



Major Bible Themes

52 VITAL DOCTRINES OF THE SCRIPTURE
SIMPLIFIED AND EXPLAINED

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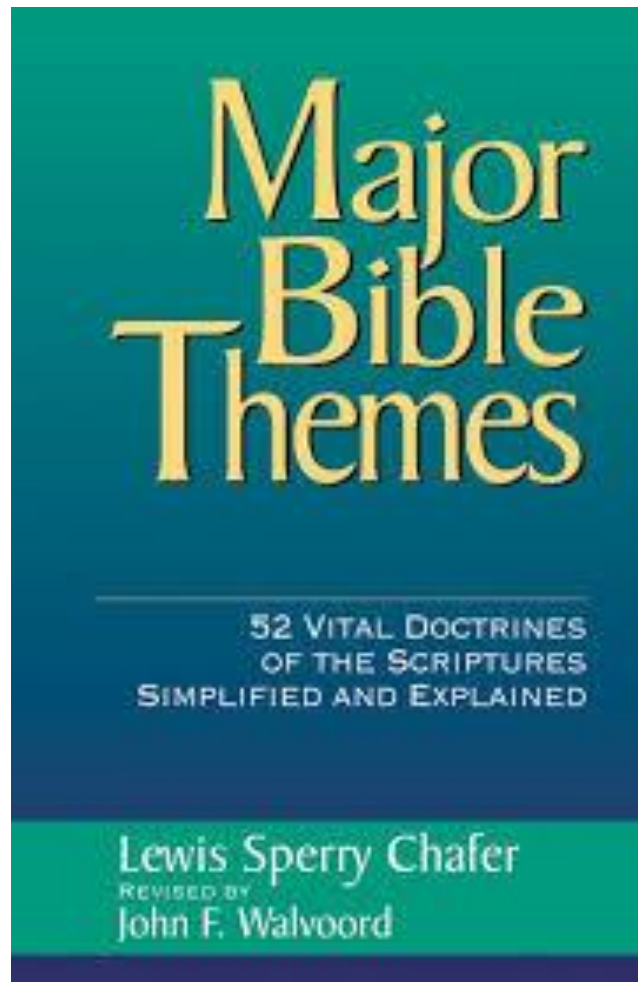
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Chapter Eight: God the Son: His Incarnation

MBT Chapter Eight Outline

Step # One

Find the Outline



A. Fact of Christ's Humanity

1. The humanity of Christ was purposed from before the foundation of the world
2. Every type and prophecy of the OT concerning Christ was and anticipation of the Incarnate Son of God
3. The fact of the humanity of Christ is seen in His annunciation and birth.
4. His life here on earth revealed His humanity
5. The humanity of Christ is seen in His death and resurrection.
6. The fact of the humanity of Christ is seen in that He ascended to heaven and is now, in His human glorified body, ministering for His own.
7. When He comes again it will be the "same Jesus" coming as He went, in the same body (though glorified) in which He became incarnate.

B. Reasons for the Incarnation

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2. He came to reveal man
3. He came to provide a sacrifice for sin
4. He came in the flesh that He might destroy the work of the Devil
5. He came into the world that He might be a merciful and faithful high priest
6. He came to fulfill the Davidic Covenant
7. As incarnate, He becomes Head over all things to the church, which is the new creation, the new humanity

Understand It



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When considering the Incarnation, two important truths should be realized: (1) Christ became at the same time and in the absolute sense very God and very man, and (2) in becoming flesh He, though laying aside His glory, in no sense laid aside His deity. In His incarnation He retained every essential attribute of deity. The scripture confirms both in the Old and New Testament that Christ was a man.

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B. Reasons for the Incarnation

A number of reasons are given in the scriptures for the incarnation but the overarching reason is that Christ came as a man to save men from their sin. Man couldn't save man because they are sinners. Angels couldn't save man because they had the capacity to sin. Only God could save man but He would have to become a man living a perfect life to be the acceptable sacrifice.

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To file it...



Write it Down



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2. Type and prophecy

3. Annunciation and birth.

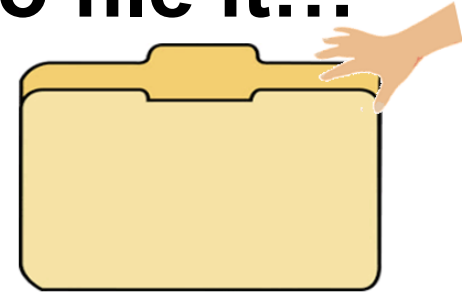
4. His life

5. Death and resurrection.

6. He ascended

7. "Same Jesus"

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Underline Main Words...



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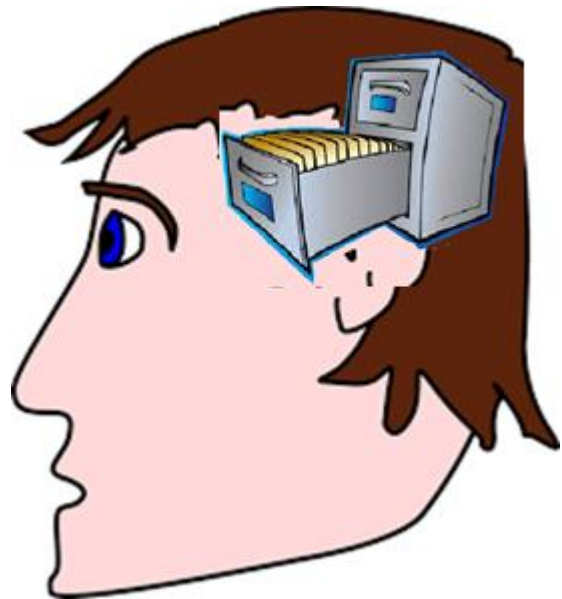
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Memorize it



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B. Reasons for the Incarnation

Here is an Acrostic to help you...

