did Jesus do and how did He live?

- **He glorified His Father:**
accomplishing all the work that God gave Him to do
- **He lived a righteous (truly human) life:**
fulfilling God's law & never sinning

3. A Summary Statement (EFCA Statement of Faith #4): The Doctrine of Jesus Christ

We believe that Jesus Christ is God incarnate, fully God and fully man, one Person in two natures. Jesus-Israel's promised Messiah-was conceived through the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He lived a sinless life, was crucified under Pontius Pilate, arose bodily from the dead, ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father as our High Priest and Advocate.

4. How then shall "We" live?

- **Are you in the midst of a storm, or are you ready if one comes?**
Call on Jesus' mighty power & obey His word
- **Do you have a hero in life? Try fixing your eyes on Jesus**