

Christology Bible Study Syllabus

Course Title:

Understanding Christology: The Person and Work of Jesus Christ

Duration: 6 Weeks

Week 1: Introduction to Christology and Key Concepts

Objective: Familiarize participants with fundamental Christological terms and foundational theological ideas.

- **Topics Covered:**
 - Definition of Christology
 - The Hypostatic Union
 - Overview of the Councils of Chalcedon (AD 451) and Constantinople III (AD 681)
 - Concepts of Kenosis and Selective Communication
 - **Key Scriptures:** John 1:1-14, Philippians 2:5-11
 - **Handouts:**
 - Basic Christological Terms
 - The Two-Ship Analogy (Visual Guide)
 - Scripture Reading Guide
 - Reflection Questions
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Week 2: The Divine Nature of Christ

Objective: Explore the attributes and significance of Christ's divinity.

- **Topics Covered:**
 - Divine Attributes: Omniscience, Omnipotence, Omnipresence, and Holiness
 - Scriptural Evidence for Christ's Divinity
 - **Key Scriptures:** Colossians 1:15-20, Hebrews 1:1-3
 - **Handouts:**
 - Understanding the Divine Nature of Christ
 - Scripture Reading Guide
 - Two-Ship Analogy (Focus on Divine Nature)
 - Reflection Questions
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Week 3: The Human Nature of Christ

Objective: Understand the human experiences and limitations of Jesus.

- **Topics Covered:**
 - Concepts of Kenosis, Experiential Knowledge, and True Humanity
 - Temptation, Suffering, and Sinlessness
 - **Key Scriptures:** Hebrews 2:14-18, Luke 2:52, John 11:33-35
 - **Handouts:**
 - Understanding the Human Nature of Christ
 - Scripture Reading Guide
 - Two-Ship Analogy (Focus on Human Nature)
 - Reflection Questions
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Weeks 4 & 5: The Union of Christ's Divine and Human Natures

Objective: Analyze the integration of Christ's two natures in one person and the theological implications.

- **Topics Covered:**
 - Definition and significance of the Hypostatic Union
 - Communicatio Idiomatum (Communication of Idioms)
 - Scriptural evidence of the coexistence of natures
 - **Key Scriptures:** John 1:14, Philippians 2:6-11, Colossians 2:9
 - **Handouts:**
 - Defining the Hypostatic Union
 - Scripture Reading Guide
 - Two-Ship Analogy (Union Focus)
 - Reflection Questions
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Week 6: Christological Heresies and Competing Models

Objective: Identify and refute historical Christological heresies while exploring different theological models.

- **Topics Covered:**
 - Overview of heresies: Docetism, Arianism, Nestorianism, Monophysitism, and others
 - Comparison of Christological models, including IHUM
 - Practical implications of the Hypostatic Union

- **Key Scriptures:** Hebrews 4:14-16, 1 Timothy 2:5-6, Colossians 1:19-22
 - **Handouts:**
 - Key Christological Heresies
 - The Two-Ship Analogy and Heresies
 - Comparing Christological Models
 - Scripture Reading Guide
 - Reflection Questions
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Additional Resources:

1. Weekly discussions and Q&A
2. Homework assignments:
 - Reflect on key questions about Christ's divine and human natures.
 - Explore how the understanding of the Hypostatic Union impacts faith and practice.