

The Person of Christ

Pre-incarnate	Divine Nature	Human Nature	Union of Natures	Character
<p style="text-align: center;">Existed Eternally Before Creation</p> <p>From the “beginning” (John 1:1; 1 John 1:1) “With God” (John 1:1-2) “Before the world was” (John 17:5) The Word “became flesh” (implies a preincarnate existence, John 1:14).</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Participated in Creation</p> <p>“Let us make man” (Gen. 1:26). The “craftsman” (Prov. 8:30) The “firstborn over all creation” (Col. 1:15) All things were created “through him” (John 1:3; Col. 1:16) World created “through him” (John 1:10; 1 Cor. 8:6) All things created “for him” (Col. 1:16). All things hold together “in him” (Col. 1:17).</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Manifested Himself After Creation (Old Testament)</p> <p>As “Yahweh” To Abraham (Gen. 18) In judgment (Gen. 19) In promise (Hos. 1:7) As the “angel of Yahweh” To Hagar (Gen. 16) To Abraham (Gen. 22) To Jacob (Gen. 31) To Moses (Exod. 3:2) To Israel (Exod. 14:19) To Balaam (Num. 22:22) To Gideon (Judges 6)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Possesses Divine Attributes</p> <p>He is eternal (John 1:1; 8:58; 17:5). He is omnipresent (Matt 28:20; Eph. 1:23). He is omniscient (John 16:30; 21:17). He is omnipotent (John 5:19) He is immutable (Heb. 1:12; 13:8)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Possesses Divine Offices</p> <p>He is Creator (John 1:3; Col. 1:16). He is sustainer (Col. 1:17).</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Possesses Divine Prerogatives</p> <p>He forgives sin (Matt. 9:2; Luke 7:47). He raises the dead (John 5:25; 11:25). He executes judgment (John 5:22).</p> <p style="text-align: center;">He Is Identified With the Old Testament Yahweh</p> <p>“I AM” (John 8:58). Seen by Isaiah (John 12:41; 8:24, 50-58)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Possesses Divine Names</p> <p>“Alpha and the Omega” (Rev. 22:13) “I AM” (John 8:58) “Immanuel” (Matt. 1:22) “Son of Man” (Matt. 9:6; 12:8) “Lord” (Matt. 7:21; Luke 1:43) “Son of God” (John 10:36) “God” (John 1:1; 2 Peter 1:1)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Possesses Divine Relations</p> <p>The expressed image of God (Col. 1:15; Heb. 1:3) He is one with the Father (John 10:31).</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Accepts Divine Worship</p> <p>(Matt. 14:33; 28:9; John 20:28-29)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Claims Himself to be God</p> <p>(John 8:58; 10:30; 17:5)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Had a Human Birth</p> <p>He was born of a virgin (Matt 1:18-2:11; Luke 1:30-38).</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Had a Human Development</p> <p>He continued to grow and become strong (Luke 2:50, 52).</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Had the Essential Elements of Human Nature</p> <p>Human body (Matt. 26:12; John 2:21) Reason and will (Matt. 26:38; Mark 2:8)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Had Human Names</p> <p>Jesus (Matt. 1:21) Son of Man (Matt. 8:20; 11:18) Son of Abraham (Matt. 1:1)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Had the Sinless Infirmities of Human Nature</p> <p>He became weary (John 4:6). He became hungry (Matt. 4:2; 21:18). He became thirsty (John 19:28). He was tempted (Matt. 4; Heb. 2:18).</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Was Repeatedly Called a Man</p> <p>(John 1:30; 4:9; 10:38)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Theanthropic</p> <p>The person of Christ is theanthropic; he has two natures (divine and human in one person).</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Personal</p> <p>Hypostatic union, constituting one personal substance; two natures; one person</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Includes the Human and Divine Qualities and Acts</p> <p>Both the human and divine qualities and acts may be ascribed to Jesus Christ under either of his natures.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Constant Presence of Both Humanity and Divinity</p> <p>His natures cannot be separated.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Absolutely Holy</p> <p>His human nature was created holy (Luke 1:35) He committed no sin (1 Peter 2:22). He always pleased the Father (John 8:29).</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Possesses Genuine Love</p> <p>He laid down his life (John 15:13). His love surpasses all knowledge</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Truly Humble</p> <p>He took the form of a servant (Phil. 2:5-8).</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Thoroughly Meek</p> <p>(Matt. 11:29)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Perfectly Balanced</p> <p>He was grave without being melancholy. He was joyful without being frivolous.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Lived a Life of Prayer</p> <p>(Matt. 14:23; Luke 6:12)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">An Incessant Worker</p> <p>He worked the works of his Father (John 5:17; 9:4).</p>