

RCF USA - Foundational Doctrines

God the Son



What do I need to know about the Topic?

At the heart of Christianity is the belief in Jesus Christ, the eternal Son of God. He is not just a historical figure but fully God and fully man, coequal with the Father and the Holy Spirit (John 1:1-14). He was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, lived a sinless life, and revealed God through His words, works, and miracles.

Jesus' mission was to save sinners. He willingly gave His life on the cross for our redemption (John 19:30; Luke 23:34). God raised Him from the dead and exalted Him to His right hand (Acts 2:32-33). His resurrection is the foundation of Christian faith and hope.

Now ascended, Jesus serves as our High Priest and Advocate (Heb. 4:14-15), interceding for us and understanding our weaknesses. Believers also hold the promise of His return in glory (Rev. 1:13-16) to establish His eternal Kingdom.

What is the Big Idea?

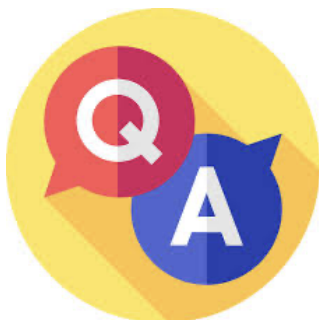


Jesus Christ is the eternal Son of God—Savior, Lord, Priest, and King. His life, death, resurrection, and return are the foundation of Christian faith.

- At the end of the lesson, everyone should:
- Recognize Jesus as fully God and fully man.
- Understand His mission of salvation through the cross and resurrection.
- Appreciate His present role as High Priest and Advocate.
- Live in hope of His promised return.

Discussing the Passage: John 1:1-14

Jesus, the eternal Word, became flesh and lived among us. He is God revealed to humanity, the source of life and salvation.



Exploring the Passage

- Who is Jesus? The eternal Son of God, fully God and fully man (John 1:1-14).

- What did He do? Lived sinlessly, died sacrificially, rose victoriously (Acts 2:32–33).
- What is He doing now? Interceding as our High Priest (Heb. 4:14–15).
- What will He do? Return in glory to reign forever (Rev. 1:13–16).

Assignment

Write down three titles of Jesus (e.g., Savior, Lord, King) and explain their meaning with scripture.

Advanced Application Questions

How does knowing Jesus as fully God and fully man strengthen your faith?

In what ways does His role as High Priest encourage you in daily life?

Foundational Doctrines

Lesson: God the Son

At the heart of the Christian faith is the belief in Jesus of Nazareth as the Christ, the Son of the living God. He is not merely a historical figure or a moral teacher, but the eternal Son, co-equal with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one of the persons of the Holy Trinity. According to **John 1:1-14**, Jesus is the Word who was with God and who was God, through whom all things were made. He became flesh and dwelt among us, fully God and fully man.

Jesus' coming was foretold by the prophets, and His mission was clear: to save sinners. He was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary, without sin. As the beloved and only begotten Son of God, He lived a perfect, sinless life. He preached the good news of the Kingdom, healed the sick, raised the dead, and performed many miracles, all as signs of the authority and mercy of God.

Yet, the pinnacle of His earthly mission was His sacrificial death. As foretold in the Scriptures, Jesus willingly gave His life to redeem humanity. **John 19:28-30** and Luke 23:24 reveals His death on the cross and his heart of compassion towards those who crucified Him. In **Acts 2:32-33**, we see that God raised Him from the dead, and exalted Him to His right hand in heaven. This resurrection not only affirms His divinity but is the cornerstone of Christian hope.

Now ascended, Jesus serves as our great High Priest, as **Hebrews 4:14-15** declares. He intercedes on our behalf, having been tempted in every way, yet without sin. He is both our advocate and the one who understands our weakness.

The Christian faith also rests on the firm hope of His return. According to **Revelation 1:13-16**, He will come again, not in humility but in glory, to establish the eternal Kingdom of God. He will reign as King of Kings and Lord of Lords with His saints forever.

In summary, belief in God the Son—Jesus Christ—is foundational to Christianity. He is Savior, Lord, Priest, and King. His life, death, resurrection, and promised return encapsulate the gospel and the hope of all who follow Him.