The Incarnation Radio Frequency...

R **Reasons** for the Incarnation

F **Fact** of Christ's Humanity



900MHz

Step # Two

Read the Section and look up the passages



Contrast



Deity

Humanity

Humanity	Scripture	Deity	Scripture
Born	Luke 2	Eternal	John 1:1
Lived	John 14:9	Sinless	2 Cor 5:21
Suffered	1 Pet. 2:21	Died for Sins	1 Pet 2:24
Died	Lk. 23:46	Resurrected	Luke 24
Weary	John 4:6	Gave weary rest	Matt 11:28
Thirsty	John 19:28	Water of Life	John 7:37
Agony	Luke 22:44	Healed	John 9
Wept	John 11:35	Raised the Dead	John 11:43
Tempted	Matthew 4	Didn't sin	Matt 4

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2. Every type and prophecy of the OT concerning Christ was and anticipation of the Incarnate Son of God

Isa 7:14 *Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.*

3. The fact of the humanity of Christ is seen in His annunciation and birth.

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4. His life here on earth revealed His humanity
(He had a Body, Soul , Spirit)

Heb 10:5 *Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said, "Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body have you prepared for me;*

Mat 26:38 *Then he said to them, "My soul is very sorrowful, even to death; remain here, and watch with me."*

John 13:21 *After saying these things, Jesus was troubled in his spirit, and testified, "Truly, truly, I say to you, one of you will betray me."*

He expressed human characteristics

John 4:6 *Jacob's well was there; so Jesus, wearied as he was from his journey, was sitting beside the well. It was about the sixth hour.*

John 19:28 *After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), "I thirst."*

John 11:35 *Jesus wept.*

5. The humanity of Christ is seen in His death and resurrection.

Luke 22:44 *And being in an agony he prayed more earnestly; and his sweat became like great drops of blood falling down to the ground.*

John 20:27 *Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe."*

6. The fact of the humanity of Christ is seen in that He ascended to heaven and is now, in His human glorified body.

Act 1:11 *and said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."*

Rev 1:13-15 *and in the midst of the lampstands one like a son of man, clothed with a long robe and with a golden sash around his chest. The hairs of his head were white, like white wool, like snow. His eyes were like a flame of fire, his feet were like burnished bronze, refined in a furnace, and his voice was like the roar of many waters.*

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Rev 19:7-8 *Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and his Bride has made herself ready; it was granted her to clothe herself with fine linen, bright and pure"— for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints.*

B. Reasons for the Incarnation

1. He came to reveal God to Man

Mat 11:27 *All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.*

John 1:18 *No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known.*

2. He came to reveal the best of man

1Pet 2:21 *For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps.*

3. He came to provide a sacrifice for sin

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4. He came in the flesh that He might destroy the work of the Devil

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6. He came to fulfill the Davidic Covenant

Luke 1:31-32 *And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David,*

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So closely and permanently related to the human family that He is rightly called "the last Adam"

1Cor 15:45 *Thus it is written, "The first man Adam became a living being"; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit.*

Step # Three

Memorize one Passage per section

Learn general and specific later.

- Highlight key words
- Understand difficult words and the meaning



Read out loud 5 times what you are trying to memorize



Write the verse on paper or put the verse into you phone



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Step # Four Take the Test at the end of the chapter

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2. Why is it important to uphold both the full deity and the full humanity of Christ

His full deity and complete humanity are essential to His work on the cross.

3. What evidence is there that Christ had a full humanity

Scripture teaches it. His life proves it.

4. What evidence is there that Christ had normal human experiences

Scripture shows that He was weary, thirsty, in agony, sorrowful, He cried, He was born, He died, He was tempted

5. How is the fact of His deity also asserted even while Christ was on earth

Christ's glory was manifested at the Mount of Transfiguration. He did miracles only God could do. He made omniscient statements

6. How is the incarnation related to God's revelation to man

He is God's ideal man and as such is an example to believers (1 Pet. 2:21); but He is never an example to the unsaved, since God is not now seeking to reform the unsaved, but rather to save them.

7. How is the incarnation related to Christ's sacrifice for sin

He had to be a man to die for sin

8. What is the relationship between destroying the works of the Devil and the incarnation

He had to become a man to destroy the works of the Devil

9. How is the incarnation related to Christ's office as High Priest

He had to be tempted as a man so that he could be a faithful High Priest

10. What is the relationship of the Davidic covenant to the incarnation

He had to become a man so that he could reign over the throne forever

11. How is the position of Christ as Head over the church related to the incarnation

In the incarnation the Son of God took upon Himself not only a human body, but also a human soul and spirit. Thus becoming both the material and immaterial sides of human existence, He became entire man, and so closely and permanently related to the human family that He could be the head over the church