

AFTER CONFIRMATION...

CHRISTOLOGY

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JESUS CHRIST:

TRUE GOD & TRUE MAN

- **One God - Three Person, The Second Person of the Trinity is One Person with Two Natures:** Jesus is both true God and true man, 100% God (divine) and 100% human.
- ***Homousious*:** is Greek and was derived from the very first Ecumenical Council - the Council of Nicea (325 A.D.) and was the orthodox response to the heretical teachings of Arias (known as Arianism) - which denied that Jesus was divine. The Arians taught that Jesus was *homoiousious* - meaning that Jesus has a “similar nature” as the Father. The orthodox teaching is that Jesus is *homousious* - meaning that Jesus is the “same substance” as the Father and is thus also God.
- **The Eternal Word - Word Made Flesh:** The Second Person of the Trinity is also referred to as the Word of God. In the Eternal generation of the Second Person of the Trinity from the Father, St. John the Evangelist describes the generative procession from God the Father as the Word coming from the Father who is the Son of God. The Word of God, then, sent by God the Father and through the power of the Holy Spirit takes on and receives a human nature from the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God. Hence, the Word of God is made flesh.
- See John 1: 1-18.

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CRUCIFIED & RISEN

- **Redeemer:** Sin disrupts our relationship with God. Mortal sin totally wounds our relationship with God which leads us to the loss of Heaven and the pains of hell. The debt of our sins has cost us the life of grace and that debt holds us captive to sin and death. However, Jesus, in offering the sacrifice of his life upon the Cross, pays the debt for all humanity: past, present and future, and thus Jesus ransoms us from our captivity to sin and death and opens us up to a life of grace and virtue leading us to the blessed communion with God in Heaven.
- **Restores Humanity and the Cosmos from the Effects of Original Sin:** “A historical consciousness prompts us to accept a *Wirkungsgeschichte* obliging us to see ourselves within an ever vaster horizon in which acceptance of tradition is the condition of survival for the present.” We all have a historical consciousness of a negative “human condition”-, of evil, of disorder, of death. This sense of *geschichte* allows us to know the event of the Fall even though we cannot objectively view it, but “through participation of subjects who realize themselves through their temporal self-expressions.” Thus, our temporal experience of evil makes the event of the fall a *geschichte* knowable to us. However, the sacrifice of Jesus upon the Cross restores all of Creation to a graced relationship with God.
- **Perfect Sacrifice:** Jesus became man and received a perfect, unblemished by sin, human nature from Mary, who was kept free from sin by her Immaculate Conception so that she could offer a perfect humanity to the Son of God, so that Jesus could offer a perfect human nature as a sacrificial offering to God to redeem humanity.
- **The Victory over Sin, Death and the Devil:** The Resurrection was the victory of Christ Jesus over sin, death and the devil and by our communion with God, most especially in his crucified and resurrected body, blood, soul and divinity in the Eucharist, we will also rise from the dead and our bodies and souls will be reunited and perfected at the Second Coming of Jesus.

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ASCENDED INTO HEAVEN

- **Ascends to the Heavens - Outside of Time and Space:** Heaven is outside of Time and Space, outside of the Universe, as it is the unchangeable and perfect place where God dwells.
- **Eternal Priesthood:** Seeing that Jesus now dwells outside of the universe, there is no more time or space that can limit the mediation of his priesthood. Thus, Jesus is capable of apply the fruits of his priestly sacrifice upon the Cross: the forgiveness of sins and a share in his eternal life, to all people of all times and places.
- **Mediator of Salvation throughout All Time and Space:** Jesus alone is the mediator of salvation. By no other name and no other person is anyone saved.

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- **Alpha and Omega:** Jesus is the Beginning and the End. He was there at the creation of the universe as the Word who planted his seed in all of creation so that all that exists can tell of its creator. Likewise, Jesus will be there at the consummation of all things in God, when all is one and one is all.
- **Four Last Things: Death, Judgment, Heaven and Hell:** No matter what, we will all face the four last things: death, judgment, heaven or hell. At the moment of our death, we will be judged by Jesus and we will either spend eternity in the blessedness of heaven or the wretchedness of hell. However, if we die in a state of grace, but with venial sin and the affection for sins, we will first need to be purified in purgatory before we are capable of attaining the blessed vision of God in Heaven.
- **New Jerusalem:** “After the final cosmic upheaval of this passing world the glorious coming of Christ will take place. Then will come the definitive triumph of God in the *Parousia* and the Last Judgment. Thus, the Kingdom of God will be realized.” And, there will be a new heaven and a new earth. The old world will have passed, and a new world will be given us that does not bear the effects of sin.