

**Christian Beliefs Week 10: Teaching  
Ch 9: Who is Christ?**

**Intro:** Any steps of faith to share?

Who is Christ?

Was Jesus fully man?

Why was the virgin birth important?

Could Jesus have sinned?

Why was Jesus' full humanity necessary?

Was Jesus fully God?

Did Jesus give up some of His divine attributes while on earth?

Why was Jesus' Deity necessary?

Was Jesus fully God and fully man in one person?

- Apollinarianism
- Nestorianism
- Monophysitism
- The Chalcedonian Definition is agreed upon by Catholic, Protestant, and Orthodox churches. Here is what it says: “We, then, following the holy Fathers, all with one consent, teach men to confess one and the same Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, the same perfect in Godhead and also perfect in manhood; truly God and truly man, of a reasonable (rational) soul and body; consubstantial (means having the same nature or substance) with the Father according to the Godhead, and consubstantial with us according to the Manhood; in all things like unto us, **(This was to fight Apollinarianism that thought Christ didn’t have a human mind or soul)** without sin; begotten before all ages of the Father according to the Godhead, and in these later days, for us and for our salvation, born of the Virgin Mary, the mother of God, according to the Manhood; one and the same Christ, Son, Lord, Only-begotten, to be acknowledged as *two natures, without confusion, without change, without division (This combats Nestorianism where Christ was two persons in one body), without separation, the distinction of natures being by no means taken away by the union, but rather the property of each nature being preserved, and concurring in one person and one Subsistence, not parted or divided into two persons, but one and the same Son,(This was to combat Monophysitism that thought Christ’s human nature was lost in his divine nature) ...*”

Being both man and God, did Jesus have one or two wills?

What are the offices of Christ? How is He a prophet, priest, and king?

Discussion:

- Jesus is fully God. How does this encourage you?
- Jesus is fully man. How does this encourage you?
- How can a clearer understanding of Jesus' humanity help you face temptation?
- Is there anything you understand more fully about the deity of Jesus?
- Can you see some ways in which an understanding of Christ's role as prophet, priest and king will help you more fully understand the functions of the prophets, priests and kings of the Old Testament?
- Can you see any fulfillment of the role of prophet in your life now? Or the role of priest? Or the role of king? How could each of these functions be developed in your life?