"What We Teach – A Journey thru the KBC Doctrinal Statement" Week 7, "God the Son", October 17, 2021

THE DEITY OF CHRIST

WE TEACH that God the Son, the second Person of the Trinity, possesses all the perfections of Deity, and in these, is coequal and coeternal with the Father (John 10:30; John 14:9: Colossians 1:17-19; Colossians 2:9; Hebrews 1:3).

WE TEACH that God the Father created the universe through His Son by whom all things continue in existence and in operation (John 1:3; Colossians 1:15-17; Hebrews 1:2).

THE INCARNATION OF CHRIST

WE TEACH that in the incarnation, the Son—the eternal Word—took on flesh with all the characteristics of humanity, yet without sin. He permanently became man without ceasing to be God and continues to be the God-Man forever (John 1:1, 14, 18; John 14:9-10; Colossians 2:9; Philippians 2:5-8; Hebrews 4:15; Hebrews 7:23-26).

WE TEACH that the Lord Jesus Christ was born of a virgin, having been miraculously conceived by the Holy Spirit in the womb of Mary (Isaiah 7:14; Matthew 1:18-25; Luke 1:26-35) and that the purpose of the incarnation was to reveal God, redeem the elect, and one day rule over God's Kingdom on earth (Psalm 2:7-9; Isaiah 9:6-7; Philippians 2:6-11; Hebrews 7:25-26; 1 Peter 1:18-19).

THE ATONEMENT OF CHRIST

WE TEACH that the Lord Jesus Christ accomplished the believer's redemption through the shedding of His blood and sacrificial death on the cross and that His death was voluntary, substitutionary, propitiatory, and redemptive (John 10:14-15; Romans 3:21-25; Romans 5:8; Ephesians 1:7; 1 Peter 2:24; I John 2:2).

WE TEACH that, on the basis of the effectiveness of Christ's death, the believing sinner is freed from the punishment, the penalty, the power, and one day the very presence of sin; and that through faith he is declared righteous, forgiven of all sins, given eternal life, and adopted into the family of God (Romans 3:21-26; Romans 5:8-9; 2 Corinthians 5:14-15; 1 Peter 2:24; 1 Peter 3:18; Revelation 21:4; Revelation 21:27).

THE RESURRECTION OF CHRIST

WE TEACH that the believer's justification is secured by Jesus Christ's literal, bodily resurrection from the dead. Christ is now ascended and exalted to the right hand of the Father. As Head of His Body, the Church, He ministers as its sole Mediator, Intercessor, Advocate and High Priest (Matthew 28:6; Luke 24:38-39; Acts 2:30-31; Romans 4:25; Romans 8:34; Ephesians 1:20-22; Ephesians 5:23; Philippians 2:9-10; Colossians 1:18; 1 Timothy 2:5; Hebrews 1:1-3; 3:1; Hebrews 4:14; 7:23-25; 9:24; Hebrews 12:1-2; 1 John 2:1).

WE TEACH that in the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the grave, God the Father confirmed the Deity of His Son and gave proof that He had accepted the atoning work of Christ on the cross. Jesus' resurrection is also the guarantee of a future bodily resurrection to eternal life for all believers (John 5:26-29; John 14:19; Romans 1:4; 4:25; Romans 6:5-10; 1 Corinthians 15:20-23).

THE RETURN OF CHRIST

WE TEACH that the Lord Jesus Christ will return for His Church at the Rapture and then after the seven-year Tribulation, He will return with His Church in glory and establish His Millennial Kingdom on earth (Daniel 9:27; Acts 1:9-11; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Revelation 20) where He will reign on the throne of David (Isaiah 9:6; Luke 1:31-33).

WE TEACH that the Father has delegated all judgment to the Lord Jesus Christ, the One through whom God will judge all people (John 5:22-23): first believers at the Bema seat judgment (1 Corinthians 3:10-15; 2 Corinthians 5:10); then living inhabitants on the earth at His glorious return (Matthew 25:31-46; Acts 17:30-31); and finally the unbelieving dead at the Great White Throne judgment (Revelation 20:11-15).