

Everyone's a Counselor: Chapter 5 "Biblical Counseling and a Theology of Christ"

Items in quotes are from the Bible or from the Book

This Chapter and Class addresses 3 Important Questions:

WHO CHRIST IS? WHAT CHRIST HAS DONE? WHAT COUNSELEES NEED CHRIST FOR?

WHO CHRIST IS?

Jesus is God: "so much biblical support exists to demonstrate that Jesus Christ is God"

- "Jesus Christ is identified as God by the authors of Scripture" (Romans 9:5)
- "Jesus Christ is described as doing things that only God can do" (Colossians 1:15)
- "Christ makes the claim that he is God"
 - John 10:30 Jesus states "I and the Father are one"

Jesus is human: "The Bible is equally clear that Jesus is also a Human Being"

- Galatians 4:4-5 states "But when the fullness of time has come, God sent forth his son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law."
- Hebrews 2:17-18 states "Therefore, it was necessary for Him to be made in every respect like us, his brothers and sisters, so that he could offer a sacrifice that would take away the sins of the people"

"Christians Believe that Jesus is FULLY GOD and FULLY MAN"

"It is of crucial importance to embrace that Jesus Christ possessed in one person, a FULLY DEVINE NATURE and a FULLY HUMAN NATURE."

WHAT CHRIST HAS DONE:

He Earned our Righteousness: He was without sin; fully Righteous. (Hebrew 4:15)

He Payed our Penalty: 1 Peter 2:24 states "He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed"

He Rose from the dead and Ascended into Heaven: "Jesus rose from the dead, and after he had appeared to many people as evidence of his resurrection (1Cor. 15:1-8), witnesses observed him ascending into heaven"

WHAT COUNSELEES NEED FROM THE PERSON AND WORK OF CHRIST:

Forgiveness: "All are sinners who need to hear the forgiving grace of Jesus" (Ephesians 1:7)

Power: Jesus gives people his power to defeat sin and to overcome. (Romans 6:4; Heb 7:25)

Comfort: Hebrew 13:5-6 states "I will never leave you nor forsake you. The Lord is my helper, so I will have no fear".

THIS COURSE IS TITLED "EVERYONE'S IS A COUNSELOR"

- "It does not matter whether we label our conversations "missions," "getting to know the neighbors," "Lunch together," or "counseling" we are commanded by Jesus Christ to speak of him to others."

The Bible tells us to do so. It is referred to as: The Great Commission (Matthew 28:18-20)